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Winter weather predicted to be colder than last year

Winter weather forecasts from the National Weather Service and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) indicate temperatures are expected to be colder than last year. If these forecasts are accurate, we can expect our heating systems to operate longer this winter season, which will mean increased usage and higher electric bills.

That does not mean, however, we won't see extreme dips in temperatures, or worse yet, ice. Regardless of the forecasts, we have little choice but to accept the weather. Did you know the colder the average outside temperature, the more your heating system runs? The more your heating system runs, the more electricity you use and the higher your bill.

Winter Preparations

Just as you make winter preparations in your own life and think of ways to use your energy wisely, Warren RECC plans year-round for unpredictable weather events which may affect electric service. That's why you see our crews clearing rights-of-way, so Warren RECC can respond to storm damage with minimal disruption of electricity while providing crews with safe access to the power lines.

We know you are counting on us to light and heat your homes - especially when the inevitable winter storm hits. That's why we are working now to ensure we have adequate training, staffing, and infrastructure to be able to respond safely when outages and other emergencies occur.

It was 100 years ago, in December 1917 and January 1918, decades before Warren RECC even existed, that Kentucky experienced one of the harshest winters ever. Forty-nine inches of snow combined with 40-mile per hour winds resulted in huge snow drifts and below freezing temperatures. Our parents and grandparents used fireplaces and stoves to combat the chill. If they were prepared, the wood was already cut to throw into the fire.

You can take steps to ensure you're using energy as wisely as you are comfortable with.

Energy-Saving Tips

Here are a few tips if you have not already performed this at your home or business:

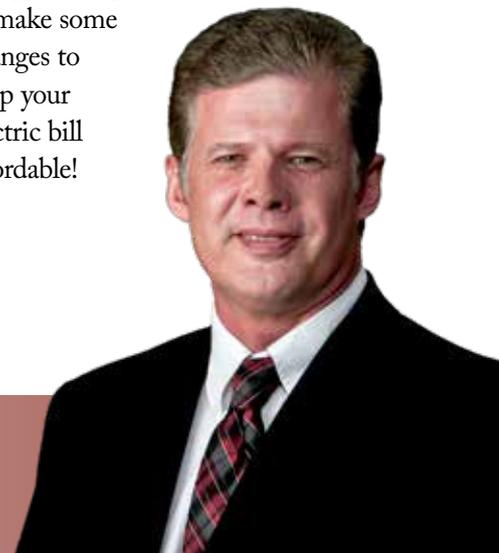
- 1) Set your thermostat to a lower temperature and wear normal winter clothing. For example, if you normally set your thermostat at

74°F, try setting it to 72°F. For every degree you lower your thermostat, you will save money on your bill.

- 2) Ensure your windows and doors are sealed well to prevent heat loss.
- 3) If you have a fireplace with a chimney, close the damper when not in use; otherwise, heat goes up the chimney and outside.
- 4) Have your heat pump and furnace maintained, and ensure your air filters are replaced as needed.
- 5) Check to see if your attic and walls need more insulation. This also helps lower your air conditioning bills in the summer.

For the complete list of savings tips, calculators, rebates, and educational information visit us at:

www.wrecc.com click on top menu "Ways to Save." Don't wait until Old Man Winter requires you to use more energy to keep warm. It's not too late to make some changes to keep your electric bill affordable!



W. Scott Ramsey
CEO



KELLY VANDELLEN

Developing ways to improve internet to the rural communities

Warren RECC continues working with local telephone cooperatives, municipals and county officials to assist in improving internet (broadband) to our service areas. In early 2017, Warren RECC's Board of Directors requested the cooperative pursue ways in which we might be able to team with the above parties in this very challenging need.

Work began by studying the current technology, regulations and current providers and addressing obstacles to help improve broadband expansion. As I write this article during the week of Thanksgiving,

Warren RECC is reviewing two major efforts: identifying ways to overcome some of the hurdles the broadband industry faces in providing service to rural areas and conducting a study with Bowling Green Municipal Utilities to determine the feasibility of jointly serving Warren County. Since these studies are very expensive, we chose Warren County as it would likely show the best chance of making the project work. If the project study shows it will not work in Warren County, it will not work in other counties Warren RECC serves, because those

counties are more rural than Warren County. Almost half of Warren RECC's total membership of 65,000 exists in Warren County. We will review the findings after the study is completed.

Currently, Warren RECC is moving forward with the first effort and meeting with telephone cooperatives and municipals. We are reviewing some possible incentives to help providers extend service into the county. The temporary incentives are designed to help third party internet providers set up business a little easier.





STUART MONK

Traveling? Let electricity keep your house safe

If you've resolved to travel more during 2018, get your house ready.

Traveling is more fun and relaxing when you don't have to worry about whether your home is safe and secure. Here are five ways to prevent mishaps—and save some energy—during your absence:

1. Create the illusion that someone is home. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up newspapers, mail and home deliveries that might arrive while you're away. A pile of newspapers in the driveway is an invitation to an intruder looking for an empty house to break into.
2. Attach your outdoor lights to timers. Instead of leaving them on to burn day and night while you're gone, install a timer that will switch the lights on when it gets dark and off when the sun comes up each day.
3. Indoors, plug lamps into programmable timers set to “random” so the lights turn on and off throughout the day and evening. That will make your home look lived-in. You also can plug a TV or stereo into a timer so your house sounds lived-in, too.
4. Motion detectors not only will light your property when your neighbor stops by to check on it, but it will turn the outdoor lights on if anyone approaches your home—making it harder for an intruder to hide. They also save you energy because you won't have to pay for lights to burn when nobody is around to benefit from them.
5. Unplug electronic devices like your TV, computer, printer and small kitchen appliances before you leave. Left plugged into a wall socket, those items continue to draw small amounts of electricity that show up on your energy bill.



Attach your outdoor lights to timers to give the illusion someone is home.

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Save energy—in the attic

One of the easiest and most effective ways to save energy in your home is to add insulation to your attic.

Some clues that your attic needs more insulation: some of the rooms in your home are drafty; their walls feel hot or cold to the touch; you feel cold in some rooms or warm in others.

Even if your home had plenty of attic insulation when it was built, it might need some more now.

Insulation can detach from the surfaces it's meant to cover, which means it's not able to do its job anymore. And some homes never had enough to begin with.

If your attic has a low ceiling, it might be hard to move around in, so a professional can probably do the job better and easier than you can. But if it's roomy and you're the do-it-yourself type, adding attic insulation can be a fairly quick and simple job.



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