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OBSERVE ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH THIS MAY

Safe Electricity has tips and resources to help you stay safe around electricity

Electricity is such a common presence in modern life that many people do not notice it until the power goes out or an electrical accident happens. May is the perfect time to broaden your knowledge of electricity since it is Electrical Safety Month. The information you need to brush up on your electrical safety knowledge is available at SafeElectricity.org.

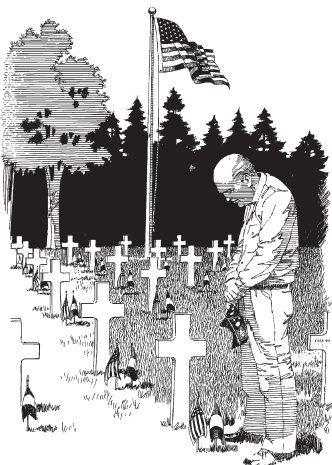
"Safe Electricity has educational materials available to the public," says Janna Dody, Communications Coordinator. "Please take time in May not only to learn more about electricity, but to share that knowledge with others."

One of the most compelling resources is the series of "Teach Learn Care TLC" videos, which feature the stories of people whose lives were affected by electrical accidents. The survivors and loved ones of those involved in electrical accidents want you to learn from their stories to avoid similar tragedies. Families at home, teenage drivers, construction workers, boaters and farmers are all featured—proving that electrical tragedies can strike anywhere. Safe Electricity has a video featuring Kyle Finney's Live Line demonstration, which shows the dangers of high voltage electricity.

You can see electrical arcs, find out what happens when a Mylar balloon comes in contact with power lines and learn more about safety measures to take in and around the home. Safe Electricity also has a library of articles available to the public. You can also like Safe Electricity on Facebook to get timely updates and reminders about electrical safety.

If you would like a personal demonstration for a group, for kids or adults, Sac Osage Electric can provide a live demonstration. Call 417-876-2721 to schedule a FREE demonstration.

Safe Electricity hopes you will observe electrical safety month and encourage friends and family to do the same. Learn more at SafeElectricity.org.



**OUR OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, MAY 29TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY.**

Call or Click 3 Working Days Before You Dig!

Before you dig, get the dirt.

Underground utilities exist everywhere, even in your yard.

Whether you're a homeowner or excavator, digging without knowing where it's safe to dig can cause tremendous damage and even loss of lives.

**1-800-DIG-RITE
or 811**

mo1call.com



**Just a friendly reminder
that May is catch up
month for those members
on Budget Billing.**

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Be kind to animals week

The American Humane Association has designated the first full week in May (May 1-7 this year) as a time to appreciate pets and other animals. Dogs and cats were once worshiped as gods in some societies. In the 11th century, a dog called Saur was named



king of Norway by his master, the actual ruler, who was angry with his subjects for having once deposed him. English writer Samuel Johnson fed his favorite cat, Hodge, fresh oysters every day, while U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt invited the extra-toed cat, Slippers, to diplomatic dinners.

Tornadoes

Most tornadoes in the United States occur in May, often striking suddenly and without warning. Few natural phenomena are harder to predict. Folk wisdom advises that a "pale green sky means the wind is high." In other words, the sky turns green just before a tornado forms.



Although no one knows for certain why this happens, one theory suggests that because storms usually develop in the afternoon, the longer wavelengths (red and yellow) of afternoon sunlight (already deficient in blue) turn the bluish, water-heavy clouds green.

Spring cleaning

Spring cleaning took on another permutation in 1901 when British engineer Hubert Booth invented the first practical electric vacuum cleaner. Unlike the vacuums we know today, his version was sent out with a cleaning crew in vehicles. They went door to door, offering the services of his



machine to vacuum the dust and dirt out of the house using long tubes.

In 1907, the Hoover Suction Sweeper Co. improved on the design; and then again, in 1921, a Swedish electric lamp salesman produced further developments and started the Electrolux Co.

For recipes, gardening tips and weather forecasts, visit:
www.almanac.com

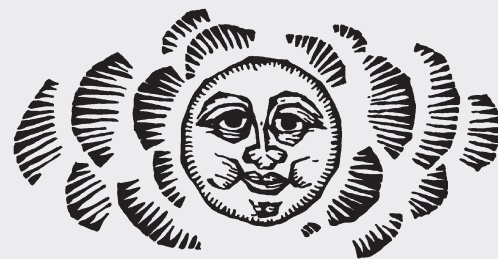
Recipe for Sesame Cookies



5 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
1/2 cup milk
2 eggs
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 ounces sesame seeds

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Sift the dry ingredients into a bowl. Melt the butter and add it to the flour mixture, mixing well. Make a well and add the milk. Beat the eggs with the sugar until thick, then add to the batter along with the vanilla. Knead the dough, then roll or pat out cookies, as desired, and dip each one in the sesame seeds. Bake on a greased cookie sheet for 20 minutes.

THE OLD FARMER'S



WEATHER PROVERBS

**A cold May is kindly
and fills the barn
finely.**

**The weather usually
clears at noon when
a southerly wind is
blowing.**

**With dew before mid-
night, the next day
will sure be bright.**

**When the thrush
sings at sunset, a fair
day will follow.**

**Plant the bean when
the moon is light;
plant potatoes when
the moon is dark.**

**Clover contracts
its leaves at the
approach of a storm.**

**Wind roaring into the
chimney, there is rain
to come.**

**A late spring is a
great blessing.**

A Full House of Energy Savings

ATTIC

In many homes, attic insulation is one of the easiest, least expensive and most effective ways to reduce your energy use. Check with your local electric cooperative to find out how much insulation is right for your climate. In colder regions, a properly insulated attic also reduces the chance of ice dams.

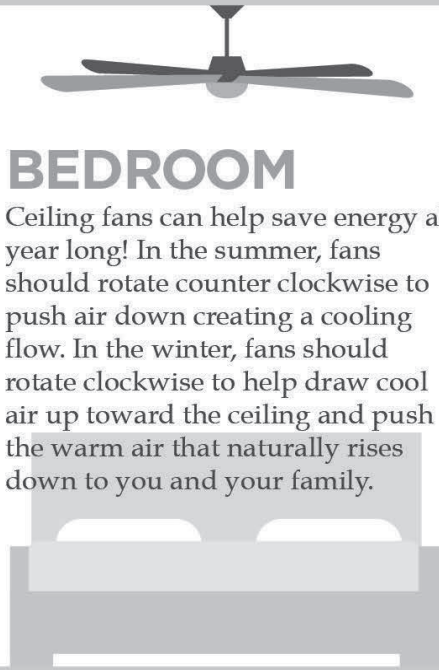
DEN/OFFICE

Plug all electronic gadgets such as phone and laptop chargers, printers, gaming consoles and BluRay players into a power strip with an on/off switch. When not in use, turn the power strip off to eliminate all those energy vampires.



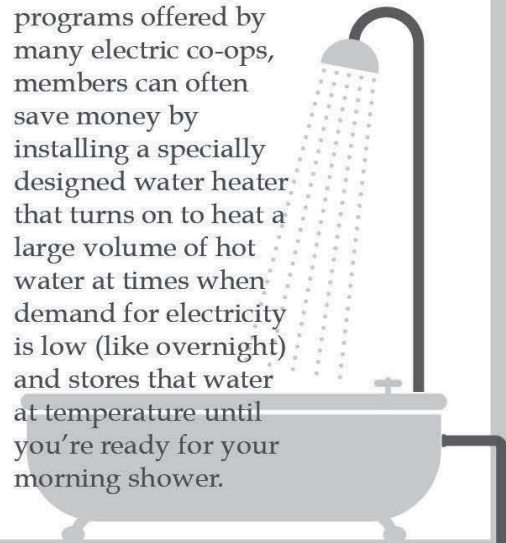
BEDROOM

Ceiling fans can help save energy all year long! In the summer, fans should rotate counter clockwise to push air down creating a cooling flow. In the winter, fans should rotate clockwise to help draw cool air up toward the ceiling and push the warm air that naturally rises down to you and your family.



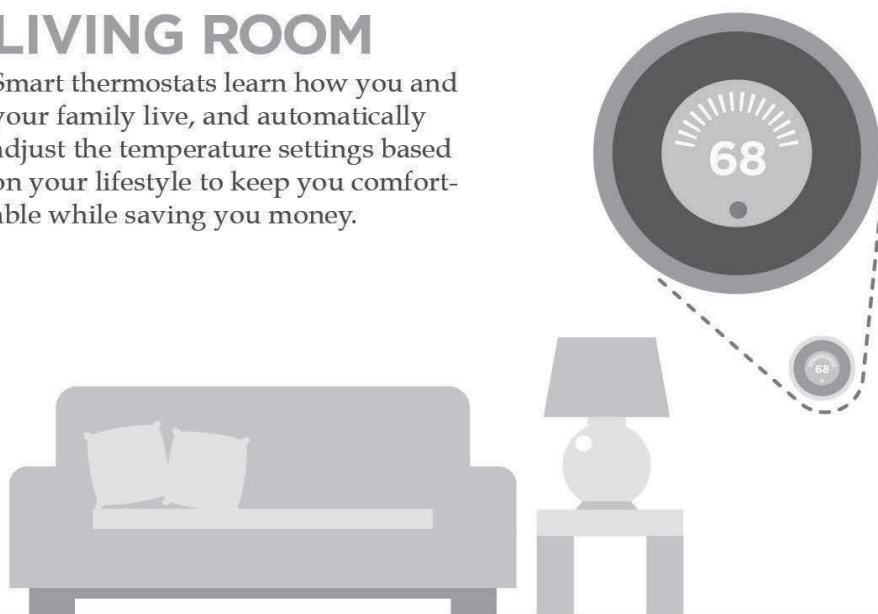
BATHROOM

With demand response programs offered by many electric co-ops, members can often save money by installing a specially designed water heater that turns on to heat a large volume of hot water at times when demand for electricity is low (like overnight) and stores that water at temperature until you're ready for your morning shower.



LIVING ROOM

Smart thermostats learn how you and your family live, and automatically adjust the temperature settings based on your lifestyle to keep you comfortable while saving you money.



KITCHEN

Make sure your burner isn't bigger than the pan, and use flat-bottomed pans to maximize surface contact with the burner. Don't preheat the oven until you're ready to use it. Minimize the number of times you open and close the refrigerator or oven door.



BASEMENT

For more energy saving tips, talk to the trusted energy advisors at your local electric cooperative.





Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Notice of names of persons appearing to be owners of unclaimed capital credit refunds

Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative") is trying to locate members who are the owners or joint owners of unclaimed capital credit refunds who were mailed checks by the Cooperative for those refund payments during the period of 1964 to 1986. Those mailed refund checks were returned to the Cooperative by the U.S. Postal Service as being undeliverable. The list of those members' names and the amounts of the unclaimed capital credit refunds may be found on our website at (www.sacosage.com). If your name appears on the list, or if you are the legal representative of a named deceased member, or have any other information regarding the whereabouts of the member, the Cooperative requests that you notify us so that these unclaimed capital credit refunds can be paid to the rightful owner. To submit a claim, please visit our website at (www.sacosage.com) to either submit your form online or obtain a printable UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDIT REFUND INFORMATION form. You may also obtain this form at our headquarters located at 4815 E Highway 54, El Dorado Springs, or by requesting it on our toll free voicemail box at 1-800-397-2306. If these unclaimed capital credit refunds are not claimed within 60 days of April 12, 2017, by or on behalf of the member, then those funds will be reallocated to the accounts of the current members in accordance with the Cooperative's Bylaws.



PHOTO CONTEST FOR 2018 CALENDAR

We would like to invite our members to participate in Sac Osage Electric Cooperative's photo contest. Thirteen photos will be selected for display in our 2018 Calendar. We would like photos for all seasons. Start looking through those memory cards and have your cameras ready so you can capture just the right picture for our contest. Photos can be any appropriate subject or scene, but must be taken in the general Sac Osage Electric area. Judges will select a photo for each month and one for the cover. Each winner selected will receive a \$25.00 credit on their bill.

CONTEST RULES:

- 1) ONLY Sac Osage Electric Cooperative members are eligible.
- 2) Limit TWO entries per person. Each entry must include name, address, phone number and SOEC account number.
- 3) Submit 8" x 10" print on photo quality paper or email a .jpg image submission to jdody@sacosage.com.
- 4) Images must be HORIZONTAL.
- 5) One prize award or calendar page placement per photographer.
- 6) Photos may be any appropriate subject or scene, but must be taken in the Sac Osage area (Cedar, Barton, Benton, Dade, Henry, Hickory, Polk, St. Clair, and Vernon counties).
- 7) DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: SEPTEMBER 1, 2017
- 8) Photos become the property of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative and will not be returned.

