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Member Newsletter

November 2020

IMPORTANT NOTICE: BILLING CHANGES

As we have communicated over the past several months, we have been working towards combining four billing cycles into one. This process has been very confusing for our members. We apologize for the confusion and inconveniences, but, again, want to thank our members for their patience and understanding during the transition.

Starting November 2020, all customers will be billed at the beginning of the month and the payment will be due on or after the 21st of the month.

Again, if you are having difficulty paying your bill, contact us to discuss payment options. And, please feel free to contact us if you need further explanation of your billed charges, and, a BIG THANK YOU to our members!



Four Ways to Save Energy in the Kitchen

Ah, the kitchen. It's undeniably one of the most-loved rooms in our homes. It's where we gather with family and friends for our favorite meals and memories. But like most of us, you probably aren't thinking about saving energy when you're planning that perfect dish. Here are four ways you can save energy in the kitchen

with minimal effort.

When possible, cook with smaller appliances. Using smaller kitchen appliances, like slow cookers, toaster ovens and convection ovens is more energy efficient than using your large stove or oven. According to the Department of Energy, a toaster or convection oven uses one-third to one-half as much energy as a full-sized oven.

Unplug appliances that draw phantom energy load. Halloween may be over, but it's possible you have energy vampires in your kitchen – these are the appliances that draw energy even when they're not in use, like coffee makers, microwaves and toaster ovens. The Department of Energy has estimated that one home's energy vampires left plugged in year-round can add up to \$100-\$200 in wasted energy costs. Unplug them when they're not in use, or better yet, use a power strip for convenient control.

Help large appliances work less. There are small ways you can help your larger kitchen appliances run more efficiently. For example, keep range-top burners clean from spills and fallen foods so they'll reflect heat better. When it's time to put leftovers in the refrigerator, make sure the food is covered and allow it to cool down first. That way, the fridge doesn't have to work harder to cool warm food.

Use your dishwasher efficiently. Only run full loads, and avoid using the "rinse hold" function on your machine for just a few dirty dishes; it uses 3-7 gallons of hot water each use. You can also save energy by letting your dishes air dry. If your dishwasher doesn't have an automatic air-dry switch, simply turn it off after the final rinse and prop the door open so the dishes will dry faster.

Bonus tip: The best way to save energy is to not use it. Try a tasty, no-bake dessert recipe. Your sweet tooth (and energy bill!) will thank you.

By slightly adjusting a few of your habits in the kitchen, you'll be well on your way to energy savings.



Supporting Local 4-H and FFA Youths

Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc., with matching donations from cooperative partners CoBank and Basin Electric Power Cooperative, donated funds to support local 4-H and FFA youths participating in the Junior Livestock Auction at the Sierra County Fairgrounds on October 10th.

Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc. has participated in this charitable event for decades. The youth that participate in these programs have committed their time and money to learn the importance of agriculture in America. Raising and caring for these animals teaches them valuable skills that they can use in the future. We are very proud of all of the youth of Sierra County and are always looking for ways to support them.

Thank you to our members for supporting the charitable actions of the cooperative.
(Photos above courtesy of the Sierra County Sentinel)



Our Office is Closed:

November 11th—Veterans' Day

**November 26th and 27th—Thanksgiving
Day and Day after Thanksgiving**

**For emergency outage reporting call:
1-888-336-3380**

