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Service Availability Charge \$18/month
First 500 kWh/month @ 13.069¢/kWh
Over 500 kWh/month @ 10.945¢/kWh

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Service Availability Charge \$216/year
First 800 kWh/year @ 21.069¢/kWh
Over 800 to 6,000 kWh/year @ 11.945¢/kWh
Over 6,000 kWh/year @ 10.945¢/kWh

(Your minimum annual charge will be \$216 per year for service between March 1, 2012, and Feb. 29, 2013.)

Commercial Service
rate schedule C-1*

Service Availability Charge \$18/month
First 1,500 kWh/month @ 13.069¢/kWh
Over 1,500 kWh/month @ 10.945¢/kWh

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Kilowatt-hour Tax applies to all rate schedules and must be added to the rates shown.
First 2,000 kWh/month .465¢/kWh
Next 13,000 kWh/month .419¢/kWh
Over 15,000 kWh/month .363¢/kWh

Autumn



Jerry Kackley,
General Manager/CEO

IF YOU ATTENDED A REGIONAL MEETING last fall, you may recall that I talked about the terrible storm that hit your Cooperative's service territory on June 29, 2012, and the impact that it had on GMEC, our employees and our members. We live among the trees and hills of Southeastern Ohio where providing electric service is a bit challenging. That challenge has existed for decades from the very first day that a pole was set and wire was strung. So why live in such a "challenging area?" Like me, many of our members are here because this is "home." We were born here, grew up here, and continue to raise our families here...our roots run deep. Some have moved here from cities or other small towns around this state, country or world. I believe we all have one thing in common...we have a sincere appreciation for the beauty that surrounds us here.

Autumn is my favorite season. Maybe that's because I'm just tired of mowing grass, but I don't think so. Autumn seems to bring my senses to life. I enjoy the soothing sensation of the crisp evening air and the spectacular colors that decorate our hillsides. I appreciate the cheers that echo from the crowd at a Friday night football game and the crunching of dried leaves beneath my feet. My mouth waters at the smell of a freshly baked apple pie...and my taste-buds are already anticipating a Thanksgiving feast. What a blessing it is to call this special place home. God is a wonderful and divine artist and many of his most beautiful creations surround us here in Southeastern Ohio. The rewards are far greater than the challenge.

I hope to see you at one of our regional meetings in October or November. Sorry...but no apple pie.



Muskingum County Fair Queen

Congratulations to Taylor Potts, 2013 Muskingum County Jr. Fair queen. Taylor is the daughter of Kevin and Lisa Potts of New Concord.

She is a 10-year member of Creative Farm Kids 4-H club. Her projects have included everything from cooking and sewing to showing market goats. She is a member of Junior Leaders,



a Muskingum county Carteens volunteer, 4-H camp counselor, and former Junior Fair Board member. She has also served as a Muskingum

County delegate for the Citizenship Washington Focus trip to D.C.

Taylor is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Zane State College. She is now attending Ohio University studying journalism and business.

Karaoke 'Country Style' winners

Karaoke "Country Style" Contest was an opening day event sponsored by Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc. at the 167th Muskingum County Fair. A total of 30 singers in four age categories competed with their favorite tunes. In the under age 15 division, the winner was Jocee Janicki of Chandlersville. The winner for the 15 to 19 age group was Cati McGee of Zanesville. The winner of the 20 to 30 age group was Josh Vargo of Grove City. The winner in the over 30 age group was Jimmy Kovalchik of Pleasant City. Each winner received a \$50 savings bond and all participants received a sandwich and drink coupon to use at the fair. Judges for the evening were Jay Bond and Kenny Wayne; sound was provided by Sandy Groves.




Jimmy Kovalchik, Jocee Janicki, Cati McGee and Josh Vargo.

As a member of an electric cooperative, you have access to free energy savings tips and information that also will help you save money. We also offer in-home energy audits.

Whether your question is about heating and cooling systems, weatherproofing and insulation, water heaters or other appliances, the Energy Advisor at GMEC can help.

Call your co-op office today to have your questions answered. 800-521-9879



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Mark your calendar!

The staff of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative invites you to attend one of the four regional energy meetings scheduled in the coming weeks.

Please pick the most convenient meeting for you and plan to attend any or all of this year's regional meetings this fall to learn more about your cooperative.

Along with rousing discussion, members will receive free compact fluorescent lightbulbs, meet with directors and employees and spend time with their friends/neighbors/fellow cooperative members.

All meetings will begin at **6:30 p.m.** and end at **8 p.m.**

Refreshments will be provided.

Look for your official invitation with your October bill.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Tuesday, October 22

Cassel Station Fire House
4500 Peter's Creek Road
Cambridge

Tuesday, November 5

Roger's Auction Barn
7255 Knically Road
Adamsville

Thursday, October 24

Cornerstone Full Gospel Church
4509 Salt Creek Drive
Duncan Falls

TBD

Kennonsburg United
Methodist Church
57599 Kennonsburg Road
Salesville

Official notice of intention to reallocate patronage capital



The following is a listing of former members of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc. who received service from the cooperative in prior years. Attempts were made to mail capital credit checks to these former members in 2009. These capital credit checks have remained unclaimed for at least four years.

The Cooperative's Code of Regulations provides that capital credit payments which remain unclaimed for four years shall, after proper notice is given, be reallocated to the current margins of the cooperative. After such reallocation, these unclaimed payments will no longer be available for payment to the former members listed.

If you have any information on any of the names published in this listing, please call the cooperative's office at one of the numbers listed below. Thank you for your help in locating our former members.

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BAILEY JAMES
BAIR DIANNA M
BALDWIN JACK E
BANKHEAD CHARLES
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BASEY LOUIS J
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BEEM JUDITH C
BELCHER MARIA D
BELL C M
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CONROY ROBERT W
CONSOL RESC OF AMERICA
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CONWELL THOMAS H
COOK FRANK
COOK GERARD
COOPER HELEN C

COOPER RAYMOND
CORSO C
CRAMLETT D S
CRISLIP BETTY F
CZIGANS TRAVIS W
DAILEY KATHY
DALEY JAMES I
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DAMRON BETH
DANKWORTH CHARLES
DARBY RICHARD S
DAVIS C L
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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Bath or shower? You may love to soak in a hot tub to relax or bent a winter chill. But the U.S. Department of Energy says that the average bath consumes up to 25 gallons of hot water compared to the 10 gallons used for a five-minute shower.

You can save even more by equipping your shower with a low-flow showerhead. So before you sink into that bath, consider what it costs to heat all that water (about 2¢ per gallon) and you may decide that a shower will do just fine.

Getting the most out of portable generators

WITH PORTABLE GENERATORS, the amount of electricity available becomes directly dependent on fuel readily at hand. For this reason, efficient use of portable generators can go a long way in keeping temporary power flowing during an outage.

The first step starts long before the power goes out: properly sizing the generator. The larger the generator, the more fuel it requires to operate. Call us for a free sizing brochure.

To determine the size you'll need, make a list of the appliances you want to run in the event of an outage. Find both starting and running wattage requirements on appliance nameplates or in owner's manuals; then add them up to determine the total wattage. Although the starting wattage will last for only a few seconds, the generator must be able to meet it to run safely.

Fuel is another consideration. All generators operate by converting mechanical energy, produced by fuel combustion, to a DC current (or an alternating, or AC, current in some cases). Generators typically use one of four fuel types: gasoline,

diesel, propane or natural gas.

Gasoline remains the most common fuel source for residential portable generators. However, gasoline is highly flammable, has a short shelf life and doesn't burn as efficiently as diesel. What's more, home generators for loads larger than 30 kW are essentially car engines. Diesel is a less expensive option for this size load.

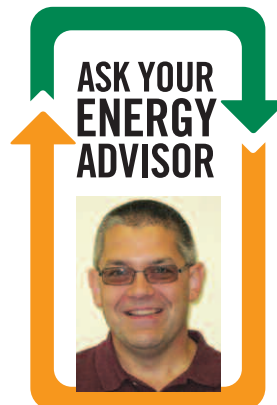
Diesel is the least flammable source and generally can be obtained in an emergency. Diesel also has a longer shelf life than gasoline, although diesel engine noise can be louder, with the engines subject to smoke if not properly maintained.

A typical 20 kW diesel generator can run a large home. If that unit is fully loaded, it will burn about 1.6 gallons of diesel fuel per hour. If the generator is only loaded to one-quarter of its capacity (roughly 5 kW), it will typically burn about 0.6 gallons per hour.

Clean-burning natural gas can be supplied to a home through a larger distribution system, making it virtually limitless for supplemental generation. However, natural gas-burning generators deliver lower power outputs (Btu per unit) than gasoline engines, have higher installation costs, require three times the fuel compared to diesel and can be dangerous if natural gas lines are broken.

Most important, during natural disasters the gas lines are usually the first to be shut off for safety reasons. When that emergency occurs, you want to make sure your generator works — natural gas might not be flowing when you need it most.

Once you bring that perfect model home, invest in at least quarterly maintenance inspections by a qualified generator contractor. ☞

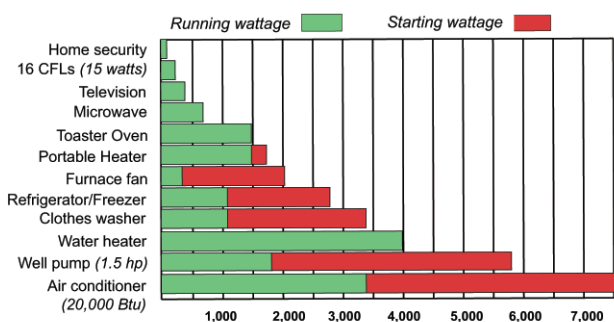


Ray Crock, Energy Advisor

The Right Portable Generator for the Job

Before purchasing or operating a portable generator, make a list of the appliances you will need to run at the same time. Find both starting and running wattage requirements on appliance nameplates or in owner's manuals; add them up to determine the total wattage your generator should handle.

Sample running wattages, as compared to spiked starting wattages:



Sources: North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives; National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

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Protect your home from electrical fires

EACH YEAR, ELECTRICAL FAILURES and malfunctions cause 43,900 home fires, resulting in 438 deaths, 1,430 injuries and \$1.47 billion in property damage. But many home electrical fires can be prevented simply by understanding basic electrical safety principles and following safe practices.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign — Oct. 6-12 — focuses on kitchen fires. The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) have teamed up to offer safety tips to help protect your home and family:

- Safety should always be the top priority when working with electricity. ESFI recommends that a qualified, licensed electrician perform all home electrical work in compliance with local and national safety standards.

- Consider having your circuit breakers replaced with arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs), which provide enhanced electrical fire protection by detecting dangerous arcing conditions.

- Make sure all electrical panel circuits are properly labeled. Always replace fuses or circuit breakers with the correct size and amperage.

- Keep the area around the electrical panel clear so you can easily shut off power in an emergency.

- Every month, use the TEST button to check that ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) at outlets and AFCIs are working properly.

- Be mindful of warning signs of an electrical problem, such as outlets and switches that are warm or make crackling, sizzling or buzzing noises.

- Regularly check cords, outlets, switches and ap-

pliances for signs of damage. Do not use damaged electrical devices.

- Do not use extension cords on a permanent basis, and never use them with space heaters or air conditioners.

- Avoid overloading outlets.

- Do not use lightbulbs that exceed the recommended wattage of the light fixture or lamp.

Despite your best efforts at prevention, a fire could still happen. Follow these tips to make sure your family is prepared to make a safe escape:

- Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

- Test smoke alarms every month by pushing the TEST button.

- Create a family fire escape plan that includes two ways out of each room.

- Pick an easy-to-find meeting place outside, a safe distance from your home.

- Practice your escape plan by having at least two fire drills a year. One fire drill should be at night while your family is sleeping.

- If anyone in your household is deaf, or if your own hearing is diminished, consider installing a smoke alarm that uses a flashing light or vibration to alert you to a fire emergency. ☎

Visit www.esfi.org for more home electrical safety information and for ESFI's Fire Prevention Week resources.

—Electrical Safety Foundation International



Cooperative principles guide co-ops to be stewards of their communities

EVERY OCTOBER SINCE 1930, not-for-profit cooperatives of all kinds have recognized National Cooperative Month as a way to educate the public about how co-ops work and to appreciate their many members.

This year, Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative highlights the notions that guide all co-ops: the seven cooperative principles. These notions lead electric cooperatives like GMEC to do business in a better way every single day. Here are real-life examples of how the principles affect your cooperative.

No. 1: Voluntary and Open Membership/No. 2: Democratic Member Control

Co-ops are open to anyone who is able to use its services, which means any person who moves onto Guernsey-Muskingum lines is allowed membership. Annual meetings serve as a way for members to get to know the people who run their co-op, and it's where members are updated on business matters. Every year in April, Guernsey-Muskingum convenes for its annual membership meeting.

"Democratic member control" means members vote for a director who represents them on a board, which governs the cooperative. Annual meetings also serve as the forum for electing directors.

No. 3: Members' Economic Participation

Because an electric cooperative is owned by its members, it does not create profits for distant shareholders. Any excess revenue — called margins — is allocated back to the membership in the form of capital credits, or patronage capital. Capital credits are "retired" and then paid back to members each year based on their purchases (in the case of electric cooperatives, electricity) from the cooperative. Margins are used by the co-op as working capital for a period of time, then paid back to individual members.

"Allocating and retiring excess revenue to members helps distinguish cooperatives," points out Jerry Kackley, general manager/CEO. "We're proud to support our communities by putting money back into the local economy — and into the pockets of those we serve. It makes our business model special."

Nationally, electric cooperatives have retired \$11 billion in capital credits since 1988 — \$768 million in 2012 alone.

No. 4: Autonomy and Independence

Electric cooperatives form a vast network across America. They're found in 47 states, and coopera-

tive-owned electric lines cover 42 percent of the nation's land mass. But what's unique is that each cooperative is an autonomous, independent business.

"We work with our co-op neighbors, but Guernsey-Muskingum members are the sole governors of our cooperative," Kackley explains. "Our member-elected board of trustees approves policies and resolutions that inform the way we do business."

No. 5: Education, Training and Information

Cooperatives have a charge to keep their members informed — not just about cooperative business, but also about topics like energy efficiency, safety, and community contribution. For example, *Country Living* is one way GMEC keeps its members up on relevant news.

No. 6: Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Even though co-ops are independent entities, they still rely on one another to share resources, information, and, in some cases, manpower.

Electric co-ops have long relied on one another to get power restored more quickly after severe weather emergencies. Called "mutual-aid agreements," it works just as it sounds: When Guernsey-Muskingum needs extra hands after a severe ice storm or bad summer storm, co-ops from neighboring towns and states help out. And when neighboring co-ops need help, Guernsey-Muskingum sends crews to them.

"Mutual-aid assistance gets power back on so much faster than we could with just our crews," Kackley says.

No. 7: Concern for Community

Possibly the most visible of all the cooperative principles, the last is what drives electric co-ops to be good stewards of the communities they serve.

Guernsey-Muskingum undertakes a variety of projects to help the community.

"While our first priority is delivering safe, affordable, reliable electricity to those we serve, we also feel strongly about supporting and contributing to the development of our communities," Kackley stresses. "Even if there were no 'concern for community' principle, every person who works at Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative lives here, too. We're friends and neighbors first." ☞

Sources: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation

The Seven Cooperative Principles, explained

1. Voluntary and Open Membership — Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

2. Democratic Member Control — Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

3. Members' Economic Participation — Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefitting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

4. Autonomy and Independence — Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

5. Education, Training and Information — Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives — Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional, and international structures.

7. Concern for Community — While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Certification of Active Duty Deployment — Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The cooperative will not disconnect electric service to the residential premises of any residential member who is deployed on active duty for nonpayment for electricity provided to the residential premises.

Upon return of the residential member from active duty, the cooperative will offer the residential member a period equal to at least the period of deployment on active duty to pay any arrearages incurred during the period of deployment. If the period the cooperative offers the residential member for repayment presents a hardship, the member may request a longer period to repay the arrearages. No late payment fees or interest will be charged to the residential member during the period of deployment or the repayment period.

“Active duty” means active duty pursuant to an executive order of the president of the United States, an act of the congress of the United States, or section 5919.29 or 5923.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The residential member must resume the timely payment of all charges for electric service provided by the cooperative after the return from active duty deployment.

In order to avoid disconnection of electric service for nonpayment for electric service during a period of active duty deployment, a completed Certification of Active Duty Deployment form must be submitted to the cooperative. Certification of Active Duty Deployment forms are available from the cooperative upon request.

Don't let electrical hazards haunt Halloween!

Halloween is the most festively frightening night of the year. But don't make yours fraught with danger. Here are some safety reminders:

- As you're decorating, make sure you and your parents check for cracked sockets, frayed, loose or bare wires, and loose connections.
- Fasten all outdoor lights securely to trees and other firm supports. Do not use nails or tacks that could puncture insulating cords and damage wires.
- Make sure decorative lighting is well-ventilated, protected from weather and remains a safe distance from anything flammable like dry leaves and shrubs. Do not coil extension cords while in use or tuck under rugs or drapes.
- Make sure all outdoor electrical lights and decorations are plugged into an outlet protected with a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). If your outlets aren't equipped with GFCIs, have an electrician install them or buy a GFCI adapter plug. Don't overload outlets with too many extension cords and strands of lights.
- Keep power cords off walkways and porches that trick-or-treaters may use. You don't want them to trip.
- Have mom or dad leave the porch light on for trick-or-treaters, and be sure to turn out all spooky lights and decorations before leaving home or going to bed. This will also save energy.

For more tips visit www.SafeElectricity.org.

Source: *Electric Consumer*

Is your name and location/ account number here?

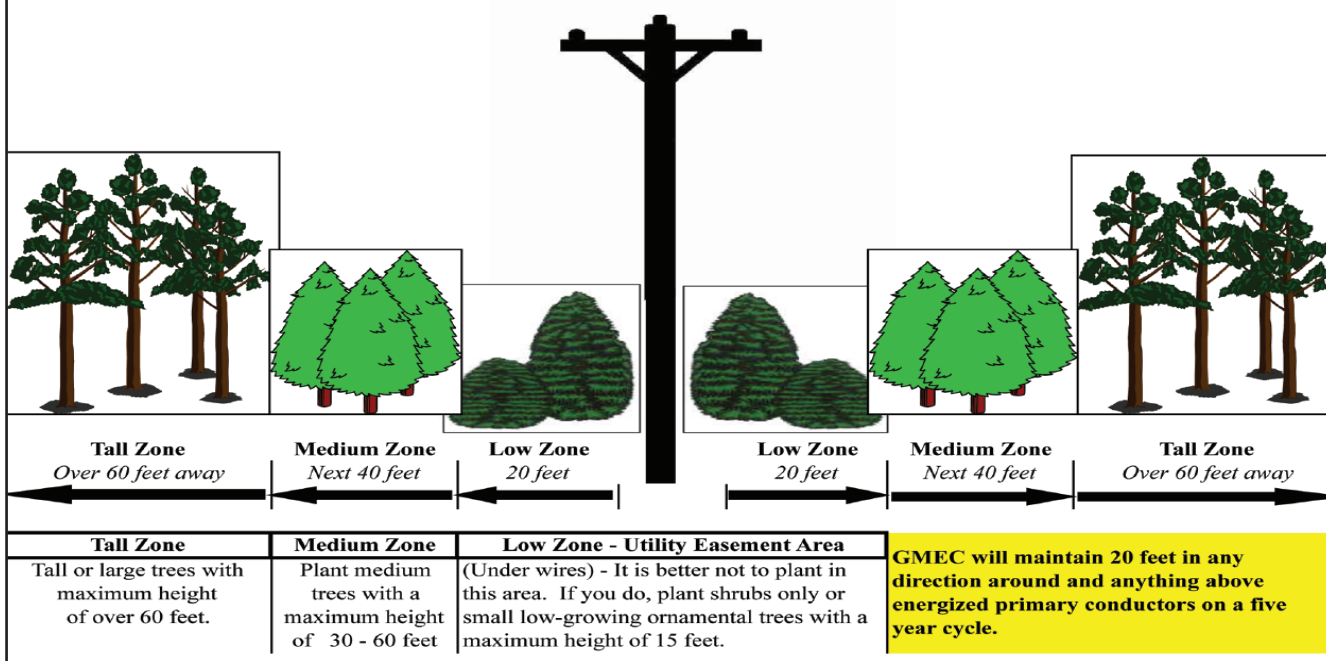
If it is, call your cooperative's office and receive a **FREE** home change-out to compact fluorescent lightbulbs. (Limit 12 bulbs.) Thanks for reading the "local pages" of *Country Living* magazine.

- #37-0403-45-00James R Bowman
- #44-0024-09-12Eric B Butler
- #47-0026-43-09.....Richard L Chumney
- #48-0001-06-02.....Pat Tom
- #56-0091-21-03Lee A Rankin
- #35-0565-08-03William Burke
- #41-0170-09-06William D Keys
- #68-0393-21-03Jason Turner

Here are the free light bulb winners who were missing from the September issue of *Country Living* magazine.

- #10-0209-10-01Eunice A Klein
- #11-0522-21-01Mindy S Osborn
- #15-0332-03-00.....N A Moore
- #18-0785-08-00Andrew Burt
- #24-0298-85-05 ..Stephen J Butcher Jr.
- #29-0332-02-00.....John R Jones
- #32-0140-40-01.....Dale Hamilton
- #74-0187-29-01Sonia A Eppley

THE RIGHT TREE IN THE RIGHT PLACE



IT PAYS TO BUY QUALITY!

TWO WAYS TO SAVE:

1) **Rebates** — For water heaters purchased at Guernsey-Muskingum:

Prices include: **FREE Delivery**
FREE Maintenance (except cleaning), including parts and labor
FREE Pressure Relief Valve
FREE Radio-Controlled Switch

50-gallon: dimensions 22 3/4" dia. x 51" hght. (Weight = 230 lbs.)

\$600 Average Wholesale Price
 \$500 Co-op Cost
 \$175 Member Discount
\$325 Net Member Cost, plus tax

80-gallon: dimensions 26" dia. x 58" hght. (Weight = 325 lbs.)

\$700 Average Wholesale Price
 \$575 Co-op Cost
 \$200 Member Discount
\$375 Net Member Cost, plus tax

120-gallon: dimensions 28" dia. x 69 1/4" hght. (Weight = 410 lbs.) Special order

\$850 Average Wholesale Price
 \$700 Co-op Cost
 \$250 Member Discount
\$450 Net Member Cost, plus tax

Installation available for an approximate charge of \$120.

***Prices do not include any taxes.**

2) **Rebates** — for water heaters purchased elsewhere

<u>\$100 cash back for:</u>	<u>\$50 cash back for</u>
• 50-gallon or larger	• 40-gallon
• 7-year warranty (or longer)	• 7-year warranty (or longer)

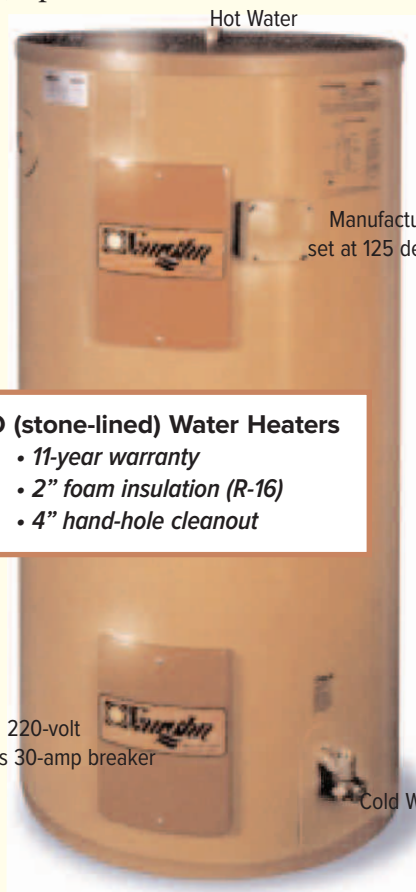
To qualify for all rebates,

members must allow the free

installation of a radio-controlled switch.

Call Guernsey-Muskingum for more details.

740-826-7661 or 1-800-521-9879



SEPCO (stone-lined) Water Heaters

- 11-year warranty
- 2" foam insulation (R-16)
- 4" hand-hole cleanout

220-volt
 Requires 30-amp breaker

Co-op Notes

Geothermal heating/cooling system — \$300 rebate

We have a \$300 rebate to help pay for the most efficient underground heating, cooling and hot water system available today. A radio-controlled switch is required on the unit and on your electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity. More than 260 of our members are using geothermal.

Dual Fuel — \$300 rebate

If you install a new add-on electric heat pump with a fossil-fuel backup and have an electric water heater, which is at least 40-gallon capacity, you are eligible for a \$300 rebate. Radio-controlled switches are required to be installed on both the heat pump and water heater. Please call your cooperative for details. More than 800 members are using Dual Fuel.

Cool Returns — \$100 rebate

Are you having central air conditioning installed or a new electric heat pump with electric resistance heat backup? Allow your cooperative to install a radio-controlled switch and re-

ceive a \$100 rebate check. More than 100 members are using cool returns.

Water heater with a hole

The four-inch hole in the side of our tank is great for cleaning out sediment. This rebated tank is available for free delivery. We also have \$50 or \$100 checks to send you if you purchase a tank somewhere else. Give us a call for details.

Water heater installation available

If you purchase your water heater from G-M, our members services technician, Tim Fisher, will install your water heater for an additional charge. Give us a call.

Radio-controlled switch

“What a deal!” If you don’t already have a radio-controlled switch for your electric water heater, at least 40-gallon capacity, please call and Tim Fisher will install one.....FREE. More than 5,300 G-M members have a RCS on their water heater. This entitles you to a discount and free maintenance (except cleaning) including parts and labor on your

electric water heater. Some exclusions apply, call us for details.

GenerLink™

We want you to use your portable generator safely. Call the member services department at GMEC and ask about GenerLink™. GenerLink™ eliminates the use of extension cords and other connections that can be dangerous to members and line-men.

Meter Reading

You can enter your meter readings on-line at our website, www.gmenergy.com. And as always you can mail your readings or call us 24 hours a day with meter readings.

Co-op Connections Card

The Co-op Connections® Card is free to all GMEC members and one card can be used by the entire family. The card can also be used to receive discounts nationwide on lodging, entertainment, dining and more. Visit www.gmenergy.com and click on the link to explore the possible discounts available to you.

Stealing electricity and meter tampering are crimes

Since August 1978, a revised Ohio law has been in effect covering theft of utility service and tampering with utility equipment. The statute provides that a person does not have to be seen tampering with a meter to be held responsible for such action. Prior to the revision in the law, it was difficult to prosecute a person for meter tampering unless the action was witnessed.

In addition, in prosecution for a user’s reconnecting a device that was disconnected by a utility, such activity now is considered prima facie evidence that the user intended to defraud the utility.

The law defines theft of a utility service as a first-degree misdemeanor if the value of the stolen electricity, plus any utility equipment repair, is less than \$150. It’s a fourth-degree felony if the value is more than \$150 or if the offender was previously convicted of the charge. Tampering convictions carry similar penalties.

Tampering is defined “to interfere with, damage or bypass a utility meter, conduit or attachment with intent to impede the correct registration of a meter or the proper function of a conduit or attachments.”

Conviction can bring from six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine to five years in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

Meter tampering costs all of us. It costs the cooperative, and it costs you. And it’s downright dangerous. If you witness someone tampering with an electric meter, contact your cooperative office. Stealing electricity is a crime, and anyone caught violating the law will be prosecuted.