

# SOUTHEAST ELECTRIC Cooperative



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## 12 days of winter savings

**O**N the 1st day of winter my momma said to me:

Lower the thermostat and grab a blanket – we are trying to save energy!

On the 2nd day of winter my momma said to me:

Go purchase some LED's as they last 30 times longer – we are trying to save energy!

On the 3rd day of winter my momma said to me:

Open those curtains and let the sun in to warm us – we are trying to save energy!

On the 4th day of winter my momma said to me:

Close that damper on the fireplace so the cold air don't sneak in – we are trying to save energy!

On the 5th day of winter my momma said to me:

Let's get those air leaks sealed around the drafty windows and doors – we are trying to save energy!

On the 6th day of winter my momma said to me:

Unplug all those electronic device chargers when you aren't using them – we are trying to save energy!

On the 7th day of winter my momma said to me:

Let's use the air fryer and the crock pot this week as they use less energy – we are trying to save energy.

On the 8th day of winter my momma said to me:

Don't forget to clean the lint filter in the dryer after every use – we are trying to save energy.

On the 9th day of winter my momma said to me:

Can you climb up and rotate the ceiling fans counter-clockwise to keep the room cozy – we are trying to save energy.

On the 10th day of winter my momma said to me:

Make sure you wash that load of clothes in cold water – we are trying to save energy.

On the 11th day of winter my momma said to me:

Let's get one of those fancy smart thermostats to better manage our home heating and cooling – we are trying to save energy.

On the 12th day of winter my momma said to me.

We got our electric bill today and would you look at that – we saved a lot of energy!

**MERRY**  
Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

*May your Christmas be merry and bright, and may the  
New Year bring you all the happiness you deserve.*

Our office will be closed on  
December 25th & January 1st.

Many blessings from all of us  
at Southeast Electric  
Cooperative, Inc.

# During a disaster, be a fam with a plan

**I**t's not pleasant to think about worst-case scenerios. But a little planning can make a difference if the worst does happen. Follow these tips to avoid feeling helpless during a disaster.

## Before:

- **Communicate.** Talk with your family about who to call, where to go and what to do if disaster strikes.
- **Educate.** Plan different strategies for different situations. Map out a fire escape route from all areas of your home, and establish a safe place to go during threatening weather. Make sure all family members know their full names, address and phone numbers. Agree on an out-of-town relative or friend to call if everyone gets separated during a disaster, and have an ICE (In Case of Emergency) contact in your cell phone that first responders can call if needed.
- **Prepare.** Set up warning systems in

your home — fire detectors and carbon monoxide alarms give advance notice that can save lives. Use a battery-operated weather radio for advance storm warnings, and subscribe to your local Office of Emergency Management alerts by text or e-mail if available. Keep an emergency kit handy that contains five days worth of non-perishable food and water, medical supplies, a list of phone numbers (including your electric co-op and other utilities' outage numbers), prescriptions and important documents. Also, plan for pets or any special needs for family members. Then practice your emergency plans.

## During:

- **Keep calm.** Think clearly and follow your plan. Use the resources you prepared in case of emergencies.
- **Have extra battery power for phones.** Keep a few (charged!) power banks on hand so you can charge at

least one phone. During extended outages, use the phone sparingly to reserve power.

## After:

- **Be patient.** Wait for all danger to pass. Never re-enter an evacuated area without permission to do so, and remember to use caution when you do go back into your home—you can't always see danger.
- **Avoid delayed danger.** Do not approach downed wires or power lines, and watch for rising waters. Keep standby generators in well-ventilated areas—never run a generator indoors, even in a garage.

With a little planning, the worst can be avoided during major storms and disasters. Visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) for more disaster planning ideas. Taking the time to be prepared is worth the effort now in case of an emergency later. RM

# SECO celebrated Co-op Month with Co-op Daze

**O**CTOBER was National Co-op Month and this year Community 1st Credit Union in Ekalaka and Southeast Electric celebrated by hosting special events each week.

Community 1st kicked off the first Thursday with Donut Daze at the Credit Union.

The next week the soup was hot hot hot at Southeast Electric. Community 1st made hamburger/vegetable soup and SECO made chili and encouraged everyone to stop by for lunch.

The third week, the Credit Union treated the community to Cookies, Cocoa and Cider. SECO had bags of popcorn available the next week.

To round it all off ghouls and goblins, big and small, were given a treat at both offices on Halloween.

Adding to the festivities Community 1st had a jar of pumpkin seeds for members to guess how many were in the jar. Quentin Reynolds won a very nice gift basket.

Guests stopped in to guess how many tootsie rolls were in the jar at Southeast Electric. The correct number was 543! The winner of the jar of tootsie rolls was Holly Walker with a guess of 557 and the winner of a \$50.00 bill credit was Sarah Reynolds with a guess of 547!

Thank you all for helping us celebrate Cooperatives!! RM



Jaelee Strangford and Libby Barth kicked off Co-op Daze with Donut Daze at Community 1st Credit Union.



Vicki Fix and Robin Kuntz served up soup at SECO.