

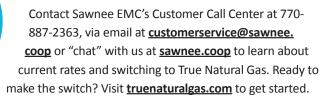
# SWITCH AND SAVE with True Natural Gas Program \$\$\$\$\$

If you're <u>not</u> currently using True Natural Gas as your natural gas provider, we highly recommend making the switch. With True Natural Gas, you'll benefit from reliable service at competitive rates, all from a trusted partner of Sawnee EMC. It's a combination that you can't beat.

Since 2007, Sawnee EMC has been telling its members about the superior natural gas service of True Natural Gas. Through this relationship, True Natural Gas has provided unmatched service to over 95,000 of Sawnee's members, at some of the lowest prices in the state.

Don't just take our word for it – check out the current natural gas rates on the Georgia Public Service Commission's (PSC) website at **psc.state.ga.us**. You'll find that True Natural Gas consistently offers some of the lowest rates in Georgia. If you've been with your current natural gas provider for several years and haven't

explored other options, you might be paying more than necessary. We encourage you to experience the True Natural Gas difference.



Note: Sawnee EMC is not a certified natural gas marketer in the state of Georgia, but actively promotes the natural gas services of True Natural Gas, the certified natural gas marketer, as a value-added service to its members.

### **CONTACT US**

Web Address & Email: www.sawnee.coop customerservice@sawnee.coop

Business Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Physical Address: 543 Atlanta Highway Cumming, GA 30040

### **Customer Call Center:**

Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Phone: (770) 887-2363

Fax: (770) 234-6722 Text: (678) 999-8124 TDD: (770) 781-4271









## **QUOTABLE QUOTE**

The more you practice the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for."

Norman Vincent Peale

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

# DON'T MISS OUT on 2024 Rebates and Incentives

There's no wrong time to enhance your home's energy efficiency. Upgrades not only boost your comfort, but also help reduce your energy consumption. Plus, Sawnee EMC can help you pay for qualifying energy-efficient improvements. Remember, all upgrades must be completed in 2024, and documentation must be submitted to Sawnee EMC by December 31, 2024. Check out the residential energy efficient programs available for incentives in 2024 below:



attic insulation to an R-49 level or greater and receive a rebate of ½ of the cost, up to \$200.



**ELECTRIC HYBRID WATER HEATER** – Replace an existing water heater with a new energy saving hybrid (heat pump style) water heater and receive a \$100 rebate.



HVAC TUNE UP – Receive ½ of the cost up to \$20 per system when you have a standard HVAC "tune up" performed by an HVAC professional. "Gas furnace only" tune ups do not qualify.



**DUCT SEALING** – Receive ½ of the cost, up to a maximum of \$100, for sealing all accessible ductwork with mastic.



**VARIABLE SPEED POOL PUMP** – Receive a rebate of ½ of the cost up to \$100, per pump, for replacing a single speed pool pump with a variable speed pool pump.



HEAT PUMP/AIR CONDITIONER – Receive a rebate of \$50 per ton for installing a new HVAC condensing unit with a rating of 17 SEER or higher, as stated on the unit's yellow ENERGY GUIDE label. In order to receive this rebate, the member must agree to participate in one of Sawnee EMC's Load Control Programs.



**SMART THERMOSTAT** – Receive a onetime \$25 rebate for each smart thermostat purchased in 2024. Member must also participate in Sawnee EMC's Smart Savers or Load Management program.



**LEVEL 2 CHARGER** – Receive a one time rebate of \$200 for installing a Level 2 electric vehicle charger. Must participate in one of Sawnee EMC's Time of Use rates to qualify.

To apply for a rebate credit, please submit a copy of your invoice or paperwork to Sawnee EMC's Energy Services Department at <a href="mailto:marketing@sawnee.coop">marketing@sawnee.coop</a>, fax 770-454-0139 or mail a copy to Sawnee EMC, Attn: Energy Services, 543 Atlanta Highway, Cumming, GA 30040. For a complete list of criteria and guidelines for Sawnee EMC's residential rebate program, please visit <a href="mailto:sawnee.coop/rebates">sawnee.coop/rebates</a>. For additional questions, please contact a member of our Energy Services Department at 770-887-2363 or via email at the email address noted above.

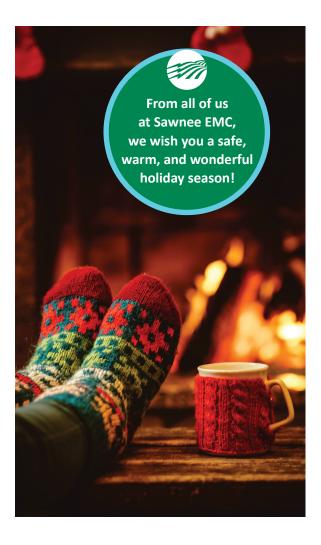


#### Sawnee EMC Receives ACSI Award

Sawnee EMC earned this award based on data modeled by the ACSI® in 2023. Award criteria are determined by the ACSI based on customers rating their satisfaction with Sawnee EMC in a survey independent of the syndicated ACSI Energy Utility Study. For more about the ACSI, visit <a href="www.theacsi.org/badges">www.theacsi.org/badges</a>. ACSI and its logo are registered trademarks of the American Customer Satisfaction Index LLC.

# Stay Safe this Holiday Season

With the holiday season approaching, Sawnee EMC wants to ensure that you and your family enjoy a festive and safe time while keeping energy efficiency in mind.



- 1. Safe Cooking Practices If you're hosting holiday dinners, be mindful of your oven and stove usage. Avoid overloading circuits by spreading out the use of appliances, and never leave cooking unattended. Ensure that smoke alarms are functional and located in key areas of your home.
- 2. Deck the Halls Wisely When decorating with lights, opt for LED bulbs, which use up to 75% less energy than traditional incandescent lights and last longer. Make sure to use outdoor-rated extension cords for outside decorations.
- 3. Use Timers for Holiday Lights Set timers for your holiday lights to ensure they're only on when needed. This not only saves energy, but also adds convenience.
- 4. Mind Your Heating With the colder weather, heating costs can rise. Make sure your home is well-insulated to keep the warmth in. Sawnee EMC recommends an insulation level of R-49 and offers a rebate for taking this action. Certain limitations apply, visit sawnee.coop/rebates for all details.
- 5. Prepping Your Home for Holiday Travels 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.

By following these tips, you can ensure a joyous and energy-efficient holiday season. For more ideas on how to manage your home's energy usage this holiday season, be sure to visit our Energy Solutions section at **sawnee.coop**.



# Here's WATTS Cookin'

# White Bean Stew

### Ingredients:

8 ounces Italian Sausage (casings removed)

1/2 cup chopped onion

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 (28 oz.) can diced tomatoes

1 (15 oz.) can of cannellini beans, drained and rinsed

1 cup chicken broth black pepper

3 cups baby spinach (washed)

Grated parmesan cheese for sprinkling over stew, optional

#### Instructions:

In a large/deep saucepan, cook the sausage and onion in the tablespoon of hot olive oil over medium heat. Add tomatoes, beans and the cup of chicken broth to the pan. Season, to taste, with black pepper. Simmer for up to an hour. Add spinach and cook until wilted. If desired, top with grated parmesan cheese. Serves four and it is easy to double the recipe! Store any leftovers in the refrigerator for up to three days.

Thanks to Terri Barfield 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 <a href="marketing@sawnee.coop">marketing@sawnee.coop</a>.