

RECIPE BOX

ZUCCHINI CARROT CASSEROLE

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds zucchini
- 1/4 cup chopped green onion
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup shredded raw carrots
- 1 (8-ounce) package herb-seasoned stuffing mix
- 1/2 cup melted margarine or butter

DIRECTIONS

In a medium saucepan, boil zucchini and green onion in 1 cup water for 5 minutes. Drain and discard water. Stir in undiluted cream of chicken soup, sour cream and carrots. In a bowl, toss together stuffing mix with margarine or butter. Sprinkle half of stuffing mixture in the bottom of a 9x12-inch baking dish. Spoon vegetable mixture over the top. Sprinkle rest of stuffing mix over everything. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-35 minutes. Serves 6.



This recipe is courtesy of Georgia Grown. Did you know your recipe is worth \$20 if chosen? Send your best recipes to kimb@tri-countyemc.com or mail to P.O. Box 487, Gray, GA 31032.

OPERATION ROUNDUP GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE

Deadline March 1

Do you know of a nonprofit or civic group looking for funding for projects in our service area? An Operation Roundup Grant may be the right fit.



Operation Roundup is a community development program funded by the voluntary contributions of Tri-County EMC's members to the Tri-County EMC Foundation. Contributions are made to the foundation when participants elect to have their monthly electric bill rounded up to the next dollar.

Each quarter, the Tri-County EMC Foundation accepts applications for grant projects that meet needs in the eight-county Tri-County EMC service area. The Tri-County EMC Foundation Board evaluates each application and awards grants based on the worthiness of the application and available funds.

Non-profit and civic groups can apply for a project they are executing or on behalf of individuals residing within the eight county area (Baldwin, Putnam, Jones, Bibb, Jasper, Morgan, Twiggs and Wilkinson). One hundred percent of funds collected are returned to the community through donations from the foundation.

Learn more at www.tri-countyemc.com/operation-round-up.cms or call 478.986.8126. (95152001)

2022 Operation Roundup Grant Application Deadlines:
March 1 | June 1 | September 1 | December 1

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Tri-County EMC will award \$13,000 in scholarships this year! To learn more or to apply, visit us at online at tri-countyemc.com/scholarships-overview.cms. (91503001)

- **Operation Roundup Scholarship:** Applications Due April 15
- **Cooperative Scholarship:** Applications Due April 15
- **Lineman Scholarship:** Applications Due April 15



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TRI-COUNTY EMC INTRODUCES LINEMAN SCHOLARSHIP

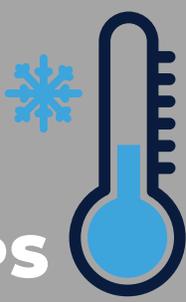
Each year, Tri-County EMC awards \$10,000 to local students from the Tri-County EMC service area. This year, we are adding an additional \$3,000 Lineman Scholarship.

To qualify, applicants must have received a high school diploma in Jones, Putnam or Baldwin Counties or have received a GED and currently reside in Jones, Putnam or Baldwin Counties in Georgia.

“Like many trades, being a lineman is very much a tradition and a way of life,” said Kim Broun, Manager of Energy Services. “This scholarship is our way to raise awareness for lineman careers and encourage individuals looking for a stable, hands-on job to consider becoming an electric lineman.”

This scholarship will cover the cost of most Lineman School programs offered in the Technical College System of Georgia. To learn more, visit www.tri-countyemc.com/linemanscholarship.cms. Applications are due April 15.

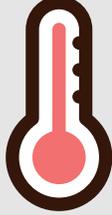




WINTER ENERGY TIPS

TURN DOWN THE HEAT

The simplest way to save in winter is to bundle up and turn down your heat. For optimal savings, we recommend keeping your heat at or below 68 degrees.



AVOID SPACE HEATERS

Space heaters cost more to operate than your heat pump. While they may be effective to temper a cold bathroom, they cannot replace the efficiency of a properly functioning HVAC Unit.



CLOSE DAMPERS

After extinguishing the fire in your fireplace, be sure to close the damper. Leaving the damper open creates a path for warm air to escape from your home.



STOP AIR FROM ESCAPING

Add weather-stripping on doors and windows, and caulk the cracks to keep conditioned air inside and outdoor air from leaking into your home



MAINTAIN YOUR HVAC

Well-maintained equipment runs more efficiently, so replace or clean filters as needed. Units that are overcharged or have low coolant levels will cost you more in the long run. Be sure to have your HVAC unit serviced every 1-2 years.



**MORE ENERGY SAVING TIPS AT
WWW.TRI-COUNTYEMC.COM**

MANAGE YOUR ENERGY USAGE

Getting the most for your energy dollar is important. You want a comfortable home with good indoor air quality and reasonable energy bills. By using information and guidelines from our online Energy Efficiency Center, you can do simple things to cut down your energy usage. Visit www.tri-countyemc.com/energy-calculator.cms to learn more.

BILLING INSIGHTS ENERGY AUDIT

This calculator breaks down your energy usage using your bills and allows you to perform energy saving scenarios to pinpoint your opportunities for savings. To get the most out of this tool, it's helpful to have been a Tri-County member for at least 12 months to properly analyze billing data.

ENERGY CALCULATORS

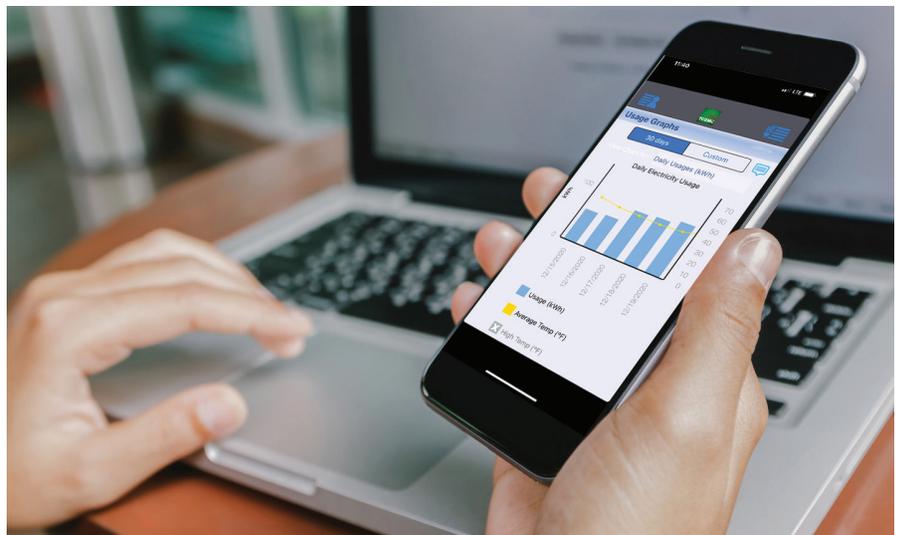
Using our space heater, appliance, television and lighting calculators, learn which areas of your home are using the most energy and where you can conserve.

ACCOUNT NOTIFICATIONS

Take the surprise out of your monthly energy bill by setting up notifications and mobile alerts through the myTCEMC app or member portal. Whether you want daily energy usage notifications, or if you just want to know when you reached a certain threshold, there are options available for you.

MONITOR YOUR USAGE

Keep a close eye on your usage with Usage Graphs on the myTCEMC app or the online Member Portal. See how weather impacts your use by overlaying daily temperatures with kWh consumption.



EV365- Electric Vehicle Incentive

New Year, New Car?! If you are in the market for a new car, consider purchasing an electric vehicle! If you purchase a new car in 2022, you will receive a \$30 bill credit each month for a year. And if you install a Level 2 charger in your home, you'll receive a \$250 credit. Visit www.tri-countyemc.com/electricvehicles.cms.



IS AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE RIGHT FOR YOU?

As prices for gas continue to be volatile, along with the price of vehicles, the time may be right to consider purchasing an electric vehicle.

The selection of EVs on the market continues to grow, with nearly every major dealer offering, or planning to offer, an electric option. In addition, the battery range on these vehicles are quickly moving towards the 400 mile marker, making them competitive with most gasoline powered counterparts.

A service visit for an EV costs much less than its gasoline-powered counterparts, including just tire rotation, air filter replacement, wiper blade replacement and topping off the washer fluid. And if you are looking for a clean alternative, EVs produce zero tailpipe emissions. This is why many national companies, including Amazon, are converting their fleets to electric vehicles.



If you are in the market for a car, we encourage you to include electric vehicles in your research. Our website, www.tri-countyemc.com/electricvehicles.cms, has information available to help you with that decision. In addition, if you purchase a new electric vehicle this year, you will receive a \$30 bill credit each month for a year. If you install a Level 2 charger in your home, you'll receive a \$250 bill credit. And if you don't want to charge at home, Tri-County EMC has charging stations available at both our Gray and Eatonton office locations, free of charge.

If you have questions about electric vehicles, give Jonathan Stewart, our EV Representative, a call at 478.986.8119.

BRIGHT IDEAS GRANTS AWARDED TO LOCAL TEACHERS

In January, Tri-County EMC surprised 27 teachers in Baldwin, Jasper, Jones and Putnam Counties with educational grants totaling \$30,000. Since 2008, Tri-County Electric Membership Cooperative has provided more than \$330,000 in grants to local schools. Funded by unclaimed capital credits, the grants help teachers improve education in their classrooms through innovative projects that would otherwise not be funded. Georgia certified public or private school teachers in grades Pre-K through 12 in Baldwin, Jones, Putnam, Twiggs, Jasper and Wilkinson counties qualify to apply. To see photos of all 2021 Bright Ideas Grant winners, visit tri-countyemc.com/bright-ideas.cms. Applications for the 2022-2023 school year will be due on October 15. (67687001)



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