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Co-op Connections Card

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Electric Rates

Farm and Home Service
 rate schedule R-1
 Service Availability Charge

First 500 kWh/month @ \$15/month
 @ 11.619¢/kWh
 Over 500 kWh/month @ 9.495¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service
 annual rate schedule S-1
 Service Availability Charge

First 800 kWh/year @ \$180/year
 @ 19.619¢/kWh
 Over 800 to 6,000 kWh/year @ 10.495¢/kWh
 Over 6,000 kWh/year @ 9.495¢/kWh

(Your minimum annual charge will be \$180 per year for service between March 1, 2010, and Feb. 28, 2011.)

Commercial Service
 rate schedule C-1
 Service Availability Charge

First 1,500 kWh/month @ \$15/month
 @ 11.619¢/kWh
 Over 1,500 kWh/month @ 9.495¢/kWh

Rider T — Kilowatt-hour Tax applies to all rate schedules.

First 2,000 kWh/month .465¢/kWh
 Next 13,000 kWh/month .419¢/kWh
 Over 15,000 kWh/month .363¢/kWh

Everyone should have received their new Co-op Connections® Card with their electric bill in September and have had an opportunity to research or actually use the cards at pharmacies and other businesses. Members have actually reported that they are saving up to 50 percent or more on their prescriptions. Members have told of cutting prescription costs of \$13 to \$4, \$18 to \$6 and \$23 to \$10, just by presenting their Co-op Connections Card to their pharmacy. One member added that she was able to go online and use the calculator and provider locator to find that her prescription would be cheaper at a pharmacy across the street from her current one.

The one thing most members want to know is where they can use the card. The card is accepted at several businesses around the area and on the internet. The following locations accept the Co-op Connections Card at all locations across the U.S.: CVS, K-Mart, Kroger's, Rite Aid, Sam's Club, Walgreen's and Walmart.

It is also available at the following local area pharmacies. In the Zanesville area, participating pharmacies include [Shriver's](#), [Northside](#), [Pick n Save](#), [Lawler's](#), [Johnston's](#) and [Blacker's](#). In the Cambridge area, participating pharmacies include [Riesbeck's](#), [Northstar](#), [The Pain Management Clinic](#), [Byesville Pharmacy](#) and [Team RX](#). In the Newcomerstown area, participating pharmacies include [Morgan Health Mart](#), [Medi-Wise](#), [Abbott Infusion Care](#), [Buehler's](#), [Three Rivers Infusion and Pharmacy](#), [Miller's](#) and [Triplitt Drug](#).

New businesses are added every day to our participant list. The best way to find this information is to visit our website, www.gmenergy.com, and click on the Co-op Connections Card link. Be sure to check back next month when we will go into locally owned businesses that accept the card.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Only 20 percent of homes built before 1980 are properly insulated. You can increase the comfort of your home while reducing heating and cooling needs up to 10 percent by investing in proper insulation and sealing air leaks.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

New Concord
 740-826-7661

(24-hour service)

All other members
 1-800-521-9879

Remote CFL pickup

Many of you have received your box of three CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs) at the GMEC office, the annual meeting or the Muskingum and Guernsey county fairs. For those members who have not yet received their bulbs,

we will have a remote bulb pickup in November at a few commercial member locations. **Members can bring in their most recent bill** to these locations and **sign their name and account number** on the list to receive their box of CFLs.

The following locations will have pickups from Monday, Nov. 1, through Friday, Nov. 5.

LOCATION	ADDRESS	COUNTY
West Chester Store	St. Rte. 258	Tuscarawas
Sally's Hilltop Store	Post Boy Rd.	Tuscarawas
Save Even More Discount Grocery	Leatherwood Rd. (St. Rte. 265)	Guernsey
The Cove Restaurant	Lashley Rd. (St. Rte. 313)	Guernsey

The following locations will have pickups from Monday, Nov. 8, through Friday, Nov. 12.

LOCATION	ADDRESS	COUNTY
Green Acres General Store	St. Rte. 60, Gaysport	Muskingum
EV's Carryout	Cannelville Rd., Cannelville	Muskingum
Jumpers Corner	St. Rte. 78, Reinersville	Morgan



While there, check out these member businesses. They may offer goods or services that you didn't realize were so close to your home.

Cooperative holiday hours

Office closed: Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 25

Office closed: Day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 26

Drive-up window will be open as usual on
Saturday, Nov. 27 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Office closed for Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 23*

Drive-up window will be open on Thursday, Dec. 23
(8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Office closed for Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 24

* This is a correction from the co-op calendar.
We will be open on Monday, Dec. 27.

Office closed for New Year's Day, Friday, Dec. 31

Drive-up window will be open on Friday, Dec. 31
(8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

If outages occur during these holidays, someone will be working at the G-M office around the clock to dispatch a trouble crew to correct your problem. G-M's night depository is always available for your convenience.

Holiday Workshop

The 11th Annual **Holiday Workshop is Wednesday, Nov. 3.**

We will hold an afternoon workshop and an evening workshop. The afternoon session will run 1-4 p.m. and the evening session will run 6-9 p.m.

The workshops will be held in the cooperative's Community Room:

17 S. Liberty Street, New Concord.

This year will be filled with great learning opportunities.

If you would like to attend this fun-filled afternoon or evening, please call Member Services at 740-826-7661 or 1-800-521-9879. There is no charge to attend.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn some great tips to help you prepare for the holiday season.



Revision to the generation-and-transmission component

Your electric service bill is made up of various components. About half of your bill is a generation-and-transmission component (GTC). This is used to cover all the costs of generating electricity and transmitting it to substations to be used by the cooperative's members. The last time the GTC was changed was with the April 2010 bill. Since that time, it has been at the 6.85 cents per kilowatt-hour level.

Looking ahead and projecting the rate for the

next three months, the GTC will be 6.65 cents per kilowatt-hour. This is caused by decreasing costs for coal purchases. The GTC will decrease by 2 mills, or \$2 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours, for the next quarter effective with the October bill, which you will receive on Nov. 10.

No coverage of local expenses is included in the GTC charge. The GTC will continue to be revised quarterly.

Right-of-way maintenance continues

In an ongoing effort to maintain a reliable flow of power, Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative will be continuing its right-of-way maintenance program in the final months of 2010 and into 2011.

Upcoming maintenance will be conducted in the areas served by the Bethel, East Pointe, Dresden and Mt. Sterling substations.

Asplundh Tree Expert Co. will be the contractor doing the work. A contractor representative will be contacting affected members/property owners to discuss the action needed. Please contact the cooperative to update your phone/contact numbers to expedite this process.

As the right-of-way crews do the work, they will be cutting down trees that are a hazard to the power lines. In order to provide safe and reliable service to our members, any tree that is within 20 feet of the power line needs to be cut down.

Work in the Bethel substation area will begin in November followed by the other substation areas in 2011. The Bethel substation area includes the Muskingum county townships of Highland, Monroe, Perry, Salem, Union and Washington.

This will be followed by the East Pointe substation area that includes the Muskingum county townships of Falls, Madison, Muskingum and Washington. The Dresden substation area includes the Muskingum county townships of Cass, Licking, Madison and Muskingum. The Mt. Sterling substation area includes the Muskingum county townships of Falls, Hopewell and Licking and Hopewell Township in Licking County.

When planting a tree there are many factors to consider. When you have the site selected for your tree, please look up and look all around to make sure nothing will interfere with the tree as it grows. Just as important, the soil area must be large enough to accommodate the particular rooting habits and ultimate trunk diameter of the tree. Proper tree and site selection will provide trouble-free beauty and pleasure for years to come.

Low-growing trees will not reach utility lines. They will not create public safety hazards, cause service interruptions to you or your neighbors, nor will they require severe pruning. Trees should not impair visibility at intersections or interfere with lighting at night. By maintaining the rights-of-way this ensures public safety and minimizes interruptions or outages caused by trees, especially during storm emergencies. A major concern is the safety of children or others who may climb trees and be shocked or even electrocuted. Please remember overhead lines are not insulated.

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-521-9879.

Are your name and location/account number here?

If they are, call your cooperative's office and receive a FREE home changeout to compact fluorescent light bulbs. (Limit 18 bulbs.) Thanks for reading the "local pages" of *Country Living* magazine.

- #13-0078-43-02.....Randy W. Cunningham
- #17-0092-13-01.....Clara E. Campton
- #29-0334-25-00.....Dessie D. Ault
- #33-0186-03-01.....Kevin Philip
- #35-0439-11-00.....Joanne Wells
- #43-0101-18-01.....Douglas C. Lyons
- #52-0680-09-00.....Helen M. King
- #57-0217-14-02.....Gale F. Sanders

Energy savings in the kitchen

ASK YOUR ENERGY ADVISOR



Ray Crock,
Energy Advisor

With Thanksgiving and Christmas just weeks away, many of you will be spending a lot of time in the kitchen. While you are cooking and baking up lots of good food, I thought it would also be a good time to stress some kitchen energy-saving ideas.

Start by fixing those leaking faucets. They waste water as well as energy. You may also consider installing low-flow aerators to reduce water waste. Kitchen sinks can use as much as three gallons of water per minute. By reducing that to one and one-half gallons per minute with a low-flow aerator, you save not only on the amount of water you

use, but on the cost of energy to pump and heat that water also.

Other electric savings can be achieved by unplugging appliances that use energy even when not in use (vampire load). These may include microwaves, coffee makers and cell phone chargers. Savings can also be attained with the kitchen lighting without cooking in the dark. Change all incandescent bulbs over to CFLs. We also love our LED under-cabinet lighting. They light up the whole countertop area for only 3 watts of electricity and should last a really long time.

Use the dishwasher! You can save 5,000 gallons of water a year (\$40 to \$70 of utility costs) by using your dishwasher instead of washing dishes by hand. Dishwashers can use about 37 percent less water than hand washing. Some tips to save while using the dishwasher:

- For the most efficient use of your water and electricity, make sure to wash only full loads of dishes.
- Use the air dry/overnight dry option to eliminate use of the heating element, which saves money on the electric bill.
- Save water and energy by scraping dishes instead of pre-rinsing; your dishwasher can handle heavily soiled dishes.

Make your refrigerator more energy efficient. Set your fridge between 36 and 38 degrees F and your freezer between 0 and 5 degrees F to avoid wasting money by keeping it too cold. Also, if you keep the fridge and freezer full, it will cycle less. Some other ideas:

- Be sure to cool hot foods before refrigerating so it does less work.
- Check the seals and replace if they are fitting loose.

- Keep the door shut; don't let the kids stand and hold it open. Make sure it shuts completely when you push it shut.
- Dust and vacuum the coils. Dirty coils make the unit work harder and longer.
- Side-by-side refrigerator models can use up to 20 percent more electricity than those with a top or bottom mounted freezer.
- Chest freezers can be up to 10 to 15 percent more efficient than upright models.

To make your stove more energy efficient:

- Be sure to match pan sizes with the correct burner size. Putting a six-inch pan on an eight-inch burner wastes 40 percent of the energy because the heat dissipates in the air.
- Use lids to keep steam in and help food cook more quickly to save energy.
- Keep the oven shut! Each time you open the oven door the temperature can drop as much as 25 to 50 degrees, which increases cooking time and energy use. Turn on the light and look through the glass.
- Thaw frozen food before cooking so it cooks faster.
- Plan your meal schedule so you can bake several things at one time.
- Use ceramic or glass when cooking. It can lower your oven temperature by about 25 degrees and the food cooks just as quickly.
- Use crock pots to cook if you can because they use less energy than the stove.
- Use the microwave to warm up small amounts of food, since it can use 50 to 65 percent less energy than conventional ovens/stoves.
- Gas ranges have a long life expectancy but are only 55 percent efficient, while electric ranges are 80 percent efficient.
- Gas ranges with electric ignitions can use about 40 percent less gas per year than gas ranges with pilot lights.

Good cooking and have a great holiday season!

**Guernsey-
Muskingum
Electric thanks all
veterans and their
families for their
sacrifices.**

