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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Monday-Friday

WHEN YOUR ELECTRICITY FAILS

Check your house fuses or breakers, and the breakers on the meter pole if you have such. The REMC's responsibility is to deliver power to the meter.

TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

Call WIN Energy REMC's Outage Express at **888-456-9876** 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Outage Express number is only for reporting outages. Please call 800-882-5140 for all other business calls.

UNDERGROUND LINE LOCATING

Please call 811 at least two business days before you plan to dig.

METER READING DATES

Cycle 1: Sept. 1; **Cycle 2:** Sept. 6; **Cycle 3:** Sept. 15; **Cycle 4:** Sept. 24; **Cycle 5:** Sept. 1; **Cycle 6:** Sept. 30.

WIN ENERGY OFFICE CLOSINGS

Good Friday, April 22; Memorial Day, May 30; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 5; Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving holidays, Nov. 24 and 25; Christmas holidays, Dec. 23 and 26; New Year's holidays, Dec. 30.



Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives
The power of human connections®

CO-opNews Information from your electric cooperative

Look up at harvest time

National Farm Safety and Health Week is Sept. 18-24

Harvest season is the most satisfying time of the year on the farm. It's the culmination of many long hours of effort in raising a crop. But long, grueling hours in the field can make workers weary, and prone to forget safety precautions that can prevent serious or fatal electrical injuries. Every year, an average of 62 farm workers are electrocuted in the United States and many more are injured, according to U.S. Department of Labor statistics.

During National Farm Safety and Health Week, WIN Energy REMC urges farm operators, family members, and employees to beware of overhead power lines, to keep farm equipment safely away and to know what to do if accidental contact is made with power lines. Farm workers are encouraged to visit www.safeelectricity.org and watch the video story of farmer Jim Flach, who was fatally injured as he climbed down from his equipment which was in contact with overhead power lines.

The increasing size of farm equipment, particularly grain tanks on combines that have become higher with extensions, allow operators to come perilously close to overhead power lines over entrances to fields. It's vital to keep equipment safely away from them, a minimum 10 foot safety radius around the electric line.

The number one cause of electrocution on the farm is an auger that hits a power line when being moved. Portable augers being maneuvered by hand around bin sites have caused the death of many farm workers who became the path to ground for electricity when the top of the auger touches overhead power lines. Always retract or lower augers when moving or transporting them.

Other common equipment involved in power line accidents are oversized wagons, large combines, and other tall equipment that come into contact with the overhead lines.

Harvest time is the most likely period for farm-related injury accidents and fatalities. Combines and other equipment loaded onto trailers can also hit power lines and can cause electrocutions, as can raising the bed of a truck to unload.

That is exactly the reason for the tragic electrocution of a 53-year-old Michigan truck driver who raised the bed of his semi-trailer truck while parked beneath a power line at the edge of a field. Colleagues said he was attempting to clean out the bed, and when he touched the truck bed he became the path to ground for the electricity.

Farm operators, family members, and farm employees are urged to take these measures:

- Use a spotter when moving tall loads near lines.
- Inspect farm equipment for transport height



National Farm Safety and Health Week is Sept. 18-24. Make sure you practice electrical safety while on the farm, especially during harvest season.

and determine clearance with any power lines under which the equipment must pass.

- Make sure everyone knows what to do if accidental contact is made with power lines. These accidents are survivable if the right actions are taken.

If you, a family member or a worker on the farm comes into contact with a power line while operating equipment, it's almost always best to stay in the cab, call for help and wait until the electric utility arrives to make sure power to the line is cut off.

If the power line is energized and you step outside, your body becomes the path and electrocution is the result. Even if a power line is on the ground, there is still the potential for the area nearby to be energized. Stay inside the vehicle unless there's fire or imminent risk of fire.

In case of fire, the proper action is to jump – not step – with both feet hitting the ground at the same time. Jump clear, without touching the vehicle and ground at the same time and continue to shuffle or hop to safety keeping both feet together as you leave the area.

Like the ripples in a pond or lake, the voltage diminishes the farther out it is from the source. Stepping from one voltage level to another allows the body to become a path for that electricity. A large difference in voltage between both feet could kill you. Be sure that at no time you or anyone touches the equipment and the ground at the same time. The operator should never simply step out of the vehicle – the person must jump clear.

National Farm Safety and Health Week is the perfect time for farm families and workers to discuss electrical dangers and to know how to avoid them. Learn more at www.safeelectricity.org or contact WIN Energy REMC at 800-882-5140.

Save today with your Co-op Connections Card!

List of business discounts

AUTOMOTIVE

County Wide Service Center, Sullivan

10 percent off on a vehicle service.

Princeton Auto Parke, Princeton

\$5 off an oil change. \$10 off on a full-auto detail. Standard rates apply. Not to be used with any other special offers or discounts.

CONVENIENCE STORE

Casey's General Store, Sullivan

\$2 off a large pizza. Limit one use per visit. Not valid with any other offer.

The Melon Patch, Oaktown

Buy 1 lb. of fudge and get 1/2 lb. free.

ENTERTAINMENT

Children's Museum of Evansville

\$1 off general museum admission. Not valid with any other discounts or offers. Limit one per customer. Discount applies to general admissions. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Grouseland/William H. Harrison Mansion, Vincennes

\$1 off adult admission or one free adult admission if bringing children. Does not apply to tour groups.

Historic New Harmony, New Harmony

\$1 off of adult-guided walking tour at Athenaeum/Visitors Center. Not to be combined with any other discount or senior discount.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

C.J. Rhoads Income Tax Service LLC, Sullivan

\$5 off income tax preparation.

Oxford Mortgage Corp., Evansville

Free credit analysis. \$200 off appraisal fee (purchases and refinances). Oxford Mortgage Corp. serves all residents of Indiana.

Regions, Bicknell and North Vincennes branches

Open a Life Green Package and receive a 3x5 security deposit box free for one year.

FITNESS

Anytime Fitness, Vincennes and Washington

\$5 off per monthly rate. No enrollment fees. \$10 off price of key. \$5 off add-ons. Add-ons must be at least 16 years old and live at same address. Requires 12-month contract. Must be 18 years old to sign contract.

FLORISTS

Buds & Blossoms Florist Greenhouse, Sullivan

10 percent off purchases totalling \$35 or more.

Country Creations Floral, Carlisle

10 percent off on orders \$30 and up. Orders sent by wire excluded.

Webster Florist and Greenhouse, Bicknell

10 percent off total purchase. Cash and carry only. Must show Co-op Connections Card.

HEALTH/BEAUTY

Back 2 Health, Vincennes

Complete new patient evaluation including personal consultation, thorough examination, and report of the doctor's findings and recommendations at no charge. Current patients will receive one complimentary aqua massage therapy session.

Eyeworks, Vincennes

10 percent off the total spent on each visit. Must show card at check-in to receive discount. Cannot be used with or combined with any other discount, specials or insurance of any kind.

Harmony Eye Care, Evansville

10 percent off eye exam, glasses and contact lenses. Cannot be used in conjunction with insurance benefits.

Novingers Video and Tanning, Princeton

\$5 off any regularly priced tanning packages. Rent one, get one free five-day movie rentals. Cannot be combined with any other discounts.

O'Brien Hearing Center, Inc., Jasper, Vincennes, and Washington

20 percent off all products at any of our office locations.

HOME SERVICES

ACCA Basement Systems, Evansville

10 percent off (up to \$300). Serving Gibson, Knox, Pike and Posey counties.

Anthris Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., Vincennes

Spring or fall furnace or air conditioner service check, \$70. First hour of labor/parts excluded. Labor extra.

City Pest Control, Linton

10 percent discount on initial pest control services. Serving Greene and Sullivan counties.

Country Ayre, Inc., Haubstadt

\$2,000 toward your closing costs. Ask about our subdivisions and retirement community in Haubstadt.

Fortner Pest Control, Vincennes

7 percent discount on new accounts.

Koorsen Fire and Security, Evansville

UL-listed Honeywell Security System (including control panel with backup battery, Earth Ground, phone jack, two door contacts, one motion detector, one wireless key fob, yard signs and window stickers – installed, programmed and tested) for \$149.99. Requires a 36-month agreement. Credit approval required. Not valid for existing customers.

Perfect Climate Solutions, Fort Branch

\$25 off your whole-house comfort and energy audit. Not valid with any other offers.

LODGING

Comfort Suites, Vincennes

Room rate of \$84.95 plus 12 percent tax.

Fairfield Inn, Princeton

15 percent off rack rate.

Haus Edelweiss Bed and Breakfast, Vincennes

10 percent off regular price.

Redbird Cabin Rental, Linton

10 percent off a three-night stay for cardholders. Also take advantage of their ongoing specials – \$300 for a five-night stay or \$375 for a seven-night stay. Excludes holidays and opening days of hunting season.

OFFICE

Better Business Forms, Vincennes

10-20 percent off.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Blue Eyes Photography, Vincennes

\$25 off any session or order. Call for an appointment.

Fords the Art of Photography, Vincennes

10 percent off session fee. Weddings excluded.

PUBLICATIONS

Princeton Daily Clarion, Princeton

\$3 off a private-party classified ad. No businesses.

The Independent LLC, Bicknell

One-year subscription for \$20 (regular price – \$30).

RESTAURANTS

Debbie's Country Kitchen, Merom

Receive a drink FREE with the purchase of a meal.

Dick Clark's Restaurant, Princeton

FREE piece of pie with the purchase of a sandwich, side and drink.

Dominos Pizza, Loogootee and Sullivan

Buy a large specialty pizza and receive a medium one-topping for free. Cannot be used with any other coupon or special.

Kat-A-Korner Diner Inc., Sullivan

\$1 off dessert with purchase of meal. Must present co-op card.

Old 41 Diner, Sullivan

10 percent off ticket price.

Penn Station East Coast Subs, Evansville, Henderson, and Owensboro

10 percent off any order at regular price. Not valid with any other coupon or offer.

Subway, Sullivan

Buy four 6-inch subs or flatbreads (Jared's favorites or classic only) for only \$13.99.

Sullivan McDonalds, Sullivan

FREE sundae or two FREE apple pies with the purchase of an extra value meal. Limit one per visit, per card.

Taste of Paradise, Princeton

10 percent off any item. Cannot be used with any other coupons or discounts.

Twist & Shake, Jasonville

FREE 16 oz. fountain drink with purchase of a sandwich and side.

Uptown Deli, Sullivan

FREE 20 oz. drink with purchase of a 12-inch sub.

Zip and Sip, Oakland City and Vincennes

Buy one, get one FREE ice cream cone.

RETAIL

Angell's Food Centers, Sullivan

\$1 off any 1/4 sheet or larger decorated cake from the Angell's Bakery.

Awards and More, Sullivan

10 percent off on one award or gift item.

Country Lane, Princeton

10 percent off regular priced items over \$10. Items marked "firm" (grape vine trees) and already discounted items excluded.

Elaine's Stride Rite, Vincennes

10 percent off regular-priced Birkenstock shoes.

F&M Building and Home Supplies, Princeton

10 percent off in-stock light bulbs.

K.R.V. Floral and Home Furnishings, Princeton

10 percent off floral and new furniture. Excludes used furniture.

M.G. Grundman & Sons, Inc., Vincennes

15 percent off boots and shoes.

Perk-A-Lawn Gardens, Vincennes

10 percent off all retail plants and merchandise. Excludes mulch.

Pro Bass Shop, Linton

5 percent off total purchase.

Screen Printing Plus, Vincennes

Half price discount on in-stock retail transfers on garments purchased at Screen Printing Plus. Limit two per customer, per visit. Not available on supplied garments. Not valid with any other discounts.

Sherwin-Williams, Vincennes

10 percent discount on all paints and stains. Excludes sale items.

Stickersandmore.com, Washington

10 percent off, up to \$50, on any custom T-shirt order. Excludes website specials.

Top Spot Outdoors and Bicycles, Evansville

\$10 off bike repair, minimum of \$50. 10 percent off entire purchase. No special orders. Not to be combined with other offers or promotions.

Tri-County Equipment Company, Inc., Evansville and Poseyville

Purchase any new lawn equipment with a value of \$2,500 or more and receive a free set of blades.

Twice As Nice, Sullivan

10 percent off total bill. Sale items excluded.

Valley Cash N Carry, Vincennes

10 percent off excluding cigarettes and tobacco products.

Vanessa's, Vincennes

\$10 off your purchase of \$50 or more on regular-priced merchandise when presenting your co-op card. Not valid on sale merchandise.

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Facts about mercury in compact fluorescent bulbs

Ads and packaging materials for compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) proclaim they use much less energy and last much longer than standard incandescent bulbs. However, if you read the fine print on the packaging or find the notice on the base of each bulb, you'll see that it contains mercury.

While that may raise an alarm in your mind, there's no need to worry. The amount of mercury inside the glass tubes of an average CFL is miniscule (about the equivalent of the tip of a ballpoint pen) and it's especially small when compared to other items you may have around your home. The amount of mercury in a CFL runs about 4-5 milligrams (mg), while a glass fever thermometer contains 500 mg, and an old-style thermostat could contain up to 3,000 mg.

CFLs are safe to handle and use in your home, and they release no mercury when in operation. Even if you break a CFL, the amount of mercury that may become airborne poses a very low risk of exposure, says ENERGY STAR® (a program of the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency).

To prevent breakage, carefully unpack a CFL, and always screw and unscrew the bulb by its base. When CFLs burn out or break, the best course of action is to recycle them.

CFLs fall into the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) category of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), but there's no federal or state requirement that the bulbs be recycled. There are several HHW recycling centers in Indiana that accept CFLs. Some hardware stores and other retailers may have CFL recycling buckets on hand. And you may be able to dispose of CFLs during your community's annual hazardous waste collection event.

To find out if there's a facility or store near you that accepts CFLs, go to the Earth 911 website at www.earth911.org, or call 800-CLEANUP. Be sure to call the facility or store that's listed, before you make the trip, to ensure that it allows homeowners or apartment dwellers to drop off CFLs.

If one of these recycling options is not available to you, you may put burned out or broken CFLs

with your regular trash — but in no case should you burn or incinerate them. Here's what EPA says about properly disposing of CFLs.

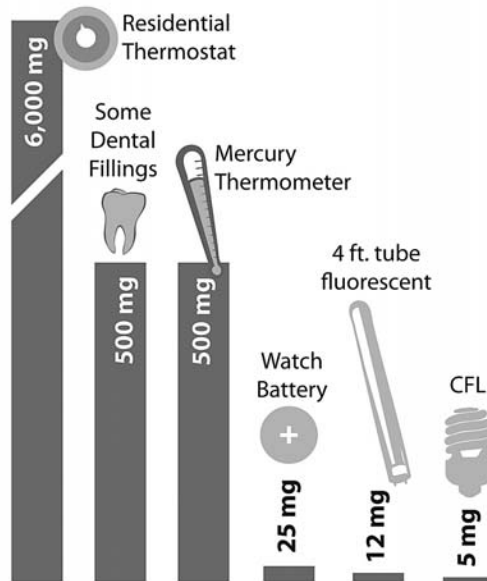
Burned-out CFLs: Put the CFL in a sealed plastic bag, and place it with your regular trash.

Broken CFLs: If you break a CFL in your home, open nearby windows to disperse any vapor that may escape, and carefully sweep up the glass shards. (Don't use your hands!) Wipe the area with a damp paper towel to remove glass fragments; don't use a vacuum cleaner. Put the fragments, the base of the bulb, and the paper towel in a sealed plastic bag, and place it with your regular trash.

CFLs are a great idea. They'll help you cut your utility bills, and they'll help reduce the need for electricity production. However, to create the maximum benefit for the environment, recycling burned-out and broken CFLs makes sense. — ENERGY STAR, Natural Resources Defense Council

Comparing Mercury Content

Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) contain tiny amounts of mercury, and they're not alone. Many common household items also contain mercury. For recycling tips visit www.epa.gov/cfl.



Source: ENERGY STAR, Natural Resources Defense Council

CO-OP CONNECTIONS CARD

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Yesterday's Memories, Princeton

10 percent off regular-priced items over \$10. Items marked "firm" (grape vine trees) and already discounted items excluded.

STORAGE FACILITIES

Henderson Transfer Co., Inc., Vincennes

In addition to any other discount, 10 percent off. Five percent out-of-state except third-party and valuation charge.

J&P Storage, Carlisle

10 percent off the first month's rental fee.

TECHNOLOGY

Calibre Computer Solutions, LLC, Princeton

10 percent off labor charges. Not valid with any other discounts, coupon or offers.

TRAVEL

Ambassador Travel, Evansville

\$20 off cruise or vacation package purchased with Ambassador Travel. Please advise your travel consultant of your Co-op Card at the time of the reservation.

Find out more about the Co-op Connections Card at www.winenergyremc.com.

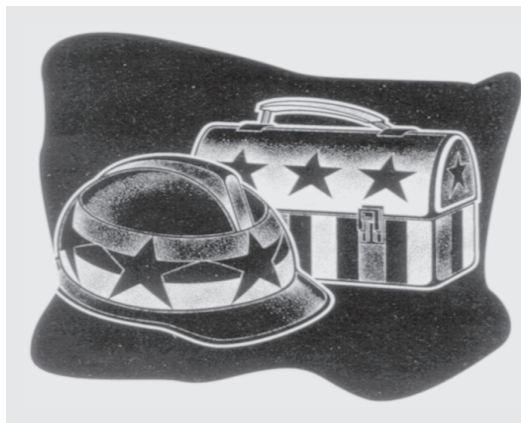
Back to school energy savings

The kids have new backpacks, new supplies, new bedtimes, new routines — and new homework every night. Heading back to school has kids using a lot more energy.

And it's not just their own. They need energy to power so many back-to-school activities: the computers they use to write their papers; the lights they shine until later in the evening, especially as the days get shorter. Even the daily drive to and from school can be a burden on the environment and your wallet.

Resolve to conserve energy as your kids head back to their classrooms this fall — and you might even save a few dollars along the way. Here are some energy-friendly back-to-school tips:

- Teach your children how to put the computer into sleep mode when they are finished using it, even if they plan on returning later. Electronics in sleep mode use about 80 percent less electricity than they do on full power.
- In the market for a new computer? Choose a model with an Energy Star® rating, which will use 70 percent less electricity than those without. Energy Star monitors draw 90 percent less energy.
- Desk lamps and other task lights create a productive work environment without wasting excess light. Replace the halogen or incandescent light bulbs in desk lamps with compact fluorescent light bulbs. CFLs produce less heat and use 90 percent less electricity than traditional light bulbs.
- Bicycling or walking to school two days a week can save gas and give your kids some much-needed exercise now that the summer days of play are over. If the commute is too far, organize a gas-saving carpool with parents in your neighborhood to earn yourself a couple of mornings off.
- Do a thorough inventory of school supplies before heading to the store to buy more. You may find that you need less than you think. When you buy, choose discounted bulk packages that will leave plenty of leftovers for the next school year.
- Buy reusable sandwich bags and use lunch boxes instead of paper bags to save money and reduce everyday packaging waste.



The directors and employees of WIN Energy REMC wish you a happy Labor Day!

In honor of the holiday, our office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5

More is better when insulating your home's attic

Is there enough insulation in your attic? By adding insulation, you can improve your home's energy efficiency and save money. Here's a tip from WIN Energy REMC that can help reduce your energy consumption — and your electric bills.

With adequate attic insulation, your home's heating/cooling system will operate more efficiently. It will keep you cooler in the summer and warmer in winter — and it will keep more money in your wallet. As **TogetherWeSave.com** has shown, adding insulation to your attic can save you \$240 a year.

Older homes tend to have less attic insulation than newer ones. An energy audit (see article at left) can indicate whether additional insulation is needed.

Before adding insulation to your attic, determine how much insulation is already installed, what kind it is, and how thick it is. Next, you'll need to know the R-value — which indicates the insulation's resistance to heat — of existing attic insulation. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating effectiveness. Once you know the R-value, you can determine how much insulation to add by using the U.S. Department of Energy's Zip Code Insulation Program.

Now you're ready to decide what kind of insulation to install: loose-fill or blanket (batt and roll) insulation. Loose-fill insulation consists of small particles of fiber, foam, or other materials. Blanket insulation, the most common and widely available type of insulation, comes in the form of batts and rolls made from mineral wool, plastic fibers, and natural fibers. Loose-fill insulation is usually less expensive to install than batt insulation. And when installed properly, loose-fill insulation can provide better coverage.

For other tips on how to save energy — and money — visit Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives energy-saving website, **TogetherWeSave.com**, or call the efficiency experts at WIN Energy REMC at 800-882-5140.



A worker adds some loose-fill insulation to a home's attic. Making sure your attic is insulated well could save you \$240 per year on energy costs.

FREE energy audits available to WIN Energy REMC members

WIN Energy REMC wants to help maximize the energy efficiency of your home so you can reduce your energy use and save money on your monthly electric bill.

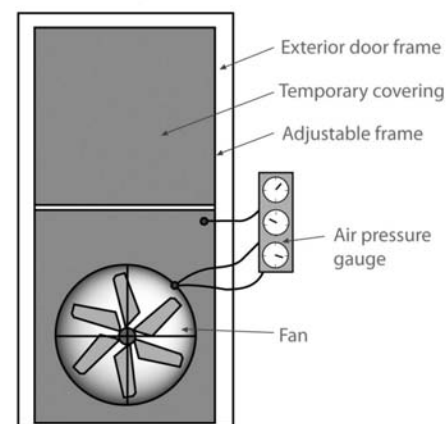
An energy audit can help locate areas in your home that could be improved or changed in order to use electricity more efficiently. The energy audits we offer include a blower door test which is a great indicator of improvements that can be made.

The graph to the right indicates how energy efficiency is tested with a blower door. The test can point out areas of air leakage in your home where hot air in the winter or cold air in summer is leaving your home, thus increasing your energy costs.

For more information about energy audits that are available to you, please contact Leslie Beard, manager of marketing and communications, at 800-882-5140.

Testing efficiency with a blower door

Many home energy audits involve use of a special diagnostic tool called a blower door. The device confirms the air tightness of a home by drawing out air with a massive fan mounted on an exterior door. The drop in interior pressure causes outside air to rush in through areas like inefficient window seals, for example.



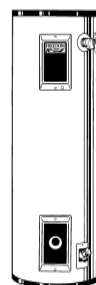
Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Marketing Program 2011

WATER HEATER REBATES

New home construction or existing homes replacing a water heater:

- 40-, 50- or 60-gallon high efficiency (.90 or above): \$50 rebate
- 80-gallon high efficiency (.90 or above): \$150 rebate
- Free for new home construction or conversion from gas to electric if picked up at WIN Energy office. If purchased elsewhere, the above rebates will apply.



GEOHERMAL HEAT PUMP REBATES

New home construction or existing homes:

- \$1,000 rebate

AIR-TO-AIR HEAT PUMP REBATES



New home construction or existing homes replacing a heat pump or existing homes with fossil fuel as primary heat with central air:

- 14/15-SEER heat pump \$300 rebate
- 16-SEER heat pump \$350 rebate
- 17-SEER heat pump \$400 rebate

Existing homes with standard electric furnace:

- 14/15-SEER heat pump \$800 rebate
- 16 SEER-heat pump \$900 rebate
- 17 SEER-heat pump \$1,000 rebate

CENTRAL AIR REBATES

New home construction or existing homes installing central air units:

- 14/15-SEER unit \$200 rebate
- 16-SEER unit \$250 rebate
- 17-SEER unit \$300 rebate

All rebate requests must be made in person at one of our offices located in Vincennes, Princeton or Sullivan. A bill of sale is required and must include the following information:

- Installation date.
- Model and serial number of the heat pump.
- SEER rating.
- Previous type of heating system (if replacing existing system).
- WIN Energy account number where unit was installed.

NOTE:

- Failure to provide the above information may result in forfeiture of rebate.
- By receiving a rebate, the member agrees to participate in WIN Energy's load management program.
 - All rebate requests must be submitted in person within **30 days** of installation/purchase date.
 - All installations are subject to verification and/or inspection.
 - Please contact customer service about these programs or visit www.winenergyremc.com.
 - **Rebate program ends Dec. 31** and is subject to change without notice.