



# Here's to a Bright 2025!

As we say goodbye to another joyous holiday season and look ahead to a promising brand-new year, it's the perfect time to think about fresh beginnings. Why not make a New Year's resolution to focus on your home's energy efficiency? To help you get started, Sawnee EMC has put together a list of simple and affordable ways to make your home more energy-efficient in 2025.

## LIGHTING:

One of the easiest ways to reduce energy usage is by upgrading your lighting.

- Switch to LED bulbs in frequently used fixtures. They're now more affordable than ever, consume less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs, and last much longer.
- For outdoor lights, consider installing photocell units that automatically activate when it gets dark.
- Motion sensor lights can be a great addition, too. Combining a motion sensor with a photocell unit provides an excellent energy-saving solution.

## HEATING AND COOLING:

Keeping comfortable while minimizing energy waste is crucial, especially in the colder months.

- Proper insulation in areas like the attic and crawl space can make a huge difference in your home's temperature regulation. Sawnee EMC even offers a rebate for attic insulation upgrades.
- Doors are often a source of air leaks - use weather stripping to seal them properly.
- Be sure to clean or replace your HVAC filters regularly, ideally once a month.
- When not in use, close fireplace dampers to prevent heat from escaping into the chimney.

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## QUOTABLE QUOTE

**The best way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."**

**-Walt Disney**

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# A Year of Giving with the Sawnee Electric Foundation

Thank you for your support of the Sawnee Electric Foundation. Collectively, the contribution of participating members create a meaningful impact in our local communities. Let your small change make a big difference in the new year by enrolling in Operation Round Up or make a one-time donation.

For more information visit [sawnee.coop/foundation-round-up](http://sawnee.coop/foundation-round-up).



## Sawnee Electric Membership FOUNDATION

Supporting the Communities We Serve

### General Gifting

Total amount given to local charities.

**\$167,975**

**41**

Organizations that received a grant in 2024.



### Bright Ideas

**17** Schools that received a Bright Ideas grant this year.

Total amount given to local schools.

**\$28,633**



### Youth Scholarship

**\$100,000**

Total scholarship funds awarded by the Foundation this year.

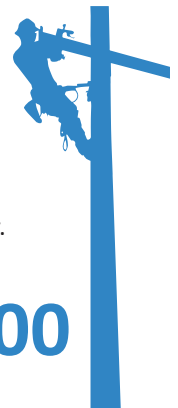


Number of high school seniors who received a scholarship.

**20**

### Brian Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Established by the Foundation in May 2015, this scholarship was developed to honor the legacy of one of Sawnee EMC's employee, Mr. Brian Johnson, who lost his life in the line of duty.



**4** Students can be sponsored annually.

Maximum program rewards per year.

**\$4,000**

### School Lunch



**37** Schools that received funding.

Total donated to local schools.

**\$19,940**

### About Operation Round Up

Operation Round Up is a charitable program initiated by Sawnee EMC and allows members to round up their monthly utility bills to the nearest dollar, with the extra change donated to local 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.



### Strengthening the communities served by Sawnee EMC

The information provided on this flyer reflects the completed work and accomplishments of the foundation as of 11/15/24. Any ongoing or future projects are not included in this summary.

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#### WATER HEATING:

Enjoying a warm shower or bath is a winter luxury, but make sure you're using hot water efficiently.

- Wash clothes in cold water, to save energy.
- Only run full loads of dishes and laundry to maximize efficiency.
- When replacing your water heater, consider choosing an ENERGY STAR-certified model. This tip also applies to other appliances and electronics in your home.

These are just a few quick and affordable tips to get you started on your energy-saving journey in 2025. For more helpful suggestions, visit [sawnee.coop/energy](http://sawnee.coop/energy). Wishing you and your family a prosperous and energy-efficient New Year!

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## Sawnee EMC Wants to Help You Start the New Year with New Savings.



Visit our Energy Solutions Center at [sawnee.coop](http://sawnee.coop) to learn about programs to help you save energy and money.

Questions? Contact a member of our Energy Services Team at [energy\\_services@sawnee.coop](mailto:energy_services@sawnee.coop) or call 770-887-2363.

## Here's WATTS Cookin' Almond Flour Banana Bread

### Ingredients:

3 eggs

3 mashed bananas

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

2 tablespoons honey

2 cups almond flour

1 tablespoon cinnamon

1 teaspoon baking soda

dash of salt

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk together eggs, mashed bananas, vanilla, and honey in a bowl. Gradually whisk in the almond flour, cinnamon, salt, and baking soda until smooth. Add in optional chocolate chips, walnuts, etc.

Transfer batter to a baking pan lined with parchment paper. Bake for 40 - 50 minutes.



👉 Thanks to Stephanie Martin 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](mailto:marketing@sawnee.coop).