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Operation Round Up Makes a DIFFERENCE

Through the collective giving by Sawnee EMC members, a significant amount can be raised each year in support of local charities. To date, more than \$4.1 Million has benefited area organizations.

If your electric bill is \$98.76, by participating in Operation Round Up, your bill would be rounded up to \$99.00, and 24 cents would go directly to the Foundation and then be donated to a local worthy causes. Donations can range from as little as \$0.01 to \$1.

In the first quarter of 2023, the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation gifted \$23,290 to the following charitable organizations:

- Good Shepherd Clinic of Dawson County, Inc.
- Recovery Community Foundation of Forsyth, Inc.
- Blessings in a Backpack of Forsyth County, Inc.
- American Legion, Post 307
- Glory, Hope & Life, Inc.
- Teacher Reuse Exchange



Also, in the 1st Quarter 2023, the Sawnee Electric Foundation provided \$5,153.81 to local area teachers, through the Foundation's Bright Ideas Program, to implement programs and classroom projects that otherwise may not have received funding. Lastly, the Foundation was able to provide \$22,500 to help fund scholarships at three (3) local Technical Colleges served by Sawnee EMC.

Consider participating in Operation Round Up and be part of making a difference in your community. Visit sawnee.coop/oru to enroll to round up your bill each month.

Did You Know?

Participating in Sawnee EMC's Operation Round Up Program is "voluntary"; and the average annual contribution per member is about \$6.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

— Thomas A. Edison

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Questions? Please contact our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, text 678-999-8124, email customerservice@sawnee.coop or chat at sawnee.coop.




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April is National Safe Digging Month.

Efficiency Upgrades to Help You Save This Summer

Spring and summer are perfect times for Sawnee EMC members to do home upgrades and DIY energy efficient projects. So, if you're planning to make improvements to your home, consider upgrades that promote energy efficiency.

Here are a few projects that can help you save energy, money, and increase home comfort:



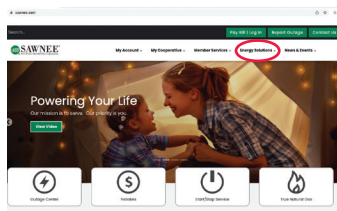
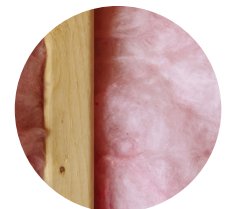
Install a smart thermostat. It can be one of the simplest ways to manage home energy usage and keep summer bills in check. Smart thermostats are easy to install and allow you to control your heating and cooling system from your phone or tablet. You can purchase an ENERGY STAR® certified smart thermostat for as low as \$100, which can save you approximately 8% on annual heating and cooling costs, about \$50 per year. **Sawnee EMC has a \$25 rebate for certain smart thermostat models** – learn more about the criteria and limitations at sawnee.coop/rebates.

Consider LED lightbulbs. Speaking of smart, additional devices like smart LED bulbs also offer convenient control and help boost energy savings at your home. While it may not be a fit for each and every household, smart lighting can help you set a schedule for when and how your lights turn on or off. Smart lights come in a variety of shapes, colors and brightness levels—and you can purchase bulbs for indoor or outdoor use. Plus, it's all controlled through an app on your device.



Seal air leaks. While it's not as trendy as incorporating smart technologies, it's a tried-and-true way to weatherize your home. Sealing air leaks around your home is a simple, effective way to save energy. Applying new (or replacing old) weather stripping around doors and windows can make your home more comfortable and reduce energy waste. Applying caulk to fill gaps can also further improve the seal of your home.

Check the attic insulation. If your home feels too warm during summer (and too chilly during winter) even after you've sealed with weather stripping and caulk, your home may need additional insulation. The cost of new insulation depends on a variety of factors like materials, size of the home and whether you use a contractor. **Sawnee EMC offers a \$200 maximum rebate for upgrading attic insulation.** Learn more at sawnee.coop/rebates.



If you want to make your home more energy efficient but you're not sure where to start, consider taking our Home Energy Adventure. It's a free online tool to help you devise an energy efficiency plan for your home. Check it out today at sawnee.coop under "Energy Solutions."

Questions? Contact a member of Sawnee EMC's Energy Services Department at 770-887-2363 or via email at energy_services@sawnee.coop.

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the Power Behind Your Power.

Lineworker Appreciation Day | April 10, 2023

Here's WATTS Cookin'

Apple Butter Bread

Ingredients:

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| 2 cups plain flour | 2 eggs | 2 Tbsp. milk |
| 1 cup butter or margarine, melted | 1/2 tsp salt | 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon |
| 3 tsp. baking powder | 3/4 cup apple butter | 1/2 cup raisins |
| | 1 cup white sugar | 1/2 cup chopped pecans |

Instructions:

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt, sugar, and cinnamon. In a large bowl, combine eggs, melted butter, apple butter, and milk. Beat well. Stir in pecans and raisins. Add flour mixture, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Spoon batter into a greased and floured 9x5x3 inch loaf pan. Bake at 350° for 1 hr. and 5 min. or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan and place on wire rack and cool completely. To make 2 small loaves, spoon 2 large spoonfuls of batter into each loaf. Bake at 350° for 20-25 min.



Thanks to Peggy Anderson for the recipe! Do you have a recipe to share with us? If we print it, we'll credit your account \$5.00. Send your favorite recipe to marketing@sawnee.coop.