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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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Suds and savings

10 ways to save energy in the laundry room

Your clothes washer and dryer account for a significant portion of energy consumption from major appliances, and let's face it—laundry is no one's favorite chore. Make the most of your laundry energy use! There are several easy ways you can save energy (and money) in the laundry room. The Department of Energy recommends the following tips for saving on suds:

1. Wash with cold water. Switching from warm water to cold water can cut one load's energy use by more than half, and by using a cold-water detergent, you can still achieve that brilliant clean you'd normally get from washing in warm water.
2. Wash full loads when possible. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up if you can.
3. Use the high-speed or extended spin cycle in the washer. This setting will remove more moisture before drying, reducing your drying time and the extra wear on clothing.
4. Dry (5-8-316T) heavier cottons separately. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons

like linens and towels from your light-weight clothing.

5. Make use of the "cool down" cycle. If your dryer has this cycle option, you can save energy because the clothes will finish drying with the remaining heat in the dryer.
6. Use lower heat settings to dry clothing. Regardless of drying time, you'll still use less energy.
7. Use dryer balls. Dryer balls, usually wool or rubber, will help keep clothes separated for faster drying, and they can help reduce static, so you can eliminate dryer sheets.
8. Switch loads while the dryer is warm. This allows you to take advantage of the remaining heat from the previous cycle.
9. Clean the lint filter after each drying cycle. If you use dryer sheets, remember to scrub the filter once a month with a toothbrush to remove excess buildup.
10. When it's time to purchase a new washer or dryer, look for the ENERGY STAR label. New washers and dryers that receive the ENERGY STAR rating use about 20% less energy than conventional models and may be eligible for a rebate.

Energy saving tip

During summer months, run large appliances that emit heat (like clothes dryers and dishwashers) during the evening when it's cooler. This will minimize indoor heat during the day when outdoor temperatures are highest.

Mark your calendar

July 25 Electric bills due
August 3-5 Farmfest

Find your location number and win a \$10 credit

If you find your location number (as it appears on your monthly electric bill) in this issue, you will receive a \$10 credit.

July Auto Pay Winner: Arnold Arens

Take a minute to sign up for Auto Pay and you may win a \$25 credit on your electric bill. A winner is chosen each month. Members who are already saving time and money with Auto Pay will be automatically entered in our monthly contest.



Manager's Message



Join us at Farmfest; coupon enclosed



Avoid utility scams



We're ready for storm season. Are you?



**General Manager
*Adam Tromblay***

Now that summer is in full swing, like many of you, I welcome more opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather. Summertime brings many of my favorite activities from riding my motorcycle to hanging out with family and friends, and simply slowing down a bit to enjoy life.

But summer can also bring conditions right for dangerous storms. These potential weather events can cause destruction to our electrical system, but I want you to know that (506-37-35) Nobles Cooperative Electric (NCE) crews are standing by to respond should power outages occur in our area.

When major storms knock out power, our line crews take all necessary precautions before they get to work on any downed lines. I would encourage you to also practice safety and preparedness to protect your family during major storms and outages.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends the following list as a starting point for storm and disaster preparedness, but you can visit www.ready.gov for ad-

ditional resources.

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials.
- Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies.
- Ensure your first aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are easily accessible in one location.

In the event of a prolonged power outage, turn off major appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge, and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. If you plan to use a small generator, make sure it's rated to

handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely. Don't forget we can also help you with your standby needs with NCE's generator program.

Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for storm and emergency information.

After the storm, avoid downed power lines and walking (33-2-64) through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs, including on your property.

Advance planning for severe storms or other emergencies can reduce stress and anxiety caused by the weather event and can lessen the impact of the storm's effects. Sign up for NOAA and local weather stations' emergency alerts and warnings.

I hope we don't experience severe storms this summer, but we can never predict Mother Nature's plans. At NCE, we recommend that you act today because there is power in planning. From our co-op family to yours, we hope you have a safe and wonderful summer.

See outages in real time using NCE's Outage Viewer on our website

Living and working by our values

- Safety
- Team
- Accountability
- Responsive
- Transparent

Vision

Committed to improving the quality of our members' lives.

Mission

To distribute energy and services to benefit members and to be valued by our communities.



One of the seven cooperative principles is "Concern for Community". That cooperative principle is embedded in everything we do, from responding quickly and safely to outages to volunteering for Adopt-A-Highway. Our employees walk the walk and talk the talk, both as representatives of NCE and in their personal lives.

Top reasons to attend Farmfest 2021 (August 3-5)

- Grow your business and network with others
- Educational opportunities and live demonstrations
- Visit with 400+ exhibitors showcasing the latest in agriculture
- See displays that include farm machinery, livestock equipment and more
- Explore demo plots
- Participate in political forums (35-21-53) and debates
- Take a spin in a new vehicle or test drive farm equipment
- Take in livestock cattle chute demonstrations, livestock seminars and product presentations
- Bid on your favorite hay bale sculpture at the Haybale Art Auction benefiting area FFA and 4-H groups
- Register to win huge prizes at the gate and from dozens of exhibitors
- Don't forget to bring your coupon below to register at the Touchstone Energy Cooperative's booth #2301

 MINNESOTA
FARMFEST

Helping us out this summer

NCE would like to introduce Dylan Freking. He is assisting the operations department and helping out in the warehouse this summer.

Dylan is the son of Mark and Sheila of Heron Lake. He graduated in May from Heron Lake-Okabena High School and will be studying to become an electrician at Minnesota West this fall.

In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing and anything outdoors.

We look forward to a great summer with Dylan!



Visit Nobles Cooperative Electric, along with other Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, at Farmfest 2021 and enter for a chance to win a grand prize!

FARMFEST 2021 • AUGUST 3 - 5 • REDWOOD FALLS, MN

Bring this coupon to Booth #2301.

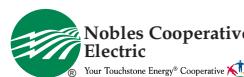
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You must be a member of one of the participating electric cooperatives to win.



Responsive

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AVOID UTILITY SCAMS



Scammers will threaten you with everything from shutting off power to your home to legal action. Don't fall victim to these types of scams.

- Never give personal information to an unknown caller or visitor. Our representatives have access to the details they need to service your account.
- Demands for immediate payment by wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift cards or cash reload cards should immediately raise red flags.
- If you think you've been contacted by a scammer falsely representing the co-op, please let us know as soon as possible.

Country Cupboard

Spicy Shrimp and Chicken Penne Pasta

16 oz. chicken breasts
2 T. butter
20 medium raw shrimp
3 c. sliced mushrooms
1 c. sundried tomatoes

1 c. green onions
1 pint cream
salt and pepper
1/3 c. Romano cheese
20 oz. penne pasta

Cook chicken and slice into 1/4" strips. Add butter to a large pan. Add shrimp, chicken, mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, salt and pepper. Sauté until the shrimp and mushrooms are cooked. Add cream, Romano cheese. Let the cream reduce by half. Cook pasta, then drain and add the ingredients.(8-12-9)

Send your favorite **summer salad** recipe to Nobles Cooperative Electric, ATTN: Tracey, P.O. Box 788, Worthington, MN 56187-0788. Entries must include your name, address, telephone number and NCE location number. All entries must be received by July 25. The winning recipe will be featured in the next edition of *Current Matters* and the winner will receive a **\$10 credit** on their electric bill.



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Next Board Meeting

August 24, 2021

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