'tis the season to
Save Energy & Save Money

RAPPAHANNOCK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
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RECNEWS

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You've made space for the tree, started planning Thanksgiving and maybe even created a holiday shopping list. Now it's time to plan for holiday savings on your electric bill.

REC is here to help you! Here's what we recommend:

Use LED lights for all your holiday and general home use. Regular bulbs use about seven times as much electricity as LED lights, and LED lights can last up to 10 times longer.

Set your heat to 68 degrees or the lowest comfortable setting. You will save about one percent on your heating bill for every eight hours your heat pump runs. Set the thermostat to an even lower temperature when you are not at home or when your family goes to sleep. Want to go a step further? Pick up a programmable thermostat that will let you control the temperature from your smart phone—even when you're not home.

Seal windows and doors. Pick up an easy-to-apply storm window kit. Also consider weather stripping for older windows.

Use space heaters sparingly. These appliances are big energy hogs. Instead, consider adding an extra layer of clothing or using extra blankets.

Wrap up your water heater. If your water heater is in a garage, crawl space or other unconditioned area, use a water heater blanket. This will keep the water heater from using more energy during colder months.

Don't forget your crawl space. Close the foundation vents and seal the crawl space access door with weather-stripping to keep the cold air from entering underneath and ultimately into the conditioned areas of your home.

Need help with an electrical service or installation?
Visit myrec.coop/electricalservices

Need help finding the right weatherization upgrades?
Visit myrec.coop/vividlybrighter to see what we recommend.

Keeping You Informed

Enhanced Outage Communications Offered to REC Member-Owners

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Your Cooperative works year-round to trim trees and upgrade equipment to reduce the potential for a power outage. After safety, RELIABILITY is always our top priority.

But when an outage can't be prevented, REC wants to keep you informed at every step. That's why your Cooperative is excited to now offer even better outage text communications in the event that your home or business loses power.

Receive alerts proactively notifying you of power outages and outage restoration. Text messages will notify you when:

- REC is aware of an outage in your area.
- The estimated restoration time is available or changes.
- Crews are en route or on site at the outage location to make repairs and restore your power.
- Power is restored, including the outage cause when available.

With our improved outage communications, members can now report an outage through a text message and can also text key words such as STATUS to get the latest on an outage impacting their home or business.
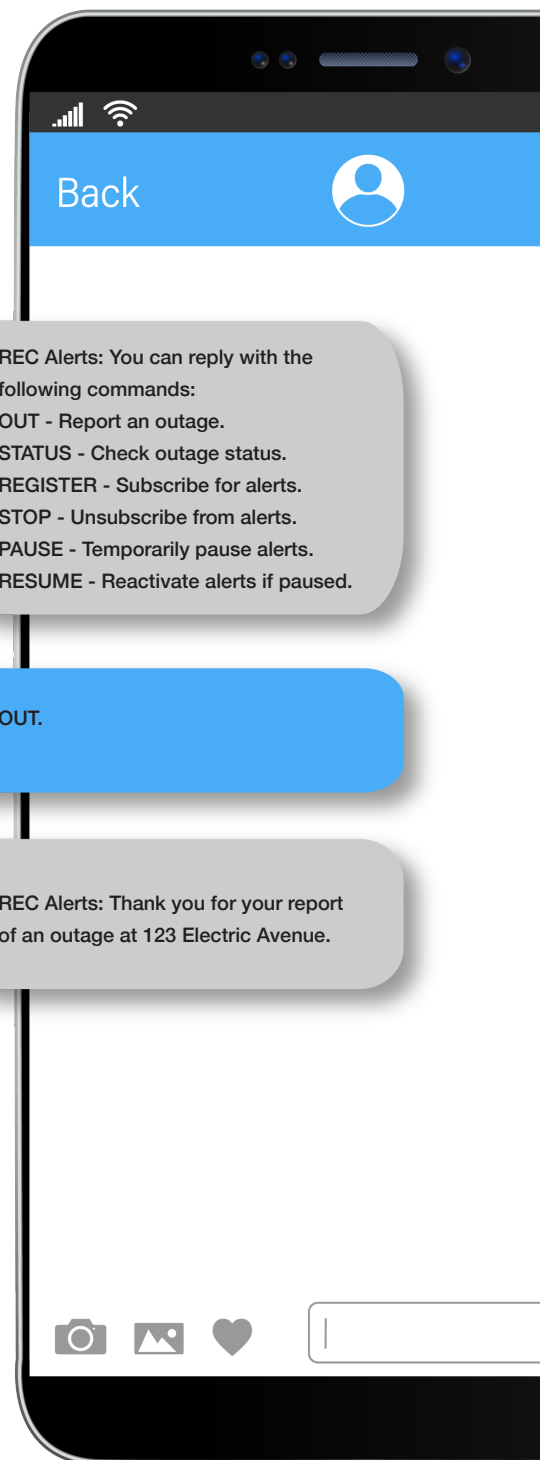
"This is your Cooperative, and we are always working to improve service for you," said Casey Hollins, Managing Director—Communications and Public Relations.

If you currently receive outage text alerts from REC, no steps are necessary to take advantage of this improved service. In addition, all REC members who have provided a cell phone number to the Cooperative are automatically enrolled and do not need to take any steps to stay informed during an outage.

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REC Alerts: You can reply with the following commands:
OUT - Report an outage.
STATUS - Check outage status.
REGISTER - Subscribe for alerts.
STOP - Unsubscribe from alerts.
PAUSE - Temporarily pause alerts.
RESUME - Reactivate alerts if paused.

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REC Alerts: Thank you for your report of an outage at 123 Electric Avenue.

Learn more about improved outage communications:

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Give the **Gift of Electricity**

It is easy for anyone to provide a little help on a friend, neighbor or relative's electric account with REC. Simply fill out the form and return it, with the funds to help someone, by mail with your electric bill. Your friend's or relative's electric account will be credited in the amount of your gift and you will receive confirmation. It's just one more way that REC is looking out for its members!

I/We would like to provide the following person a credit of $_____ on their REC account.

Recipient's Name (please print) _____

Account # (if available) or recipient's telephone number _____

PropertyAddress _____

Your Name _____

Daytime Telephone _____

Your Address _____

* Enclosed is my check * I wish to remain anonymous

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