



Okanogan County Electric Co-op Newsletter

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Office Info:

Winter Office Hours:
Mon - Fri.
8 am - 4:30 pm

Our customer service
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24/7/365 to handle most
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79th Annual Meeting

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative Inc. Official Notice of the Annual Meeting of Members

Pursuant to the provision of the By-Laws, notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of members of Okanogan County Electric Cooperative will be held Monday, April 16, 2018.

Where:

"The Barn" in Winthrop, WA
51 N. Highway 20

When:

Monday, April 16, 2018.
Registration is from 6 to 7 PM
Meeting begins at 7 PM

Among topics to be discussed are:

- Election of open Board positions.
- Update on electric operations.
- Update on propane operations.
- OCEC's smart thermostat program.

First 100 memberships to register at the meeting will receive a "PowerCube Extended USB": a compact extension cord.

American Legion Auxiliary #120 will serve pie afterwards.

Help us help you!!

• Has your phone number or email address changed?

Make sure we have updated contact information for you.

• Did you know?

If you sign up for e-bill notification only, and pay through the oceec.coop website using a checking account, we will refund the 60 cent convenience fee on your next billing statement.

• Are you signed up for outage texting alerts?

It's faster than email alerts and very convenient.

Our system will only allow us to text to one phone number per account, but anyone can receive our text message alerts through our Twitter account by texting: **follow oceec_info** to the number: **40404**

We are happy to help you with changes to your account. You can email info@oceec.coop with questions or call our office.



Smart Thermostat Rebate Program

Installing a smart thermostat can help you reduce energy costs and keep your home comfortable year-round. Smart thermostats use sensors to tell when you're away, and can learn your daily schedule and use local weather information to make energy-saving temperature changes automatically. Because they are Wi-Fi enabled, smart thermostats allow you to manage your home heating and cooling system from anywhere, using your mobile device. OCEC is offering a \$100 rebate in the form of a VISA Gift Card to eligible members who purchase and install a qualified smart thermostat in their home.



You are eligible if you are an OCEC member and your home in the Methow Valley is heated by an electric forced air furnace or ducted heat pump, and you live in a single family or manufactured home, you are eligible for this rebate program.

Find out more information at www.OCEC.coop or contact our office for list of smart thermostats that qualify and for installation requirement details. You may also pick up details at Winthrop ACE Hardware.

The program is limited to one smart thermostat per furnace or heat pump with a limit of two per household. Additionally, it is limited to 900 units and will be discontinued when the limit is reached, or will expire on October 1st, 2018.

OCEC Announces Expansion of Solar Program

In 2017, the Washington State Legislature approved legislation that allows OCEC to expand its solar incentive program. The new program is open to members:

- 1) Who currently have solar generation and are not in the current program; or
- 2) Are planning on building a solar array in the future.

Members interested in becoming a part of the program will need to apply to the Washington State University's solar Program at:

<http://www.energy.wsu.edu/RenewableEnergySystemIncentiveProgram.aspx>

There is no deadline but the funding is limited and is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

