

December 2025

# URECC NEWSLETTER

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## Reflecting on Progress, Planning for the Future

As we close another year, I want to thank you—our Upshur Rural Electric Co-op members—for your continued trust and support. URECC was founded on neighbors working together to improve their communities, and that spirit still guides us today.

Every decision we make, from maintaining reliable service to planning for the future, comes down to one question: How will this benefit our members?

This year brought meaningful progress. Electric cooperatives nationwide worked together to shape the EPA’s Power Plant Rule, ensuring a balanced approach to clean energy while protecting reliability and affordability. We also pushed for federal permitting reforms to speed up grid improvements and for bipartisan support of the FEMA Act of 2025 to streamline disaster recovery. These wins strengthen reliability and resilience right here at home.

We’re also investing locally—using new technologies and AI tools to improve system monitoring and identify issues before they happen.

Looking ahead, the energy industry continues to evolve rapidly, bringing both challenges and opportunities. With the dedication of our employees and the trust of our members, URECC is ready to meet the future head-on—delivering safe, reliable, and affordable power for today and tomorrow.

**To request vegetation management near or endangering a power line, select “Contact Us” in the SmartHub app or web version, and choose System/Line Problems. You can also call member services at 903-843-2536.**

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

To enhance the efficiency of your fireplace, keep the damper closed when it's not in use to prevent heat loss. Installing a fireplace insert can improve heat output by circulating warm air into the room. Use only seasoned hardwood for a hotter and cleaner burn, and make sure to regularly clean and inspect the chimney to ensure safety and maintain efficiency.

## UTILITY SCAM AWARENESS TIP OF THE MONTH

Beware of the “energy-saving device” scam prevalent on social media and through emails. These products falsely claim to reduce or eliminate energy bills by balancing or cleaning home power. However, there is no device that can simply be plugged in to lower energy consumption.

# December is the season of GIVING

Consider signing up for URECF Operation Round Up Today!

**For less than \$1 a month, you can help local organizations address essential needs in youth, education, public safety, health, and emergency services. If you register during December, you'll also have the opportunity to win a \$50 bill credit!**

You can register through the SmartHub app, visit our website at [urecc.coop](http://urecc.coop), or reach out to Member Services at 800-259-2536 or 903-843-2536.

**A heartfelt thank you to all the Members who have signed up and contributed to the fund. Your generosity makes a real difference, and together, we are working towards strengthening our community for the better.**

## Traveling this holiday season?

Set your home to vacation mode before you leave!

Lower your thermostat a few degrees

Lower your water heater temperature

Unplug devices when not in use.

*Merry Christmas*  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

**URECC will be closed Thursday, December 25, 2025 in observance of Christmas Day. We will re-open Friday, December 26th, 2025.**

**URECC will be closed Thursday, January 1, 2026 in observance of New Years Day. We will re-open Friday, January 2, 2026.**

**The URECC team wishes you and your loved ones a joyous and safe Christmas and New Year!**

## Cranberry Brie Bites

- Crescent Dough
- Brie
- Cranberry Sauce
- Pecans
- Rosemary



- Preheat oven to 375° and grease a mini muffin tin.
- Roll out crescent dough, cut into 24 squares, and press into muffin cups.
- Place small pieces of Brie, cranberry sauce, pecans, and rosemary on top.
- Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes.