

*Wishing you  
and yours  
a Merry  
Christmas  
and a Happy  
New Year!*



*Our offices will be closed Dec. 24-25 for Christmas and Jan. 1, 2019, for New Year's Day.*

## Message from the President

### Giving Back in 2018

At this time of year, store aisles are packed with bright rolls of paper, ribbons and bows. It's everything you need to wrap up a gift meant to bring holiday cheer to a family member. Oftentimes, though, it's the one who gives that experiences the greatest joy.

As we "wrap up" 2018, let's reflect on some of the ways Blue Grass Energy gave

back to our members and communities this year.

We partnered with the American Cancer Society (ACS). Employees volunteered nearly 200 hours helping with ACS-sponsored events—raising money for their fight to end cancer. Employees also hosted numerous fundraising events around our co-op with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting the ACS. In the last five years, Blue Grass Energy has donated over \$70,000 to our communities through employee-led fundraising efforts.

We sponsored two local veterans for

Honor Flight, an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in September. Donald Brady, from Berea, and Kenneth Simpson, from Cynthiana, joined 66 other Kentucky veterans to view memorials built in their honor.

November 1 marked the first anniversary of Cooperative Solar Farm One, a 60-acre solar energy facility in Clark County. This solar farm completed its first year of powering homes with energy from the sun.

We continued supporting our youngest members through



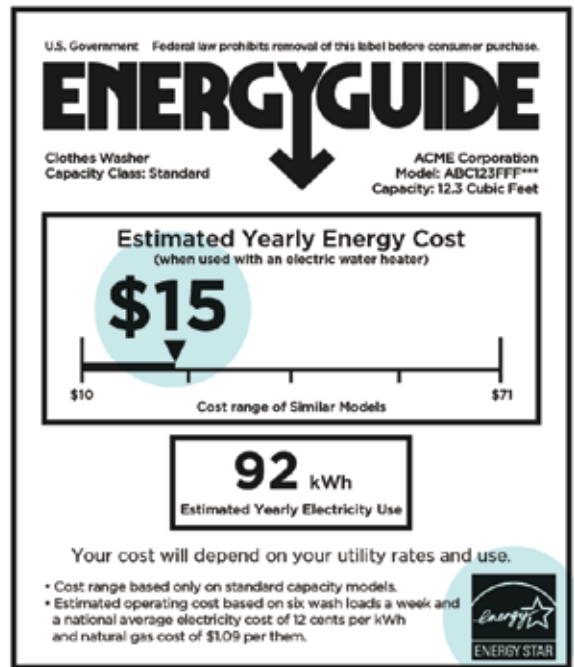
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President & CEO

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# Tips for appliance shopping

When you buy a new appliance, there are particular things you want to look for. These items determine not only your cost, but also the price it will cost to use the appliance.

- **Look for the ENERGY STAR label.** ENERGY STAR-qualified products exceed the federal minimum standards for efficiency and quality.
- **Carefully review the EnergyGuide label on the appliance.** The label provides information about how much energy an appliance uses compared to similar models.
- **Compare prices once you choose your make and model.** Keep in mind, many retailers will match a lower price offered by competitors.



**1.** Purchase price of the appliance (think of this as a down payment)



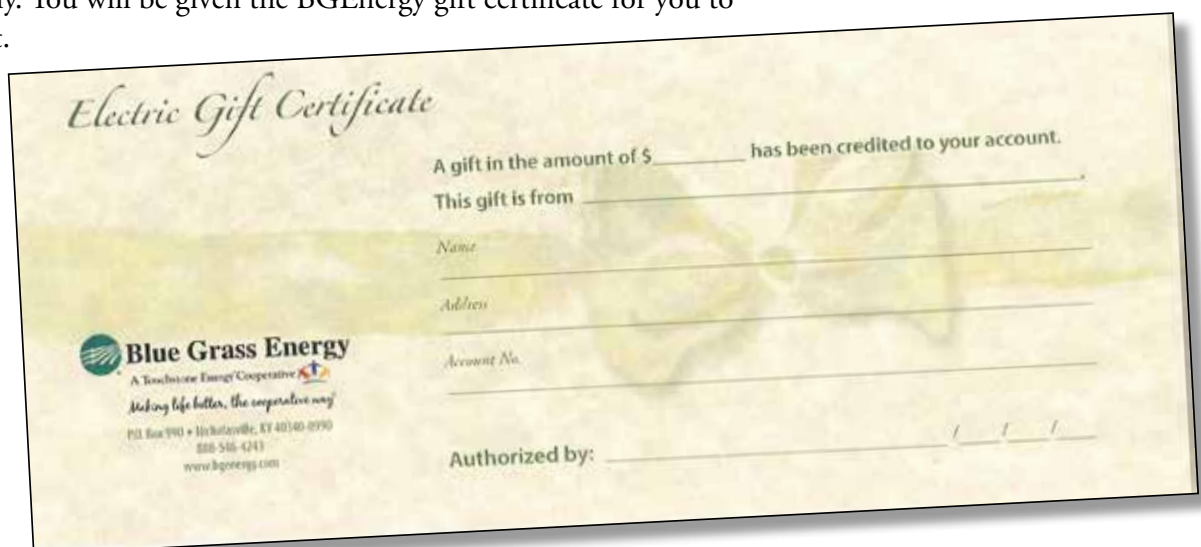
**2.** Cost to operate the appliance over its lifetime (how much energy the appliance uses)

# Brighten Christmas for someone you love

Make the season brighter by giving a Blue Grass Energy gift certificate.

It's easy. Call or come into your local BGEnergy office. You will make a payment on the account which will be credited immediately. You will be given the BGEnergy gift certificate for you to give to the recipient.

This is a great gift for all ages. From the child just starting out to the grandparent that has everything. These certificates are available for purchase any time of the year.



## Give the gift of solar this year

Here's a gift for the person who has everything. This season, you can shop at Blue Grass Energy and give the gift of renewable energy. Blue Grass Energy is offering solar panel licenses through our Cooperative Solar program.

### No assembly required

For a one-time payment of \$460 per panel, your gift



recipient gets a 25-year license to one of the panels at our 60-acre solar farm in Winchester. Each month, license holders will receive credit on their bill for their proportional share of the energy generated by the solar farm.

You can give Cooperative Solar to any Blue Grass Energy member on your holiday gift list regardless of whether they rent or own their home. You can also purchase a solar panel license for friends and family who are members of participating Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

Moving is no problem with Cooperative Solar. The solar license is honored by participating Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. Or, if your gift recipient moves outside of the service area, the remainder of the license can be assigned to another co-op member, such as a family member, friend, church or school.

This year, give the gift of the sun. To purchase a solar license gift, go to [www.cooperativesolar.com](http://www.cooperativesolar.com) or call (888) 546-4243.

## Be prepared for winter storms

Winter storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning and heart attacks from overexertion. They bring extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice and high winds. A winter storm can knock out heat, power and communication services and place older adults, young children and sick individuals at greater risk.

In the event of a power outage, Safety Coordinator Matt Thomas recommends keeping the following items in an easy-to-find emergency supply kit.

- Three-day supply of water, one gallon per person per day.
- Flashlight, extra batteries, manual can opener, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, NOAA weather radio with tone alert.
- First-aid supplies, hand sanitizer and at least one week's supply of prescriptions and medications for the family.

It's also a good idea to have your vehicle winterized to decrease your chance of being stranded in cold weather. Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle including a windshield scraper, small broom, matches (in a waterproof container), warm clothing, gloves, hat, boots and a blanket. Keeping your gas tank full during winter is also recommended.

In any situation, being prepared is the key. Learn more at [ready.gov](http://ready.gov).



Matt Thomas, Safety Coordinator

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## President's message (continued)

our Washington Youth Tour and scholarship programs. Both focus on developing future leaders for the communities we serve.

Whether it's a large-scale project that benefits a community or a small

act of assistance that improves life for a single member, we never take for granted our members or the opportunity to serve them.

From all of us at Blue Grass Energy, we send best wishes for happy holidays.

### Blue Grass Energy is hosting its annual holiday campaign—the 12 Days of Giving.

From Dec. 3 through Dec. 18—the first 12 business days in December—help us support our neighbors in their fight against cancer by donating the items below or a monetary contribution.

All donations will benefit ACS' Hope Lodge and Road to Recovery.

Hope Lodge provides a free place to stay for cancer patients and their caregivers. It's a nurturing community that helps patients access the care they need.

Road to Recovery provides cancer patients with transportation to and from treatment who do not have a ride or are unable to drive themselves.



#### Hope Lodge needs:

- Non-perishable snacks (No canned foods)
- Coffee items such as ground coffee, creamer, sugar (no artificial sweeteners needed), K-Cups, disposable cups
- Computer paper
- Grocery gift cards
- Toilet paper
- Disposable plates, napkins, utensils, cups

#### Road to Recovery needs:

- Oil change gift cards
- Gasoline gift cards