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Warm up with these SKRECC programs before it gets cold

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When temperatures begin dropping, your monthly electric bill usually starts climbing. There's no need to panic, though. South Kentucky RECC can help take some of the chill out of winter with a more energy-efficient home.

Deal with the ducts

Improve the efficiency of your heating system dramatically by sealing leaky air ducts. By applying a substance called mastic with a paint brush to every duct seam, you'll plug the leaks. You can buy mastic from companies that sell wholesale to heating contractors. If you have questions, you can call your local SKRECC office and talk to an energy advisor who can assist.

Virtual Energy Assessment

Take the guesswork out of electricity use with a Virtual Energy Assessment. This free digital tool performs custom home energy audits and identifies ways to save electricity. Learn more at www.skrecc.com under efficiency and rebates.

Make the switch

Are you heating with an inefficient, costly electric furnace, baseboard heat or ceiling cable heat? Homeowners who replace

an outdated heating system with a qualifying high-efficiency heat pump can receive up to \$750 as an incentive. Call your local SKRECC office and speak to an energy advisor for more information on our heat pump retrofit program.

Button-Up

You can increase your home's efficiency and your comfort through simple upgrades like air sealing or adding insulation to your ceiling. We can help you identify areas where improvements need to be made and suggest weatherization techniques to reduce heat loss in your home with the Button-Up program. You may also receive up to a \$750 rebate for making these improvements! To qualify, your home must be at least 2 years old



SHUTTERSTOCK

This photo shows inadequate insulation in an attic. With SKRECC's Button-Up program, you can increase your home's efficiency by air sealing and adding insulation. You may qualify for a rebate for making these improvements. Call us today.

and electrically heated. You must call your local SKRECC office to speak to an energy advisor before doing any work on your home, as they need to do a blower door test on your home prior to the work being done.

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To find out more about any of South Kentucky RECC's programs, call your local office or (800) 264-5112 and speak to an energy advisor.

SimpleSaver Thermostat Program

Connected thermostats make it easy to manage your home's energy use. Enroll a qualifying Wi-Fi thermostat in the program to receive \$10 per thermostat (up to two thermostats). If you purchased your thermostat on or after March 2, 2019, you may be eligible for an additional \$100 per thermostat. You can also earn an additional yearly \$20 in credits at the end of the summer

season for participating. Details at www.enrollmythermostat.com/simplesaver.

SimpleSaver AC

This program is another way that we are working to keep your electricity affordable and our environment healthy. We will pay you up to \$20 annually for each central air conditioner you enroll, and you will receive those bill credits each and

every year you remain in the program. Plus you may receive a sign-on bonus of up to \$20. With SimpleSaver, being energy smart pays. For more information, just call (800) 305-5493 or go to www.simplesaver.coop.

Call South Kentucky RECC at (800) 264-5112 or visit www.skrecc.com to learn more about these programs and our rebates before the winter winds start blowing. **DSK**

Happy Thanksgiving

Our offices will be closed Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, for Thanksgiving, but our service never takes a break.

If you have an outage or issue, South Kentucky RECC employees will be at work before you carve the turkey. Call your local office or (800) 264-5112 to report an outage.

If you need to make a payment, there are several ways to pay:

- By phone
- Somerset office kiosk
- Online at www.skrecc.com
- By mobile phone app—SKRECC



Be safe when decorating your home with Christmas lights

The holiday season comes with traditions of festive lights and decorations. Unfortunately, without proper safety precautions, time-honored traditions can easily go from merry to scary.

When you're decorating, make sure not to run cords under rugs or furniture, and inspect cords for breaks and damaged prongs before using them. Lights for indoor use should not be hung outside.

If your family enjoys a live tree, water it daily and discard it when it becomes dry and begins to drop needles. Don't forget to keep all decorations at least three feet away from heat sources—especially fireplaces, candles or any open flame.

To save time and money, use a timer to turn lights on in the evening and off before sunrise. Use lights that are light-emitting diodes (LEDs), which use one-tenth the energy of traditional mini-lights, and are cooler to the touch, reducing the risk of fire.

A practical gift for your family this holiday season would be to install ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlets where needed. These outlets automatically shut off a circuit

when it is overloaded. Many electrical fires that occur every year could be prevented by GFCIs.

South Kentucky RECC wishes you and your family a safe and celebrated holiday season.

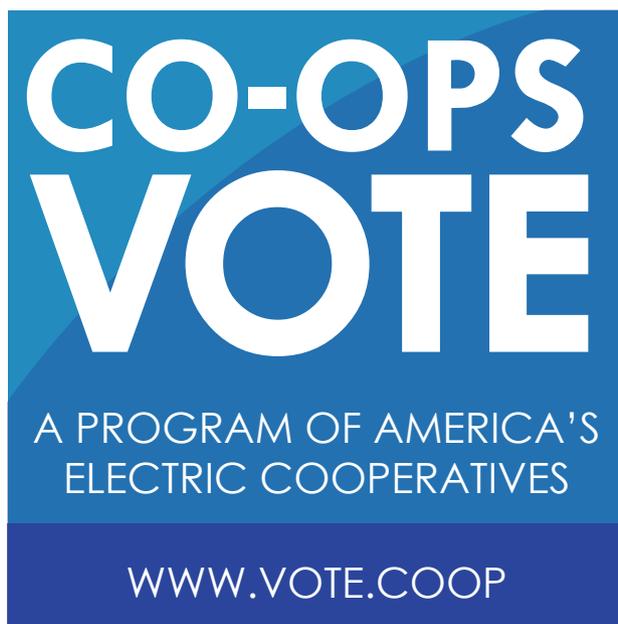


We encourage all South Kentucky RECC members to vote on November 3.

If you have questions about this year's voting process, please visit the Kentucky Board of Elections website:

<https://elect.ky.gov>

Exercise one of your most basic rights—the right to vote.



It's your voice,
your vote!

BOARD ELECTIONS 2020-2021

This year there are two South Kentucky RECC Board of Director positions on the ballot.

The following four-year South Kentucky Director terms are expiring this year:

- **In Pulaski County—District (1)**

(Pulaski County, west of Highway 27, south of Louie B. Nunn/Cumberland Parkway)

Current Director: **Cathy Epperson**

- **In Clinton County—District (5)**

(Clinton County and southern Wayne County, south and west of Highway 92, including small portions of Russell County and Pickett County, Tennessee)

Current Director: **Greg Beard**

The South Kentucky RECC Credentials and Elections Committee will have candidate application packets available for distribution to interested candidates beginning December 1, 2020.

If you are an interested candidate and have

read and comply with the complete list of requirements to be considered for a Board of Director position (by viewing www.skrecc.com), wish to discuss the process further and obtain a candidate application packet, contact Amy Acton, Administrative Assistant, (800) 264-5112 between 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. to make an appointment.

All completed application packets must be returned, in person, to Amy Acton at the Somerset Headquarters Office of South Kentucky RECC by 4:30 p.m. (ET) on Friday, January 15, 2021.

The web addresses for the candidate application information for the 2020-2021 South Kentucky RECC Board of Directors Election and bylaws are:

[2020-2021 SKRECC Board of Directors Candidate/Requirement Application](https://skrecc.com/DirectorElection) (available Dec. 1):

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[SKRECC Bylaws:](https://www.skrecc.com/bylaws)

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To report an outage 24/7/365, please call your local office, (800) 264-5112, or set up your account to be able to text outages. Please do not report outages via social media.

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Register for truck giveaway



South Kentucky RECC is giving you the chance to be in the drawing for a 2011 four-wheel-drive Ford Ranger with a topper. Each member that attended Member Appreciation Days in October, was given a registration in their buckets. If you were

unable to attend, you can visit our website—www.skrecc.com—and print a Member Appreciation Truck Giveaway form, which helps us make sure all the information on your account is correct. Once you fill it out, you can mail it in with your statement, mail it separately to SKRECC, P. O. Box 910, Somerset, KY 42502, or drop it off at your local office. The drawing will be held at 11 a.m. ET on December 18.

Enter to Win!

Visit www.skrecc.com, download the member appreciation truck giveaway form, fill it out and mail it to P.O. Box 910, Somerset, KY 42502



Member Dwight Sutton, of Somerset, was the winner of our website scavenger hunt from the August issue of *Discovering South Kentucky*. Presenting the \$50 VISA gift card to Sutton is SKRECC Vice President of Finance and Member Services Michelle Herrman.