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## FOUR WAYS SANTA SAVES ENERGY IN HIS WORKSHOP

The holiday season is finally upon us, and Santa and his elves have been especially busy as they gear up for their biggest night of the year.

It's no secret that Santa is known for running an efficient workshop—how else could he make all those toys in time for Christmas Eve? Rumor has it that one way Santa ensures an efficient

workspace is through energy-saving measures.

Here are four ways Santa saves energy in his workshop.

1. Santa leaves his decorations up year-round, so by using LED holiday light strands, he's able to save on his monthly energy bills. LED holiday strands can last up to 40 seasons, which makes them a great option for any festive home.

2. Santa requires several power tools to make a year's worth of new toys. That's why he insists on using cordless power tools with the ENERGY STAR® rating. According to energystar.gov, if all power tools in the U.S. used ENERGY STAR®-rated battery chargers, 2 billion kWh hours of electricity could be saved—that's equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1.7 million tons!

3. Mrs. Claus loves to keep warm by the fire in the evenings, and Santa knows one of the best tricks to ensure fireplace efficiency. While a fireplace can keep a small area of your home cozy and warm, it can also pull heated air from the

room through the chimney. That's why Santa always closes the fireplace flue when a fire isn't burning.

4. Santa also saves energy by using power strips. Power strips are ideal for workshops, craft nooks, game rooms, and other spaces in your home. With one simple switch, you can conveniently control several devices and

electronics that are plugged into the power strip.

This holiday season, let's take a page from Santa's book and remember to save energy when possible. With these four tips, you'll be well on your way to savings (and hopefully, Santa's "nice" list!).



From all of us at EMC, we wish you and yours a Very Merry Christmas!

Our office will be closed December 24-25 so that our employees may enjoy the holidays with their family. In the event of an emergency or outage, please call 770-502-0226.

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# CFEMC EMPLOYEES WON'T LET COVID-19 STOP THEM FROM MAKING AN IMPACT



With the holiday season upon us and the New Year just around the corner, it's a great time to reflect on giving back. While most will agree this has been a year like no other—the employees at CFEMC have continued their tradition of giving back to the communities we serve.

CFEMC employees who were part of our internal leadership program - VISION EMC - recently organized a food drive for Backpack Buddies.

"We saw online that this organization was giving out more food than normal because schools were closed and they were running out," CFEMC employee Jennifer Jones said. "All of us in Vision thought it would be a good thing to do and we could do it under the COVID restrictions."

According to the Backpack Buddies website, they send out 1,100 bags of food each week in Coweta County. They contain two breakfasts, two lunch items, two fruit cups, a water bottle, and snacks.

The VISION group put collection boxes throughout the office and asked employees to bring in dona-

tions of kid-friendly, easy-to-make items like Mac and Cheese, fruit snacks and cereal. Thanks to the efforts of the employees, two carloads of food were delivered to Backpack Buddies in Newnan.

These same efforts are continuing around the holiday. Employees have hosted a Chili Lunch and other fundraisers and will be donating time once again at One Roof and the Real Life Center to continue helping local charities during the holiday season.

Our concern for the community is a year-round endeavor. Because we are a co-op, volunteerism and giving back are a part of who we are. CFEMC offers employees flexibility in their schedules to accommodate these volunteer opportunities. We look at co-op volunteerism as an investment in our community by enabling our employees to donate their time and expertise to help groups that are doing so much for our community.

It's the gift that keeps on giving.



## The President's Message

Chris Stephens  
CEO

Over the years, you've probably heard or read about Coweta-Fayette EMC's concern for our community. This is one of the core principles that sets our cooperative apart from other types of utilities and businesses. We've always taken this mission and responsibility to heart. It's who we are as a co-op.

Over the past few months, like so many of you, we've risen to meet new challenges and strengthen the safety net for our community, particularly for those who are most vulnerable. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we've made numerous adjustments to programs and operations to maintain business continuity while staying focused on the bigger mission of helping our members during this turbulent time.

Now, with the holidays fast approaching, these recent events have made me pause and think about the role we play in our community. While our purpose is to provide safe and reliable energy to you, the members we serve, we have a greater mission—to be a catalyst for good.

You're probably aware of our Operation Round-Up program, where we take donations from generous members like you who have "rounded up" the amount due on their electric bill to help our local non-profits who work with our most vulnerable neighbors to meet their many needs. That same program just allowed us to help 27 local teachers by awarding over \$30,000 through our Bright Ideas teacher grants.

Many of this year's grants revolved around the change education experienced due to COVID-19. For example, one of the grants provided a projector and screen that would allow online students an opportunity to still connect with students who were attending in person and added additional Chromebooks for the school. Another provided equipment for students to create a professional sounding podcast that would allow them to access class content whenever they needed it.

We also have a strong commitment to safety—not just for our employees, but for our community as well. We normally make numerous visits to schools to teach children of all ages how to stay safe around electricity. This year, we've had to adapt since we're not able to be in the classrooms with our area students. So, our presentations have gone virtual. We know how important the safety message is and we're working to make sure everyone receives this vital information.

Our employees continue serving on local boards, coaching youth sports, and volunteering at charitable events, because when you work at a co-op, you understand how important a strong community is—after all, without you, the co-op wouldn't exist.

We know that our core job is to keep the lights on; but our passion is our community. Because we live and work here too, we want to make it a better place for all.

If there's anything we can do to help you—whether providing energy-saving advice to help lower your monthly bill or discuss payment plan options during these difficult times—please reach out to us at 770-502-0226.

Concern for the community is the heart and soul of who we are. And no matter what the future brings, you can count on your electric co-op to care about you.

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