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5 WAYS TO STAY COZY THIS WINTER

Baby, it's cold outside! When you're feeling chilly at home, there are several budget-friendly ways you can keep comfortable without turning up the thermostat.

Here are five easy ways to stay cozy this winter.

1. Whether you're experiencing extremely cold winter temps or you simply "run cold," an electric blanket can deliver quick warmth like a regular throw or blanket cannot. Electric blankets can include a variety of features, like timers and dual temperature settings (if your cuddle buddy prefers less heat). This winter, consider an electric blanket instead of turning up the heat, and your energy bill will thank you.



2. One of the easiest ways to stay cozy at home is to keep your feet warm. Our feet play a critical role in regulating body temperature, so when your feet are warm, your body automatically feels warmer. Try a pair of comfortable wool socks or house slippers to stay toasty.

3. On winter days when the sun is shining, take advantage and harness natural warmth from sunlight. Open all curtains, drapes and blinds in your home to let the sunshine in—you'll be able to feel the difference.



4. Another way to make your home cozier is to use a humidifier. Cold air doesn't hold water vapor like warm air, so by adding humidity inside your home, you can feel a little warmer. A favorable level of humidity

inside your home can also help clear sinuses, soften skin and improve sleep.

5. Beyond adding visual appeal to your home, area rugs can also provide extra insulation and a warm surface for your feet on cold winter days. Use large area rugs in rooms where you spend the most time. You'll enjoy the new colors and textures of the rug, and the additional warmth will help keep your home comfortable.

Still concerned your home might not be using energy efficiently?

In a perfect world, your best option would be to schedule a visit from one of our professional energy auditors. They come and do a detailed inspection of your home's insulation, HVAC systems, appliances, lighting and more. However, we know with everything happening, you might not want to have people in your house right now. In that case, consider taking advantage of some of our virtual energy efficiency tools and information located on our website at <https://utility.org/energy-efficiency/>.

Here's what you'll find...



Together We Save

This is designed to provide you with energy saving tips, tricks and practices. Discover ways to improve energy efficiency on this room by room cyber journey of a typical home. You can also see how much you can save by replacing standard incandescent lights with Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs). Quite a lot!



Online Home Energy Audit

This easy-to-use tool is designed to help you identify the best ways to save energy in your home.



Home Energy Calculator

Determine the cost of your current energy use and see how that amount changes by creating various scenarios for comparison.



For more information on energy efficiency, visit the Touchstone Energy Savers website, and start spending less today!

Other helpful links:

- U.S. Department of Energy
- Energy Star
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
- State of Georgia Stimulus Accountability
- Database of State Incentives for Renewable and Efficiency
- Alliance to Save Energy

Our online tools offer simple solutions you can use to make your home more energy efficient and only take a few minutes of your time to work through.

These are just a few ways you can stay cozy this winter without turning up the thermostat. Don't forget the hot chocolate!

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Coweta-Fayette EMC has launched a new podcast called, "In The Loop"! It will feature a new segment every month with relevant information about your EMC.

We invite you to listen, subscribe & share! Simply scan the code below and get started learning about your EMC today!



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Space heating and cooling account for a large portion of the average home's energy use. A programmable or smart thermostat can help you control the temperature of your home and save energy.

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*The
President's
Message*

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When we say that we live in a "connected" world, most of us think about technology, like our smart phones and other devices and gadgets. But when you're a member of an electric co-op (that's you!), there's so much more to being part of our connected co-op community.

As a member of Coweta-Fayette EMC, you help to power good in our local community through initiatives like Operation Round Up that help the most vulnerable. We depend on you because you power our success, and when CFEMC does well, the community thrives because we're all connected.

We greatly value our connection to you. That's why I'm excited to share about our new podcast - In The Loop. I'd like to encourage you to download it, listen and subscribe. We want to help you maximize the value you can get from CFEMC by making sure you're aware of all the programs, products and services we offer our members.

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Our first episode is all about what makes CFEMC unique and different from other types of utilities. If you're unsure about what being a member of a co-op is all about, this is a great way to learn. Our second episode will feature High-Impact, Low-Cost Ways to Save Energy Around Your Home.

If you have ideas or questions you'd like covered in upcoming episodes, simply email us at info@utility.org and let us know.

We want you to be able find information where it's convenient for you. When you follow Coweta-Fayette EMC on social media, you can stay up to date on power restoration efforts, annual meetings, energy efficiency, safety and much more. You'll also see photos of our line crews in action and our employees helping with community service projects— and who doesn't enjoy seeing good things happening in our community!

Don't forget, you can also sign up for text alerts and receive outage and restoration information right on your phone.

Download our app and you can monitor and manage your home energy use, pay your account online, and access several other options from many of your electronic devices.

We hope you will connect with us whenever and wherever you can—whether that means attending our annual meeting, providing feedback on a survey, or simply downloading our app.

Coweta-Fayette EMC exists to serve our members, and when we're better connected to you and our local community, we're better prepared to answer the call.

We look forward to connecting!