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Newsletter

CAPITAL CREDIT PAYOUTS CAN NOW BE APPLIED DIRECTLY TO YOUR ELECTRIC ACCOUNT!

Do you hate having to remember to open your mail the middle of December each year?

Would you rather not have to worry about depositing a paper check in December?

Well then, we have a plan for you!

OCEC can now set our member's accounts to directly apply capital credit allocations each year to your active electric account(s). Currently memberships older than 2010 are receiving capital credit allocations. For more information on Capital Credits go to oceccoop.coop/faq/

Additionally we can now send your capital credits payout directly to The Cove for their electricity assistance program if you would like to donate your funds to them.

To update your capital credits preferences please email info@oceccoop.coop

Subject: Update Capital Credits

Then list your name, account number, service address and what updated program(s) you would like to participate in.

'ROUND UP' TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS

Did you know that you can "Round Up" your electric bill to help fellow OCEC members in need?

OCEC supports The Cove food bank energy assistance program by offering a "Round Up" program.

Sign up and we'll round up your electric bill to the next dollar. This means that each member who signs up will never contribute more than \$12 per year. While this might not seem like much money, the pooling effect every month from coop members who join the program provides a significant impact. The Cove uses these funds to assist local OCEC families who need help paying their electric bills.

To sign up for round up email info@oceccoop.coop or call the office during business hours.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

If you're heading out of town during the holiday season, remember to set your home to vacation mode. You can save energy while you're away by lowering your thermostat a few degrees or creating an "away" schedule with a smart or programmable thermostat. Newer water heaters include a vacation mode setting to help you save on water heating costs, or you can simply lower the temperature manually.

Small actions can also stack up to energy savings. Unplug devices that consume energy when they're not in use, including phone chargers, toothbrush chargers, TVs and gaming consoles.



OCEC's Ductless & Ducted Heat Pump Rebate Programs are still available for members who replace their existing electric heating with qualified heat pumps. Visit ocec.coop/rebates-assistance to learn more!

MINI-SPLITS AT A GLANCE

Mini-split systems, also known as ductless air-source heat pumps, heat/cool a home through an outdoor unit that connects to one or more individual indoor air handlers, which are typically mounted on a wall. Depending on the size of your home and personal preferences, a mini-split system is worth considering when you need to replace or upgrade your heating/cooling system.

Mini-Split System Benefits:

- Zone-controlled heating/cooling
- Higher energy efficiency ratings
- Easy to install
- Good for heating/cooling home additions

Mini-Split System Considerations:

- Potentially higher upfront cost
- Appearance
- May require electrical upgrades
- Not as effective in large spaces



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