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Lightbulb Winners

Congratulations to this month's lightbulb winners:

- ▶ Duane Lambert
- ▶ Maria Melendez
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Contact us today for your free lightbulbs!



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FROM THE MANAGER

We're Here to Help You Save



Kirk Thompson

CMS Electric Cooperative is here for you, and given the challenging times we've all experienced the last few months, I'd like to share some information and ideas to help

you save energy and money.

Summer is a great time to conduct an energy audit of your home and identify ways to boost energy efficiency. Understanding how your home uses energy can help you determine the best ways to modify energy use and keep more money in your wallet.

An energy audit is one of the best

ways to determine how energy efficient your home is — an audit can also identify areas for potential energy savings. We have several qualified energy auditors in our local area. Be sure to hire a professional who will conduct a thorough audit of your home. If you'd prefer to do an energy audit yourself, try ENERGY STAR's online audit. Visit www.energystar.gov, then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started. But keep in mind, an online audit won't be as thorough as an in-home audit.

Shifting to Off-Peak Periods

Electric rates based on time of use offer co-op members the ability to lower their electricity costs without reducing the amount of electricity used. By

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HAPPY
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4TH OF JULY
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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Our office will be closed on Friday, July 3, for the holiday.

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performing some of your daily chores such as running the dishwasher or doing laundry during off-peak hours (when people are using less electricity), you can see meaningful savings on your energy bills. Use your programmable thermostat to adjust the settings so that your heating and air conditioning systems sync with the off-peak rate periods. Use automatic timers to run hot tubs, pool pumps, water heaters, and other appliances in the same way. Be sure to

program the timers to coincide with the less expensive off-peak times.

Lastly, if you have recently purchased a new ENERGY STAR®-rated appliance or product, make sure you are taking advantage of any special offers or rebates that are available.

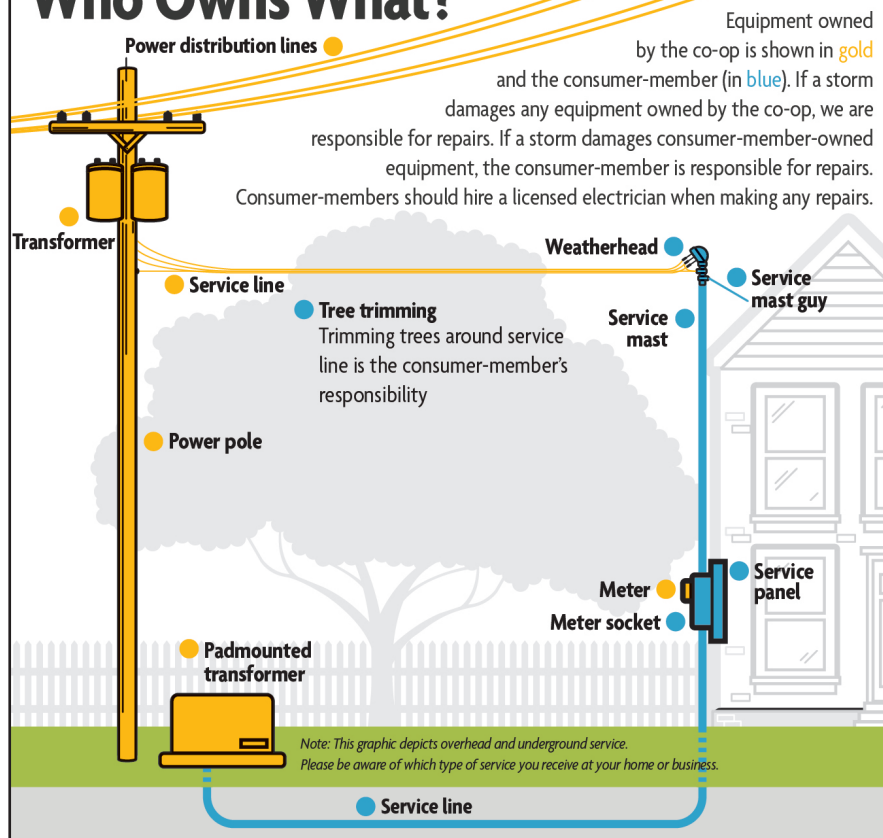
As your trusted energy adviser, we're here to help. If you have questions about your bill or additional ways to save energy, please let us know. We're only one click or phone call away.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Spending more time at home? Try an online energy audit to assess the overall efficiency of your home. Visit www.energystar.gov, then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started. **Source:** energy.gov



Who Owns What?



WHEN TO CALL IT



Between 2006 and 2018, 396 people were struck and killed by lightning in the U.S.

HAVE A GAME PLAN TO STAY SAFE WHEN SEVERE WEATHER STRIKES

1. Check weather forecasts in advance.
2. At first signs of stormy weather, seek shelter in a hard-top car or four-sided building.
3. Do not seek shelter under a pavilion or tree.
4. Do not sit on or lean against metal (e.g. bleachers, fencing).
5. Before resuming activities, **WAIT at least 30 MINUTES** after the last rumble of thunder.

SOURCE: NATIONAL LIGHTNING SAFETY COUNCIL

TOP SPORTS RELATED LIGHTNING FATALITIES

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| #1 SOCCER | #2 GOLF |
| #3 RUNNING | #4 BASEBALL |
| #5 FOOTBALL | #6 DISC GOLF |