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URECC NEWSLETTER

Spring Cleaning Tips to Boost Electric Efficiency!



Spring cleaning is not just about decluttering. It is also a great opportunity to improve your home's electric efficiency. Simple tasks like dusting light fixtures, unplugging unused electronics, and replacing old bulbs with energy-efficient LEDs can make a noticeable difference. Cleaning vents and appliances helps them run more efficiently, while checking cords and outlets ensures everything is operating safely. A few small updates this spring can help lower energy use, reduce monthly bills, and keep your home running smoothly all year long.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Spring's mild weather is a great time to save energy. Open windows for fresh air, replace air filters for better efficiency, and use natural daylight when possible to help lower energy costs and keep your home comfortable.

URECC 2026 ANNUAL
MEETING SET FOR
THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND
REGISTRATION OPENS AT
11:30 AND THE MEETING
KICKS OFF AT 1 PM.

Keep an eye out for your annual meeting ballot, which will be mailed on March 13. You can vote by mail for a chance to win special mail-in prizes—just be sure your ballot is postmarked at least five days before the meeting. Or, join us in person to cast your vote and register for even more great prizes (must be present to win). If you can't make it, you can still catch all the highlights by viewing the Annual Meeting report at urecc.coop/annual-meeting-2026. Remember, you'll need an active account to register, and each member gets one entry. We hope to see you there!

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.

UTILITY SCAM AWARENESS TIP OF THE MONTH

Enrolling in autodraft payments can help protect you from utility bill scams. Automatic payments reduce the risk of fake disconnection threats and keep your banking information secure. Consider signing up for Bank Draft.



Do not miss out! ETREYS 2026 is now accepting applications!



Ten sophomores and juniors from our service area are selected to attend an all-expenses-paid summer seminar filled with workshops, peer activities, and motivational speakers. Students develop leadership, teamwork, and public speaking skills—and may even earn college scholarships.

Deadline to apply: March 27th urecc.coop/etreys for the application.



June 8-12, 2026

East Texas Baptist University



Securing Your Financial Future

If you're expecting a tax refund this spring, consider using it to strengthen your financial foundation. Start by building or boosting an emergency fund to cover unexpected expenses. Once that's in place, you can direct your refund toward goals like retirement savings or needed repairs. Thoughtful planning now can make a lasting difference for your financial future.

No-Bake Mint Oreo Truffles

- 1 package mint Oreo cookies
- 1 block (8 oz) cream cheese softened
- 1 cup white chocolate, melted
- Green sprinkles or crushed mint candies (optional)



- Crush the Oreos into fine crumbs
- Mix with cream cheese until smooth
- Roll into bite-sized balls
- Dip in melted white chocolate, and top with festive sprinkles. Chill until set and enjoy!