

CFL's are a bright idea for members

Making the switch to compact fluorescent lightbulbs will save you money and energy no matter how many bulbs you replace. Many members have already taken advantage of Hawkeye's CFL sale. The EnergyStar® rated light bulb uses less energy and last longer than incandescent bulbs. CFL's consume 66% less energy than comparable incandescent bulbs, yet last up to 10 times longer.

Reicks View Farms of Lawler purchased 432 bulbs for their numerous electric accounts and will use them in their new hog facilities. Once all of the lightbulbs are in use, they will save 34,525.35 kWh's in energy usage annually based on average usage of 3 hours per bulb per day.

Energy Savings Calculation for Reicks View Farms:

3 hours X 365 days = 1095
 100 watt incandescent equivalent – 27 watt CFL = 73 watts
 73 watts X 432 bulbs = 31,536 watts
 31,536 / 1000 = 31.53 KW (kilowatts)
 31.53 KW X 1095 hours = 34,525.35 kWh's annually

Energy Savings Calculation for the Average Member:

3 hours X 365 days = 1095
 60 watt equivalent – 14 watt bulb = 46 watts
 46 watts X 10 bulbs = 460 watts
 460 / 1000 = .46 KW (kilowatts)
 .46 KW X 1095 hours = 503.70 kWh's per year
 503.70 kWh's X .098 cents per kWh = \$49.36 annually

Go to www.hawkeyerec.coop to use our CFL energy usage calculators



(turn to page 5 to learn more about Hawkeye's CFL sale)

From small to large member-consumers



(L to R) Odelia Cremer, Rosaria Einck and Germaine Holthaus carpooled to the REC office in Cresco to purchase their CFL lightbulbs.



(L to R) Reicks View Farm employees Mark Kipp, Oliver Gundersen and Nancy Buchheit.

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May your Thanksgiving be Blessed with the
Bounty of the Season, Love of Friends and Family
and a Harvest of Smiles.

Happy Thanksgiving!



"Our vision is to provide access to safe, dependable and affordable electric services."



Tom Miller
General Manager

Where's my patronage check?

We received this letter from a member and would like to share our response with the entire membership regarding our capital credit retirement procedures.

world as the three-legged stool. The challenge is to keep each leg the same length so the stool doesn't upset. This balancing act is not an easy task. Our task is to rotate old patronage capital with new, retire old long-term debt with new, and keep rates at a level enabling the rotations to occur while providing competitively priced electrical energy. My point is, patronage capital, rates, and debt are interrelated. Also, there are trade-offs that have to be made between these three sources and one can not focus on the rotation of patronage capital alone.

We will spotlight the patronage capital leg of the stool. Margins exist when revenues exceed expenses. We are required to assign and allocate margins on an annual basis. Also, it's impossible to assign or allocate a loss; therefore reserves must be in place indicating that the cooperative "retains" margins on an unallocated basis. These unallocated margins are used for operating losses, premature retirement of assets, and severe storms. Either case, margins allocated to the members or retained by the cooperative are called patronage capital.

The law in the state of Iowa and our articles of incorporation clearly state that the retirement of patronage capital will occur when financially feasible to do so (as deemed by our board of directors). Also, the IRS has stipulated to keep our income tax exemption, we must act like a cooperative. This includes rotating patronage capital by issuing deferred patronage dividend checks. We use our equity position to determine the balance of our stool. The stability or directional movement of our equity indicates how the rotational cycle will be influenced. It has been our goal to maintain our equity position between 40-50% in order to keep a 20-year rotation of patronage capital.

About \$19 million in margins have been allocated to the membership and we have retired over \$11 million in dividends. In the past, our Cooperative has led the nation in dollars retired per member. Our original articles of incorpora-

Dear Mr. Miller,

First of all, I want to make it clear that I understand and have no problems with the reasons for this decision. What I do have questions with is that I have been a "member" since 1987. In that 20-year time, my records indicate that I have had a capital credit check three times...October 2001 for \$23.10, October 2002 for \$12.61, and June 2005 for \$12.71. The last statement I have in my file is from that June 2005 capital credit check and it lists an outstanding balance of \$499.76.

Three capital credit payments in 20 years do not make me very optimistic that I will receive the capital that the Cooperative says they "owe" me in my lifetime. At the rate capital is being returned, my kids won't see all of this capital returned. So I ask, what is the Cooperative's plan for capital credits? If I were to move and no longer be on the Hawkeye REC grid, would I receive the capital due in one lump sum? And if so, when? Right away? After 5 years? Or would I continue to receive these very occasional credit paybacks as I have so far, meaning I will die with most of it still unreturned? What then - do my heirs then begin to receive capital payments? Or does the Cooperative "lose track" of me and has to keep the credits? What if I never move and die as a member...would the capital credit, which would likely be thousands of dollars at the rate it is building versus my current age of 48, be returned? And again, to whom?

Sincerely,
Jeff Leeper - Decorah

Dear Dr. Leeper:

Thank you for your letter of October 23, 2007. We love it when a member-owner asks questions about their cooperative. More so, we appreciate your specific question about patronage capital and rotating deferred patronage dividends. This is a very involved topic for cooperatives, so we will start broad and work toward the details.

We have three sources of funding:

- ▶ Patronage capital— places burden on the members who used the system (past);
- ▶ Rate revenue— places burden on the members currently using the system (present);
- ▶ Long-term debt— places burden on our future member-users.

This is depicted in the electric cooperative

Recent Policies

- Equity 40-50% of total assets
- 20-year retirement cycle
- Unclaimed dividends - used for scholarships
- Member estates - dividend paid on a discounted basis
- Uncollected accounts - dividends offset on a discounted basis

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tion dictated first-in-first-out rotation of patronage capital. The membership changed that requirement in the mid-1990's allowing for retirements at the board's discretion. It has been our recent practice to retire a percentage of all members (active and inactive) patronage capital. This benefited you as exemplified by the three checks discussed in your letter.

A 20-year rotation of patronage capital at Hawkeye REC is not feasible in the current environment. Through our participation in Dairyland Power Cooperative, our wholesale power provider, we are investing in new base

load and peaking generation. We are investing in wind, biomass, and animal waste-to-energy renewable generation. We are adding environmental equipment to our coal-fired power plants improving our air quality. We are building new transmission capacity to move power around the grid and within our Dairyland family of cooperatives. Captive railroad practices added \$40+ million annually to coal transportation costs. All these items caused Dairyland Power to raise their rates significantly and extend their rotation of patronage capital to a 50-year cycle. This is a double whammy for the membership of Hawkeye REC.

At Hawkeye REC, we have been investing heavily in new plant and equipment trying to increase our reliability and modernizing our distribution system. The ice storm has pushed our "hyper drive button" regarding line replacement. Rate pressures from Dairyland, new debt and depreciation, and federal and state regulators insisting on distribution automation has

spurred our asset growth. Our equity has dropped from 50% to 40% since 1999. Further, we have raised rates and taken on new debt. These are all indications that our patronage rotation must be extended too. Our three legged stool is out of balance.

If this isn't enough, now begins phase three - political pressure. The war in Iraq and the price of crude oil has rekindled the emphasis on energy efficiency. The demand for new base load generation is the impetus for debate on global climate change and the reduction of emissions. Renewable energy production and reducing our carbon footprint are in fashion. Energy efficiency, investing in environment, and producing and transmitting energy to meet current and future demands all require money. That money comes from the member-consumer. The pressure on the consumer is going up!

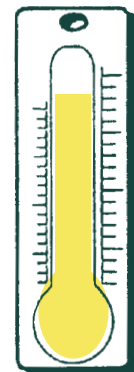
Your question was right on queue! We just do not have a clear direction yet.

Unaudited October 2007 Balance Sheet

Net Utility Plant	\$ 27,787,630	\$ 7,984,016	Patronage Capital (Allocated)
Other Property & Investments	\$ 6,424,093	\$ 7,903,935	Patronage Capital (Unallocated)
Current & Accrued Assets	\$ 8,125,776	\$ 23,546,775	Long-term Debt
Deferred Debits	\$ 68,261	\$ 2,833,650	Current & Accrued Liabilities
Total Assets	\$ 42,405,760	\$ 137,384	Deferred Credits
		\$ 42,405,760	Total Equity & Liabilities

"At Hawkeye REC, we have been investing heavily in new plant and equipment trying to increase our reliability and modernizing our distribution system."

**AMR Meters
Goal - 6,546
meters!**



**5,566
so far...**



Question or complaint?

There may be times when you have a question regarding your electric service or the bill you receive from Hawkeye REC. Or maybe you have a complaint; if so, we would like to know.

You can contact us:

- ▲ Visit our office at 24049 State Highway 9, Cresco, Iowa
- ▲ Write to PO Box 90, Cresco, Iowa
- ▲ Call (800) 658-2243 or (563) 547-3801
- ▲ Email: info@hawkeyerec.com

If your complaint is related to Hawkeye's service rather than its rates, and Hawkeye does not solve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board.

- ▲ Write to 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319
- ▲ Call (515) 281-3839 or (877) 565-4450



Miscellaneous Charges

Interest rate paid on deposits.....	2.00%
Meter Reading Fee	\$25.00
Return Check Fee	\$25.00
Return Credit Card Fee.....	\$25.00
Posting Charge	\$35.00
Trip Charge	\$75.00
Disconnect Fee	\$100.00
Reconnect Fee	\$100.00
After Hours Reconnect Fee	\$250.00
Idle Services	\$160.00

*All rates above are subject to 7% tax

24-Hour Outage Number (800) 927-5265

Helpful hints to keep number handy:

- Program into your cell phone
- Hang by telephone

Electricity – Still a Great Value Energy Costs Dec. '06 vs '99

Oil	+121%
Propane	+97%
Natural Gas	+92%
Electricity	+13%

Source : EIA, U.S. Dept. of Energy

VOTE December 11!

For \$1.75 a month, or the cost of a cup of coffee, your support provides:

1. Expansion of the facilities, programs and equipment that train tomorrow's workers with the best technology and skills.
2. Repair and updating of roofs, windows, heating and cooling, and wiring systems - the first since the 1960s.
3. Increased "dual enrollment" opportunities for high school students to help working families save on college tuition.

Why is this important to me?

1. NIICC educates the professionals you rely on each day - 10,000 graduates in health-related fields alone.
2. Nearly 87 percent of NIICC's graduates live, work and pay taxes in Northeast Iowa.
3. NIICC's annual economic impact on Northeast Iowa has grown from \$82.4 million to \$235 million in the past five years.

The Average Taxpayer's Bill



With residential rollbacks, the owner of a \$100,000 home would pay only \$1.75 per month or about \$21 per year!

For more information, visit www.niicc.edu.



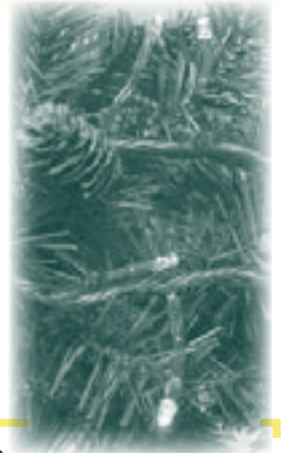
LED Holiday Lighting Rebates

Change to LED lights this holiday season and get money back. LED lights have a higher initial cost, but will save you money in energy costs. You can also receive a \$2 rebate per string of LED holiday lights. Send the receipt along with the completed form below to Hawkeye. The rebate will be applied to your electric account. Rebates must be submitted by Dec. 31, 2007. Limit 12 strings per member.

Why change to LED holiday lights?

- **More energy efficient** – Use up to 95% less energy than conventional incandescent lights. Holiday lighting adds approximately 60 MW of additional load to your cooperative's power supplier annually.
- **Longer lasting** – Up to 10 times longer (100,000 hours or 11 years)

- **Safer** – Bulbs don't heat up so they're cool to the touch and won't dry out a natural tree.
- **Sturdier bulbs** – LED bulbs are made of plastic so there's no glass bulb to break. Some are sealed from moisture to prevent bulb damage.
- **Easy-to-use** – Up to 20 strings can be connected end-to-end without overloading a typical household's electrical circuit. If a bulb burns out, the other bulbs stay lit.



Holiday Lighting Rebate Form

(Form can also be downloaded at www.hawkeyerec.coop)

\$2 per string (applied to your electric account). Limit 12 strings per member. Return to Hawkeye with copy of receipt by December 31, 2007

Name: _____

Account Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of LED Strings: _____



ENERGY STAR Change a Light Pledge

The ENERGY STAR Change a Light Campaign is a national challenge to encourage every American to help change the world, one light — one energy-saving step — at a time. You can show your commitment by pledging to replace at least one light in your home with one that has earned the ENERGY STAR.

Last year, more than 880,000 individuals pledged to change at least one light in their home to one that is ENERGY STAR qualified. This year, 2 million people are encouraged to make this commitment.

Take the ENERGY STAR 'Change a Light' Pledge at www.energystar.gov/changealight and click on "Join Us". You will need to provide your name, zip code and an email address (if you have one) and then choose Hawkeye REC as the organization that referred you. If you have already purchased CFL lightbulbs from Hawkeye, you have already been entered as a pledge driver. Let's see how many pledges Hawkeye members can make!

Pledge to replace at least one light in your home with one that has earned the ENERGY STAR.

Compact Fluorescent Lightbulb (CFL) Sale

Bulbs are available to purchase at Hawkeye while supplies last. Limit 10 per member.

14-Watt Dura Bright Mini-SpringLamp (60 watt eq.)
\$1.50 + Tax

23-Watt Dura Bright SpringLamp (100 watt eq.)
\$2.50 + Tax

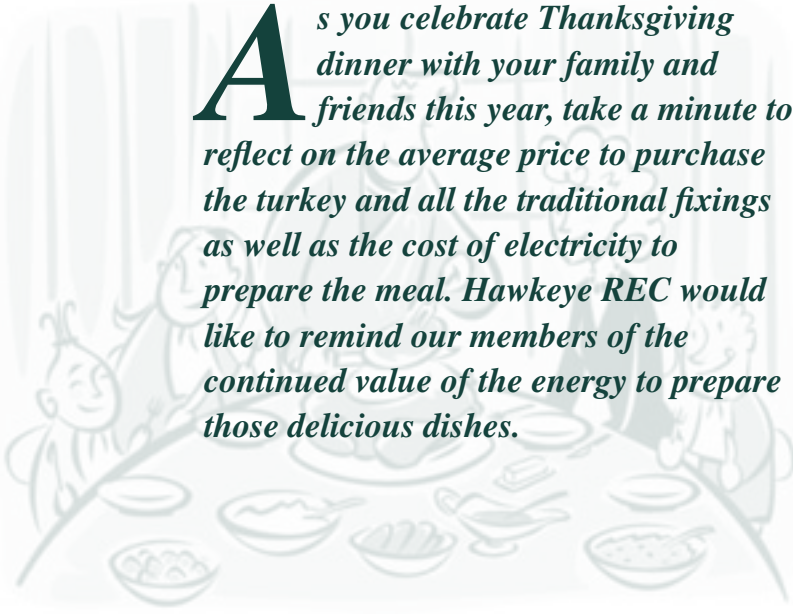
What should you do with a CFL when it burns out?

www.hawkeyerec.coop
www.earth911.com
www.lamprecycle.org
www.energystar.gov
Call (877)EARTH-911



Thanksgiving Dinner – What does it cost?

As you celebrate Thanksgiving dinner with your family and friends this year, take a minute to reflect on the average price to purchase the turkey and all the traditional fixings as well as the cost of electricity to prepare the meal. Hawkeye REC would like to remind our members of the continued value of the energy to prepare those delicious dishes.



Energy Saving Tips

- Cook as much of your meal as you can at one time. Foods with different cooking temperatures can often be cooked simultaneously - variations of 25 degrees in either direction still produce good results and save energy.
- Use tightly fitted lids to help keep heat within pots and pans enabling you to use lower temperatures and shorter cooking times.
- Match the size of the pan to the heating element on your stove-top. A six-inch pan on an eight-inch burner will waste over 40% of the energy.
- Always cook on the highest heat until liquid begins to boil. Upon boiling, lower the heat control setting and allow food to simmer until fully cooked.
- When cleaning up after dinner, do not use your oven's self-cleaning cycle unless you have a major cleaning job on your hands. If you do, start the cycle right after cooking while the oven is still hot.
- When preheating your oven, five to eight minutes should be sufficient. There is no need to preheat for broiling or roasting.
- Turn off the oven several minutes before your food is fully cooked; the same applies to the stove-top, the metal heating elements stay hot even after the electricity is turned off.
- Keep the doors closed as much as possible on your refrigerator and freezer. Leaving the door open for a longer period of time while you take out the items you need is more efficient than opening and closing it several times.
- Using roasting bags reduces cooking time in the oven by nearly one-half.
- Opening the oven door loses 25-75 degrees of heat each time. Take advantage of the oven window.
- Use your microwave for defrosting and cooking small portions

Item	2006 Price
16-pound Turkey	\$15.70
Cube Stuffing, 14 oz.	\$2.52
Pumpkin Pie Mix, 30-oz.	\$1.89
Pie Shells (2)	\$1.98
Sweet Potatoes, 3 lbs.	\$2.91
Rolls, 12	\$1.78
Green Peas, 1 lb.	\$1.46
1-pound Relish Tray of Carrots and Celery	\$.71
Milk, 1 gallon whole	\$2.93
Fresh Cranberries, 12 oz.	\$2.12
Cream, ½ pint	\$1.47
Misc. Ingredients (onions, eggs, sugar, flour, evaporated milk and butter)	\$2.63
TOTAL	\$38.10
*Prices taken from the American Farm Bureau Federation's 21st annual survey	

Item	Electricity Cost
16 lb. stuffed turkey	\$1.09 (3.5 hrs)
Two pumpkin pies	\$0.23
Dinner rolls	\$0.05 (30 min)
Vegetable Casserole	\$0.05 (30 min)
Mashed Potatoes	\$0.04 (20 min)
Gravy	\$0.02 (10 min)
TOTAL	\$1.48

Electricity from Garbage?

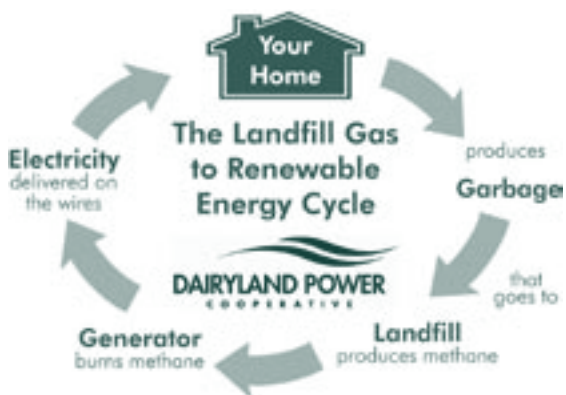
Have you ever thought about what happens to the garbage you set out on the curb? Wouldn't it be great if that waste could be transformed into a renewable resource, something that would benefit our environment and our future generations? This is what is happening at a landfill in northern Iowa near Lake Mills.

The natural by-product of the residential waste landfill, methane gas, is the fuel used to generate the renewable energy. Dairyland purchases all of the renewable energy generated from the landfill owner, Waste Management, Inc. The 4.8 MW landfill gas-to-energy (LGE) generating facility can power 4,000 homes.

If Waste Management was to stop accepting garbage today, there would be enough methane gas to generate renewable energy for an additional 25 years. The projected lifetime of garbage collection at this facility is another 75 years.

Waste Management has many landfill gas-to-energy facilities across the nation that produce enough renewable energy to power 225,000 homes.

How does it work?



The process from curbside garbage to green energy is simple in concept. The trash you put out on the curb is collected and sent to a landfill. As the trash decomposes, it produces methane gas. This natural byproduct of garbage decomposition is the fuel used to generate renewable energy. A landfill gas-to-energy facility harnesses the methane gas to power the generators.

Caring for Our Environment

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, reductions in methane – a powerful greenhouse gas – from Dairyland's three landfill gas-to-energy projects create the same annual climate benefits as:

- ▼ Planting 115,000 acres of forest
- ▼ Removing emissions equivalent to 80,000 vehicles
- ▼ Averting the electricity usage of 754,000 lightbulbs
- ▼ Offsetting the use of 2,000 rail cars for transporting coal

Dairyland also purchases the renewable energy generated from the Seven Mile Creek Landfill near Eau Claire, Wis (3 MW) and the Timberline Trail Landfill near Bruce, Wis (3.2 MW).



“Wouldn't it be great if that waste could be transformed into a renewable resource, something that would benefit our environment and our future generations?”



Over 63,411,433 kWh's have been generated since the facility started in the spring of 2006.



Area cooperative employees toured the landfill gas-to-energy facility near Lake Mills, Iowa.

MEMBER SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Here to Serve You, Our Member!

Our Member Service Representatives provide a wide range of services and assistance to our members. Whether you are building a home, have questions regarding energy efficient heating or cooling options and rebates, need a new water heater or just need to know what you can do to make your electric bill a little smaller, Hawkeye REC Member Services Department is here to serve you.



Sherie Dietzenbach, Dan Kloberdanz and Marc Mikkelson.

Services

- ◆ Beam Central Vacuum Systems
- ◆ Electric Grills
- ◆ First Call Emergency Response System
- ◆ Generators
- ◆ Home Heating Systems
- ◆ Incentives & Rebates
- ◆ Long Distance Services
- ◆ Security Lights
- ◆ Water Heater Program
- ◆ Water Conditioners/ Softeners
- ◆ Electric Usage Audits
- ◆ New Home Consultations



Please contact us for more information.

1-800-658-2243 or 547-3801

www.hawkeyerec.coop

Why choose an electric water heater?

Electric water heaters cost less money to buy, install and maintain. There is no need to worry about potentially dangerous gas fumes or problems lighting a pilot. You can count on electric water heaters for safe, worry-free operation, versatility in its application and ease of operations.

Reduce your costs for water heating

- Repair leaky faucets promptly
- Install aerating low-flow faucets and showerheads
- Lower the thermostat on your water heater. A setting of 120° F provides comfortable hot water for most uses
- Take more showers than baths. You use 15-25 gallons of hot water for a bath, but less than 10 gallons during a 5-minute shower

Hawkeye's Water Heater Program

New Water Heater Cost































New Construction \$1

Gas Change-Out \$1

General Replacements \$150

- All water heaters purchased are required to take part in the Cooperative's load control program
- Free maintenance from your Cooperative for the life of your water heater

Map of Outages

OAKDALE 1	CHESTER 2	FOREST CITY 3	ALBION 4	FREMONT 29	BURE OAK 30 	HESPER 31	HIGHLAND 32  Fire Outage
JAMESTOWN 5  Open OCR	SARATOGA 7 	HOWARD-CENTER 6    	VERNON SPRINGS 8 	ORLEANS 36	BLUFFTON 35	CANOE 34	PLEASANT 33 
AFTON NORTH 9   	HOWARD NORTH 11  	PARIS NORTH 13  Family Equipment	NEW OREGON NORTH 15 	LINCOLN 37	MADISON 38 	DECORAH 39	GLENWOOD 40
AFTON SOUTH 10	HOWARD SOUTH 12	PARIS SOUTH 14    	NEW OREGON S 16	SUMNER 44	CALMAR 43	SPRINGFIELD 42	FRANKVILLE 41 
DEERFIELD N 21	WASHINGTON N 21	JACKSONVILLE N 19	UTICA NORTH 17	JACKSON 45	WASHINGTON 46	MILITARY 47	BLOOMFIELD 48
DEERFIELD S 24	WASHINGTON S 22 <i>High Side Fuse</i>	JACKSONVILLE S 20	UTICA SOUTH 18 				
CHEKASAW 23	DAYTON 26  Wapsi Substation <i>High Side Fuse</i>	NEW HAMPTON 27 	STAPLETON 28 	 = Pole Change outs  = Single Outage  = Planned Outages			

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Have you experienced an outage lately?

A "Powerful" Gift

Say Merry Christmas this year with a gift certificate from Hawkeye.

What a great present for the person who has everything! Certificates can be used for credit on electric accounts and first call accounts or can be used to purchase other goods and services Hawkeye provides.

Gift Certificates aren't just for the holidays anymore; they can be used anytime throughout the year. And they are easy to get; no malls or crowds. Come by our office; call and charge to your VISA or MasterCard; or mail a check to our office requesting a certificate. Be sure to include the name of certificate recipient. The certificates expire one year from the purchase date.



Straight talk about using energy wisely during the holiday and winter season

Electric use increases during the holiday and winter seasons.

- Holiday house guests mean more hot water for showers, laundry, and dishwashing; more heating; more lighting; and more cooking.
- Colder temperatures mean longer run times for electric heating systems, space heaters, and furnace fans.
- Big users of electricity include engine block heaters, stock tank heaters, livestock heat lamps, and electric heat tapes.
- Longer nights mean that both indoor and outdoor lights are used for longer periods of time.
- Holiday lighting accounts for 60 megawatts of electricity use through our power supplier Dairyland Power Cooperative.

Looking Out For You

SAFETY FIRST

Energy efficient products and practices can save you money.

- Consider Light Emitting Diode (LED) holiday lights to save energy and money. They are 90 percent more efficient when compared to traditional incandescent lights. Rebates from your cooperative are available.
- According to the U. S. Department of Energy, if every string of incandescent holiday lights were replaced with LED holiday lights, the energy saved would total 2 billion kilowatt hours. That's enough electricity to power almost 200,000 homes per year.
 - Use timers on holiday lights and engine block heaters to decrease electric use.
 - Take advantage of energy saving programs such as load management.
 - Monitor your own electricity use by reading your meter daily, noting any special activities such as increased baking, hosting house guests, or changes in the weather.

Holiday lighting

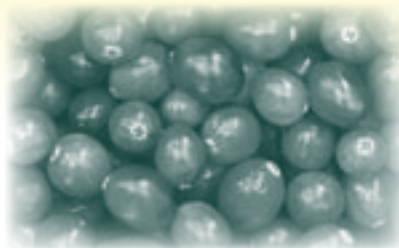
- Inspect extension cords and decorations for broken sockets, frayed cords, bare wires, or faulty plugs. Do not overload outlets.
- Do not connect more than three light sets together unless you are using LED holiday lights. Check LED packaging for details on how many strings can be safely connected together.
- Never nail or staple light strings or extension cords.
- Never use electric lights on metallic trees.
- Always unplug decorations before replacing spent bulbs or fuses, before going to bed, and before leaving home.
- Do not allow children or pets to play with electrical decorations.
- Plug outdoor lights and decorations into circuits protected by GFIs (ground fault indicators).

Space heaters

- Read the manufacturer's instruction manual before using any space heater. Check to make sure the heater bears the mark of a certified testing organization.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from bedding, clothing, draperies, furniture, and rugs.
- Keep space heaters away from water and use GFI protected outlets when possible. Test your GFI outlets regularly by pressing the "test" button and checking to make sure the outlet is then disabled.
- Test the space heater regularly to make sure the shut off function works when the space heater is tipped over.
- Do not allow children to play with space heaters or to be unsupervised in a room with a space heater.
- Turn off and unplug a space heater when not in use.

Recipes...

Cranberry recipes



Send or e-mail your favorite recipe.

If we print your recipe in our newsletter you'll receive \$5 off your next electric bill.

E-mail to: mmoellers@hawkeyerec.com

Dec. – Favorite cookies to leave for Santa

Jan. – Chili Recipes

All recipes can be found on our website.



Red Red Salad

2 (3 Oz.) pkgs. raspberry gelatin
2 c. boiling water
1 (10 Oz.) pkg. frozen raspberries
1 (16 Oz.) can jellied cranberry sauce or whole berry cranberry sauce.

Dissolve the gelatin in boiling water. Add raspberries and cranberry sauce. Beat with an egg beater. Place in mold or pan and chill.

Variations:

- Add 1 t. lemon juice
- Cranberries mix in better if beaten first separately.

Carol Bumikel – Cresco, Ruth Jauert – Decorah

Cranberry Chicken

6-8 boneless chicken breasts
1 can whole cranberry sauce
1 (8 oz.) bottle Russian dressing
1 envelope dry onion soup mix
White rice

Spray a 9X13 baking dish. Combine cranberry sauce, Russian dressing and onion soup mix. Place chicken in dish and cover with mixture. Bake for 45 minutes at 350°. Serve with white rice.

Donna Rue – Ridgeway

Cranberry Coffee Cake

½ c. oleo
1 c. sugar
2 eggs
1 c. sour cream
½ t. almond flavoring

Mix in by hand:

2 c. flour
½ t. salt
1 t. soda
1 t. baking powder

Pour ½ batter in greased 9x13 pan. Spread 1 can whole cranberry sauce and then dot with remaining batter. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes.

Glaze:

Powdered sugar, milk and cap of almond flavoring. Drizzle over cake and sprinkle on slivered almonds.

Angie Drtina – Cresco

Holiday Cranberry Salad

½ lb. ground cranberries
1 c. sugar
½ pint whipping cream, whipped
1 c. crushed pineapple
½ lb. marshmallows

Mix cranberries, pineapple and sugar. Let stand for two hours. Add marshmallows and whipped cream. Mix, chill and serve.

Variations:

- 1 c. grapes, halved instead of pineapple
- Add ½ c. nutmeats (refrigerate overnight, then add the nutmeats)
- 2 c. whip cream and (12 oz.) cool whip

Priscilla Keck, Decorah

Janice Bergmann, Decorah

Rita McConnell, Decorah

Cranberry Salsa

1 12 oz. pkg. fresh or frozen cranberries (if frozen, don't thaw)
1 large Granny Smith apple, peeled & cored
½ large sweet red pepper
½ medium red onion
¾ c. sugar
1/3 c. apple juice
3 T. chopped fresh cilantro
2 T. chopped pickled jalapeno peppers (or to taste)
1 t. grated lime zest

Using either a food processor or food chopper (mine is the pampered chef kind), chop or pulse cranberries, apple, red pepper and onion until coarsely chopped. In separate bowl, stir together sugar, apple juice, cilantro, jalapeno pepper and lime zest; mix well to blend.

Add this mixture to the cranberry mixture and mix well to blend. Cover and refrigerate to blend flavors. Serve with Scoops tortilla chips or this is also great with Hint of Lime Tostitos. Also goes great with turkey, turkey sandwiches, etc.

Leslie Cuvelier, Lawler

DATES TO REMEMBER

BILLING CYCLE DATES

- Nov. 25** Member reads meter and records on payment voucher. Please mail your bill today to make sure it arrives to Hawkeye by the 1st of December.
- Nov. 28** Automated payments from checking accounts and credit cards are processed.
- Dec. 1** Bills become delinquent.
- Dec. 11** Hawkeye REC prints bills based on November meter reading.
- Dec. 12** Bills are mailed to members from NISC in St. Louis.

OTHER EVENTS

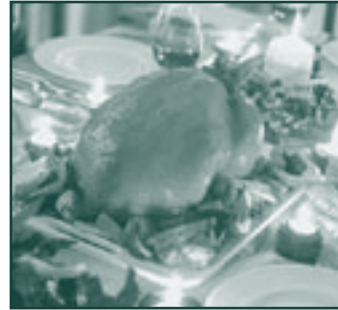
- Nov. 22** Office Closed – Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 27** Hawkeye REC Board Meeting

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