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Winter Energy Efficiency Tips

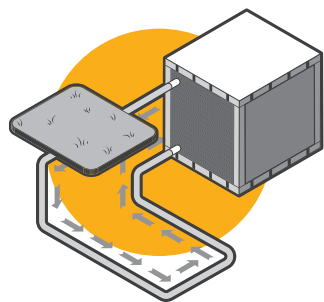
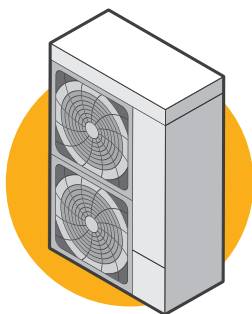
Types of Heat Pumps

There are three main types of heat pump systems. Use the information below to determine the system that's best suited for your climate and home.

Air-Source Heat Pumps

- Most commonly used heat pumps
- Moves heat rather than converting it from a fuel like combustion heating systems do
- Can reduce heating costs by about 50 percent when compared to baseboard heaters or electric furnaces
- Newer, more efficient systems now represent a legitimate space heating alternative in colder regions like the Northeast and Midwest.

Note: If temperatures in your area drop below 10 to 25 F, you will need an auxiliary heating system (depending on the size of the system).

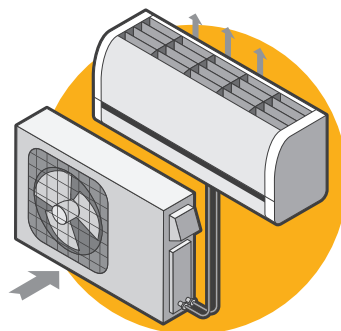


Geothermal Heat Pumps

- More expensive to install but provide more energy savings for heating and cooling
- Move heat through pipes buried underground
- When compared to a conventional heating system, can reduce energy use by 25 to 50 percent
- Effective in extreme climates
- Not ideal for smaller lots and certain soil conditions

Ductless Mini-Split Heat Pumps

- Easier to install, quiet, small in size
- Flexible for heating and cooling individual rooms and smaller spaces
- No energy loss through ductwork, which accounts for more than 30 percent of a home's energy use for space heating/cooling.
- Installation can be pricey, but federal incentives may be available



Heat pump systems should be installed by a licensed professional. Contact your local electric cooperative for more information about options and potential incentives.

Sources: Dept. of Energy and Consumer Reports

An energy-efficient home will keep you comfortable while saving you money. Whether you take simple steps or make larger investments to make your home more efficient, you'll see lower energy bills. Over time, those savings will typically pay for the cost of improvements.

Your heating and cooling system is your largest energy expense, accounting for nearly half of your energy budget. To make the biggest difference in your energy bill, follow these simple energy strategies:

Adjust the thermostat. The simplest way to save money on heating and cooling is to adjust your thermostat. You can save as much as 10 percent a year on heating and cooling by simply turning your thermostat back 7 to 10 degrees from its normal setting for 8 hours a day. When you are home, we recommend your thermostat be set on 68°F in the winter and 78°F in the summer.

For even more control of your home's system, consider purchasing a programmable thermostat.

Leave the thermostat's fan switch on "auto" so the fan only runs when the unit runs. Setting the fan to "on" causes it to run all the time, whether or not heating or cooling is needed.

Seal cracks and gaps around windows, doors and siding with caulk and weather stripping. This prevents the loss of heated or cooled air.

Unblock it. Keep furniture, carpeting and curtains from blocking vents and air return ducts.

Take it slow. Raise the temperature slowly to keep your bill lower. Quickly raising your heat pump's temperature activates the heat strip, which uses additional energy.

Limit the use of portable heaters. Space heaters are great for spot heating, but they are much less energy efficient than heat pumps. If you choose to use portable heaters, keep them away from flammable materials. Never use an oven to heat your home.

Let the sun shine in. Open drapes during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

Keep in heat by closing your attic, basement, garage and exterior doors to prevent cold drafts.

Change your filter. A dirty filter makes your heating system work harder, using more energy. Simply replace your disposable filter or clean your washable one every month.

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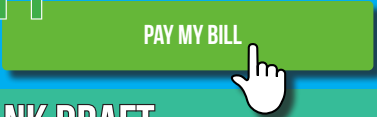
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AUTO-PAY VS. BANK DRAFT

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



AUTO-PAY

- **YOU CAN SET YOUR DATE TO PAY.**

Note: You can still get charged a late fee on auto-pay. Make sure to set auto-pay for your bill's due date, not after.

- **YOU CAN SET AN END DATE.**

You can set a date to remove yourself from auto-pay. If you do this, make sure to remember to pay a different method afterwards to avoid late fees and disconnection.

BANK DRAFT

- **BANK DRAFT ALWAYS GOES THROUGH ON YOUR BILL'S DUE DATE.**

You don't have to set payment on the bill's due date like in auto-pay. Bank draft takes care of that automatically.

- **OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES CAN HELP YOU WITH SETTING UP DRAFT PAY.**

If you have trouble with bank draft, our Customer Service representatives can help easier than with auto-pay.

HELPFUL TIP: SIGN UP FOR AUTO-PAY OR BANK DRAFT WITH OUR ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL, NOT YOUR BANK. BANKS CAN TAKE MORE TIME TO PROCESS, RESULTING IN LATE FEES.

THE VERDICT

We recommend bank draft as the most reliable option. Auto-pay is the more flexible choice, but if your account is on auto-pay, set your payment date as the bill's due date in order to avoid late fees.

IF YOU'RE SIGNED UP FOR AUTO-PAY OR BANK DRAFT, BEWARE OF OVERDRAFTING YOUR BANK ACCOUNT.



The President's Message

Chris Stephens
CEO

The cooperative principle, Concern for Community, is one of our greatest strengths. Here at Coweta-Fayette, we take pride in this principle and are actively engaged in the communities we serve by investing in the people and many organizations that make them.

The Washington Youth Tour, which is also Georgia's oldest leadership program for teens, is a group of over 1,500 high school students from across the nation who visit Washington, D.C., each year. CFEMC sponsors two students each year to attend to help develop their leadership and team building skills while learning more about our country's history and how our government works.

Coweta Works and Fayette Works are programs that provide opportunities for many of our middle school children to get a glimpse of various career

opportunities. CFEMC, along with many other businesses within our community, is a strong supporter and participant in these programs. This is a great investment in our youth that provides them ideas of how they may tailor their high school schedules towards a future career path.

With your help, one of the many ways we are engaged and give back to the communities we serve is through Operation Round Up. This voluntary program allows you, the members, to round up your power bill each month to the nearest dollar. These funds are managed by the CFEMC Trust Board. The small amount of money you contribute each month, an average of 50 cents, when combined with that of thousands of other members, changes lives.

The CFEMC Trust offers Melissa Segars Scholarships, named in memory of a young lady from our service area who inspired many despite her physical limitations. These \$3,000.00 scholarships are awarded to deserving high school seniors each year. The scholarships place heavy emphasis on the applicants' involvement in community service and how they have made their community a better place.

Technical scholarships are also offered by the CFEMC Trust. We recognize the importance of technical education to equip students with knowledge and skills to compete in the workplace. These \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to deserving applicants

based on the academic performance, financial need and community service activities.

Bright Ideas, another program funded through the CFEMC Trust Board, provides grants to deserving teachers who have developed innovative classroom projects that may not have the funds to implement them. These innovative projects provide creative learning experiences for students.

Operation Round Up has benefited many organizations and individuals since its inception in 1993. Whether for education, first responders, food banks, and too many others to name, it would not be a success without your participation.

CFEMC employees are also involved in our communities. Through our benevolent committee, our employees make donations to those in need and volunteer their time to work at local charities or visit the assisted living facilities. This past Christmas, our employees packed over 200 boxes for Midwest Food Bank, sorted goods at One Roof, delivered 115 goody bags to residents in assisted living facilities while doubling as Christmas carolers.

It is great to work within an organization where not only do the employees make their job a priority, but they also make the communities we serve a priority. Our community defines us and it is our commitment to always try to make them better.

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