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off the fall season, when cooler mornings and milder evenings can give your HVAC system a much-needed break. If possible, use ceiling fans and enjoy the fresh air whenever temperatures are perfect time to schedule annual HVAC maintenance before cold weather arrives. Because demand is typically lower during the fall, heating and cooling professionals often have greater availability, making it easier to schedule service. Regular maintenance can improve your system's efficiency, help prevent unexpected breakdowns and keep you comfortable all year long.

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Join Us for Sawnee EMC's 88th Annual Meeting of Members

Please make plans to attend Sawnee EMC's 2026 Annual Meeting of Members on **Saturday, October 3, 2026** on the Sawnee EMC Corporate Campus located at **543 Atlanta Road in Cumming**. Drive-through registration will begin at approximately 8:00 am and will conclude at approximately 11:00 am. The in-person business session will convene at approximately 11:00 am. If you wish to stay for the business session, please let a staff member know when

you register to receive parking instructions. All Sawnee EMC members who complete the drive-through registration process will be entered into a drawing for prizes and winners will be notified on Monday, October 5th. Please note, members **do not** have to be present at the business session to be eligible to win a prize.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Annual Meeting. You can learn more at sawnee.coop/annual-meeting. Please contact our Customer Call Center at **770-887-2363**, text **678-999-8124**, email at customerservice@sawnee.coop or chat at sawnee.coop if you have any questions.



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**It is far better to be alone,
than to be in bad company. "**

— George Washington

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Power Up for Fall with Sawnee EMC

As this summer slowly comes to an end and the cooler months approach, now is the perfect time to start preparing your home for fall and the colder temperatures ahead. These steps not only ensure your comfort but also help in managing your monthly energy costs. Here are some tips from Sawnee EMC to help you get ready for the winter months ahead:

- 1. Insulate Your Home:** Proper insulation is key to maintaining a comfortable temperature indoors without overworking your HVAC system. Check your attic and under the home for adequate insulation. Consider adding more insulation if needed, especially if you live in an older home. Remember, Sawnee offers a rebate of ½ of the cost, up to \$200 for upgrading your attic insulation to R-49. Visit [sawnee.coop/rebates](https://www.sawnee.coop/rebates) for details.
- 2. Reverse Ceiling Fans:** Most ceiling fans have a switch that allows you to reverse the direction of the blades. In colder months, running your fans clockwise at a low speed helps to circulate warm air that rises to the ceiling, distributing it more evenly throughout the room.
- 3. Inspect and Maintain Fireplaces:** If you have a fireplace, ensure it's clean and in good working order before you start using it. Have the chimney inspected to prevent potential hazards like chimney fires or carbon monoxide buildup from blockages. Also, keep the flue closed when not in use.
- 4. Stock Up on Emergency Supplies:** Prepare for potential weather emergencies by stocking up on essentials like batteries, flashlights, blankets, and non-perishable food items. Ensure your home is equipped with a working carbon monoxide detector and smoke alarms.



- 5. Educate Yourself on Energy Efficiency:** Take advantage of the resources provided by Sawnee EMC. We offer free energy audits and tips on improving your home's energy efficiency. Understanding how your home uses energy and making informed decisions can lead to long-term savings.

If you have any questions, contact a member of our Energy Services Department at **770-887-2363** or via email at marketing@sawnee.coop.



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The TRUTH About Energy Efficiency: Separating Fact from Fiction

MYTH: Closing Vents in Unused Rooms Saves Energy

FACT: Contrary to popular belief, closing vents in unused rooms does not necessarily save energy. In fact, it can change the balance of your HVAC system and lead to inefficiencies. Modern HVAC systems are designed to distribute air evenly throughout your home. Closing vents can cause pressure imbalances and force your system to work harder, potentially increasing energy consumption.

MYTH: Using Space Heaters is More Efficient than Heating the Whole House

FACT: While space heaters can provide warmth in small areas, they are often less efficient than heating your entire home using a central heating system. Space heaters consume a significant amount of electricity and can be costly to operate continuously.

MYTH: Energy-Efficient Appliances Are Too Expensive

FACT: While the initial cost of energy-efficient appliances may be higher, they can save you money in the long run through reduced energy bills. Energy Star-certified appliances, for example, meet strict energy efficiency guidelines and consume significantly less energy than standard models. Over time, the energy savings will outweigh the higher upfront investment.

MYTH: Energy Efficiency Means Sacrificing Comfort

FACT: Conservation measures, such as proper insulation, sealing drafts, and using programmable thermostats, can enhance comfort in your home. By maintaining consistent temperatures and improving indoor air quality, energy-efficient homes often provide a more comfortable living environment than less efficient homes.

MYTH: Energy Efficiency is Only Important in Summer and Winter

FACT: Energy efficiency is important year-round, including the fall season. As temperatures fluctuate, maintaining energy-efficient practices can help you save on heating and cooling costs.

At Sawnee EMC, we encourage our members to adopt energy-efficient practices to save money on their monthly energy bill. By understanding and implementing these facts about energy efficiency, you can make informed decisions that benefit your household. As we approach fall, let's work together to ensure that your home is prepared for cooler weather while maximizing your energy savings.

If you have any questions about your home's energy efficiency, please contact our Energy Services Department at marketing@sawnee.coop or call **770-887-2363**.