

Spring clean your way to energy efficiency



With spring arriving this month, it's time to shake off the winter dust and get your home ready for a fresh start. Don't overlook these areas where cleanliness can also improve energy efficiency.

1. Air ducts and vents. Clearing out accumulated dust and dirt is both good for your lungs and your cooling system. You'll save energy and may even increase the system's lifespan.
2. Windows and screens. Clean windows and screens allow more daylight in the home and reduce the need for using lighting lamps and fixtures. In addition to boosting energy efficiency,

natural light may also boost overall health and productivity.

3. Air filters. A dirty filter reduces air flow, which then requires more force to move air through the blower, requiring the furnace to run longer and harder, using more power in the process. Replacing or washing dirty air filters can lower your energy consumption by up to 15%.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The value of co-op membership

Value. The dictionary definition is “the importance, worth or usefulness of something.” At Blue Grass Energy, your co-op membership is all of those things and definitely a great value. Your membership in our cooperative means more to us than just being your power provider. We want to make sure your membership benefits go beyond that.

One of the important benefits of membership is the Co-op Connections Card. As a member, you have access to the nationwide discount network the card offers. Deals are both local and national and cover a variety of goods and services.

By downloading your free card at connections.coop, you will immediately find savings on health and wellness, travel, entertainment, restaurants and more. In addition to national discounts, the card is recognized at local businesses in co-op service territories across America.

In 2023, members saved more than \$396,000 on their medications nationwide. The average savings versus the retail price was more than 49%. This is money that stayed in members’ pockets that could be spent on hobbies, vacations or just an extra dinner out because they were members of a cooperative.

There is an app available in both the Apple App and Google Play stores. Newly updated in 2023, it provides quick access to information and an electronic copy of your card. It is an easy way to take your membership perk on the road with you to find deals wherever you travel.

I encourage each of you to use all the benefits available to you, including our Co-op Connections Card program. If you save with your card, please let us know through our social media channels or by emailing us at memberservice@bgenergy.com.

Offering the program is one of the many ways we are making life better and adding value to your membership.

By President/CEO
Michael I. Williams



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4. Refrigerator. Your refrigerator uses up to 14% of your home's electricity, so increasing its efficiency can make a notable difference in your electric bill. Start by cleaning the seals around the door to keep cold air from escaping. Next, remove old condiments and forgotten food. Keeping your fridge two-thirds full is ideal for improved circulation and energy efficiency. Last,

vacuum away the accumulated dust bunnies from fridge coils. Filthy coils force the refrigerator to work harder, driving up your energy bill.

5. Sliding door track. Dirt and grit in the track can ruin the door's seal and create gaps where conditioned air can escape.
6. Electronics and lightbulbs. Dust keeps electronics and motors from running efficiently. Dust off your computer,

office equipment, electronics and even lightbulbs.

With minimal elbow grease, you can start the season with some energy-saving habits. You'll have a cleaner house and lower electric bill.



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Spring into savings

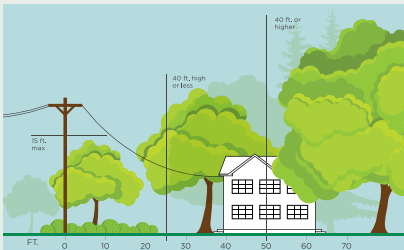
Learn new ways to save even more electricity by completing Blue Grass Energy's Virtual Energy Assessment at bgenenergy.com. The online energy analysis will show you how energy is being used in your home and give you recommendations to lower energy consumption. In addition, find a library of simple, DIY energy-saving projects at TogetherWeSaveKY.com.

3 Ways to Help Limit Tree Trimming

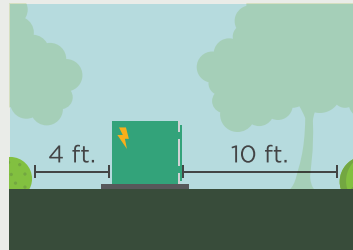
Did you know electric utilities are required to trim trees and other types of vegetation that grow too close to overhead power lines?

Here's how you can help:

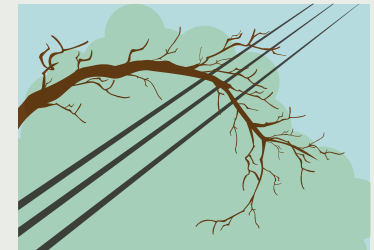
1. Plant trees in the right place. Trees that will be less than 40 feet should be planted at least 25 feet away from power lines (greater than 40 feet should be at least 50 feet away).



2. Don't block pad-mounted transformers. Plant shrubs at least 10 feet away from transformer doors and 4 feet from transformer sides.



3. Report dangerous branches. If you spot a tree or branch that is dangerously close to power lines, please let us know.



**Trimming improves safety for all.
Let's work together to enjoy the beauty of trees and reliable electricity.**

BLUE GRASS ENERGY EMPLOYEES RAISE \$15,374 FOR CASA

Final numbers are in for our 2023 corporate charity. Reflecting our purpose of making life better, the cooperative way, BGEnergy employees worked together to raise \$15,374 for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) organizations within the service area.

These funds will directly benefit CASA, a vital organization that advocates for the

welfare of abused and neglected children in the foster care system.

2023 marked the 10th anniversary of our employee-led corporate giving program. In those 10 years, employees have raised a total of \$150,194. Every dollar has gone directly to those making a difference in our 23 counties.



From Blue Grass Energy's Bylaws:

Members will elect one director from each of the following districts: District 5 and District 8. Directors serve a four-year term. The following, from Article IV, Section 5 of Blue Grass Energy's bylaws, outlines the nomination process.

Article IV, Section 5—It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than fifty (50) days and not more than one hundred, twenty (120) days before the date of a meeting the members at which a report of the election of directors is to be made a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than ten (10) members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation on the committee to the geographical areas served or to be served by the Cooperative. No officer or member of the Board of Directors shall be appointed a member of such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least forty-five (45) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for Board of Directors.

One-half percent (1/2%) or more

of the total number of consumers shown on the Financial and Statistical Report of RUS Form 7 as of December 31 of the calendar year preceding the election may make other nominations in writing over their original dated signatures, signed within 120 days prior to the annual meeting, together with printed names, telephone numbers, and addresses by filing such nominations not more than ninety (90) days and not less than fifty (50) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted, if, after examination of the Provost, it is determined by said Provost that said petitions meet the requirements of the Bylaws, Articles of Consolidation, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In no event shall a member sign more than one petition for the nomination of a director from a district. All nominating petitions shall be submitted on the form of "Nomination Petition" provided by the cooperative. All nominees shall certify their qualifications by signing a "Certification of

Candidate for Director" and completing the "Application for Candidate for Director" form provided by cooperative and file same with the cooperative not less than 50 days before the date of the meeting of the members.

The date of the first working day not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Meeting shall be established as the certificate date which determines whether a member is in good standing and qualified for the purpose of signing a nominating petition and/or voting.

A member in good standing is any active member who is in compliance with the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Cooperative, and Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission as of forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting. The Secretary shall deliver a list of members in good standing on the certification date to the Provost.

Any member, whose service is disconnected for any reason, will automatically become a nonvoting member until said member is reconnected and receiving electrical current.