



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Working with local legislators

“All politics is local.” This observation by the late Thomas P. “Tip” O’Neill Jr., former speaker of the House of Representatives, means that even national politics have a local impact, and people care most about issues that directly affect them. Indirectly, this famous adage underscores the importance and value of local politics.

At Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, we think it’s critical to develop and cultivate relationships with local legislators because they craft, introduce, and vote on legislation that impacts the local business climate, the environment, and the quality of life for our community. That’s why we work closely with our local elected officials. After all, our purpose is to provide safe, reliable, affordable energy, but our mission is to help our community thrive.

Guernsey-Muskingum is a local business that powers economic development and prosperity for our region. As a cooperative, we have deep roots here, and we listen closely to our members to better understand the needs of the community. Our leadership, board members, and employees live and work right here in the community we serve.

We strive to be an advocate for our community, ensuring that local legislators know, understand, and act on the issues that are important to our area.

Providing industry guidance and expertise

As a practical matter, we recognize that most legislators are “generalists,” yet they vote on a wide range of issues. Their expertise may not include the changing energy industry, which is why Guernsey-Muskingum provides guidance and expertise from subject matter experts who’ve been in the energy industry for many years.

Today’s energy landscape is an increasingly complex topic covering not only the traditional engineering and vegetation management aspects of the industry, but also encompasses

technology, cybersecurity, the electrification of the transportation sector, and more.

Our experts provide briefings and backgrounders to legislators, committees, and staff, and we offer expert testimony for hearings and other legislative or regulatory meetings or gatherings. And because we’re involved in economic development and we know local community leaders, we can provide insight on how issues and policies under discussion might impact our region.

Co-op as a convener

In addition, we periodically invite legislators and their staff to the co-op for tours so they can see firsthand how we operate and speak with our staff.

Representing your best interests

We strive to be a trusted resource on energy issues. Because of our deep roots in the community, we have a firm understanding of local issues and needs. We will continue looking after the long-term interests of our consumer-members. This means we are able to cultivate and foster positive, productive relationships with legislators who know and trust us, because we’re advocating on behalf of the community we serve.

We’re proud to power your life and bring good things to the community. We hope you’ll continue to advise Guernsey-Muskingum on matters of importance so we can continue to advocate on your behalf and improve the quality of life for all.



Brian Hill
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO





Tips to ditch the space heater

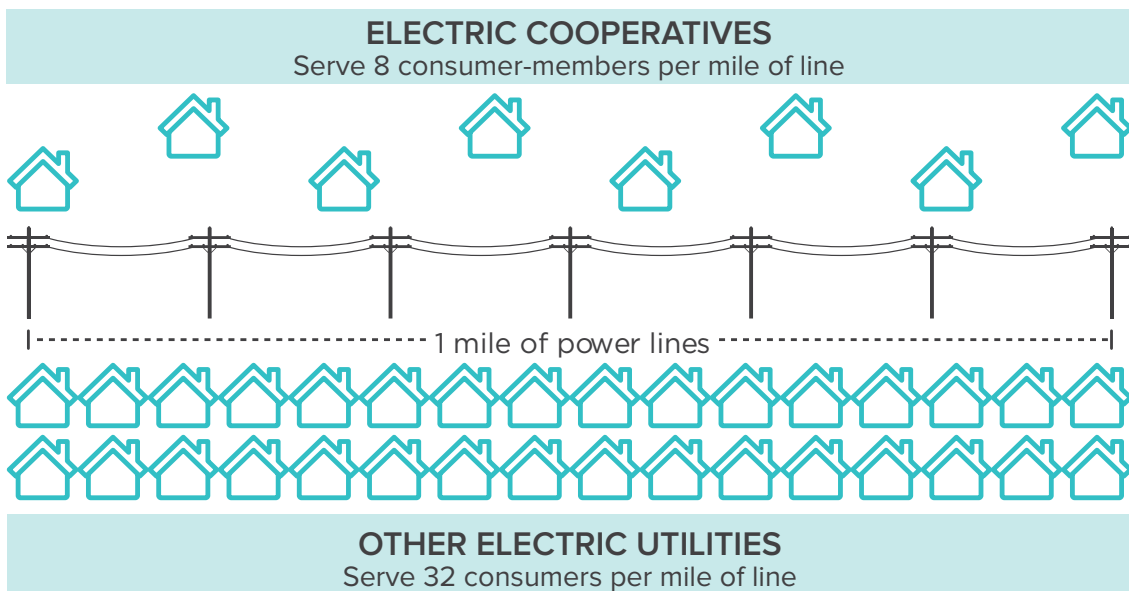
Space heaters are energy hogs, and older models can be extremely dangerous. This winter, ditch the space heater and try these alternative solutions to stay cozy.

- Use an electric blanket to keep warm during the night.
- Caulk and weatherstrip around all windows and doors to prevent heat loss.
- Consider adding insulation to your attic and around duct work.



GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Electric co-ops maintain more miles of power lines per consumer than other electric utilities. Even though we power fewer consumers on our lines compared to other utilities, we'll always go the extra mile for you, the consumer-members we proudly serve.



The power of energy efficiency



Energy keeps us comfortable in our homes, and our monthly bill is the associated cost for this energy use. To make energy-saving measures work in your home, aim to prevent energy waste while maintaining personal comfort in your home. You might already have an efficient home and good energy-use habits, or you might have room for improvement.

Replace filters

If your home has a forced-air system, you have a filter. The filter needs to be checked regularly and replaced when it's dirty. A dirty filter can cause heating and air-conditioning systems to use 15% more energy, according to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

Since heating and air conditioning make up almost half of your energy use, replacing your filter when it looks dirty is a habit that can reduce energy waste.

Upgrade to LEDs

Upgrading your lighting to LEDs is a simple, low-cost way to cut energy use. Depending on your budget, you can do it all at once or change bulbs out over time. If you are going to replace a few at a time, prioritize the lights you use the most.

There are many LED options available. One major variation is the color temperature, which is listed on the packaging in Kelvin. If you like the color of incandescent lighting, purchase 2700 K (soft white) for a similar look. Look for ENERGY STAR-rated products — they meet strict quality and efficiency standards, use up to 90% less energy, and last 15 times longer than standard bulbs.

Adjust your thermostat

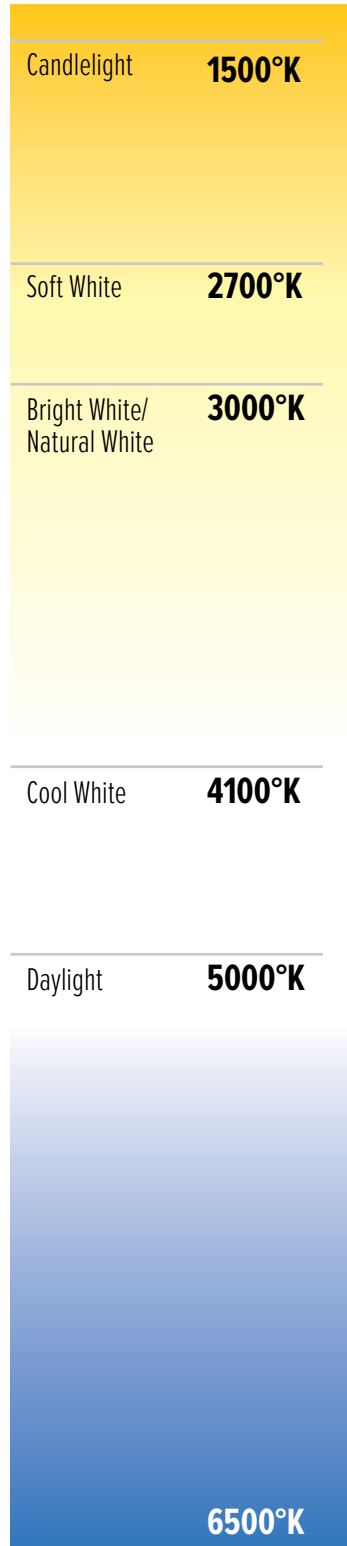
It's amazing how much difference a few degrees can make. By adjusting your thermostat to your home habits, you can save year-round on heating and cooling costs.

For winter months, the DOE recommends setting your thermostat to 68 degrees when you are home and dialing it back 8 to 10 degrees when you leave the house or go to sleep. For summer, the recommendation is 78 degrees when you are home and 8 to 10 degrees warmer when you are away. Using a programmable or smart thermostat will allow you to set it according to your schedule.

Making these small changes in your routine will help improve your energy efficiency while maintaining comfort in your home.

BRIGHTNESS = LUMENS

How many lumens do you need? (120V)	250+	450+	800+	1100+	1600+
Standard	25W	40W	60W	75W	100W
Halogen	18W	29W	43W	53W	72W
CFL	6W	10W	13W	18W	23W
LED	4W	5W	10W	15W	20W





GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CURRENTLY SPEAKING

CO-OP NEWS

Geothermal

We have a \$300 energy credit to help pay for the most efficient underground heating, cooling, and hot water system available today. To be eligible, the geothermal unit must be ENERGY STAR-rated and have a radio-controlled switch installed on the unit and on the electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity. Over 280 of our members are using geothermal.

Dual Fuel

If you install a new add-on electric heat pump with a fossil-fuel backup and have an electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity, you are eligible for a \$300 energy credit. Radio-controlled switches must be installed on both the heat pump and water heater. Please call your cooperative for details. Over 890 members are using Dual Fuel.



Cool Returns

Are you having a new electric heat pump with electric resistant heat backup installed? Allow your cooperative to install a radio-controlled switch and receive a \$100 energy credit. Over 170 members are using Cool Returns.

ENERGY STAR

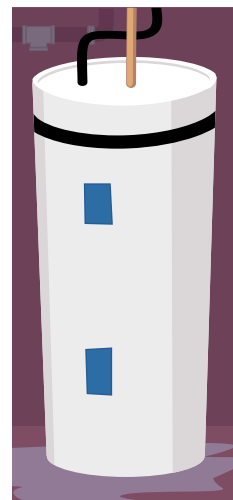
Did you buy a new ENERGY STAR refrigerator, freezer, or central air conditioner? We may have a \$100 energy credit for you. Call member services for details.

Electric vehicle chargers

Level 2 electric vehicle charges may be eligible to receive a \$250 energy credit. Call us for more information.

Water heaters

Need a new water heater? We offer a 50-gallon Vaughn tank or an 85-gallon Marathon tank at rebated prices with free delivery. We also have \$75 or \$125 energy credits for you if you purchase a tank somewhere else. Give us a call for details.



Radio-controlled switch

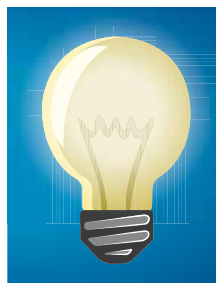
What a deal! If you don't already have a radio-controlled switch (RCS) for your electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity, please call, and we will install one at no charge. Over 5,600 GMEC members have an RCS on their water heaters. The switch entitles you to a discount and free maintenance (except cleaning), including parts and labor, on your electric water heater. Some exclusions apply; call us for details.

GenerLink

We want you to use your portable generator safely. Call the member services department at GMEC and ask about GenerLink. GenerLink eliminates the use of extension cords and other connections that can be dangerous to members and linemen. Over 200 members currently have a GenerLink installed at their homes.

Meter reading

You can enter your meter readings online at our website, www.gmenergy.com. You can also mail your readings or call us 24 hours a day with meter readings.



Bill pay

You can pay your bill online through SmartHub or by clicking the "Pay Bill Now" button on our website, www.gmenergy.com. You may also pay by phone by calling 844-206-7873.

Energy Efficiency | Tip of the Month

Maximize your heating system's performance by inspecting, cleaning, or replacing air filters once a month or as needed to reduce energy costs and prevent potential damage to your system. Make sure radiators, baseboard heaters, and warm-air registers aren't blocked so air can flow freely.

Source: www.energy.gov



The Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative Scholarship in honor of Jerry Kackley



In 1980, Jerry Kackley, a high school senior at Meadowbrook High School, won the Guernsey-Muskingum Scholarship. At the time, each high school in the GMEC territory could nominate one boy and one girl to compete for the scholarship. Who knew that 12 years later, Jerry would become employed by GMEC and would eventually become general manager/CEO? In 2018, Jerry was diagnosed with cancer and in early 2019, made the decision to retire to spend time with his family.

Shortly before Jerry passed away, he and his wife, Debbie, decided that they needed to give back to the GMEC members who supported him and his family through

the years. This led to the creation of the Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative Scholarship in Honor of Jerry Kackley. Jerry's family, with the help of the Muskingum County Community Foundation, created a \$750 scholarship to honor Jerry.

To be eligible for the GMEC Scholarship in Honor of Jerry Kackley, you must be a senior with a 3.0 GPA or higher whose parents/guardians are members of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative. A list of the complete rules and the application for this scholarship can be found at the Muskingum County Community Foundation's website, www.mccf.org/scholarship-central/.

Application deadline: Friday, Feb. 4, 2022



High school sophomores, juniors, and seniors!

Interested in a life-changing
leadership experience in
Washington, D.C.?



June 18–24, 2022

What is Youth Tour?

The Ohio's Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour is an annual leadership program sponsored by Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative. It's a weeklong, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., that gives exceptional high school students the opportunity to meet with their congressional leaders at the U.S. Capitol, make new friends from across the state and country, and see many of the famous Washington, D.C., sights.

**For more information and to apply,
visit www.gmenergy.com
or call Guernsey-Muskingum
Electric Cooperative at 740-826-7661.**

Successful applicants:

- Applicants must be a high school sophomore or junior.
- Applicants must be the child or legal ward of a Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative member at the time of selection.
- Applications must be turned in to the cooperative office by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 4.
- All applicants will be interviewed and given a cooperative knowledge test on Wednesday, March 16.
- Two winners will be selected and sent on the **all-expenses-paid** trip and will receive an \$100 Visa card for spending money.

For a complete list of rules and the application, visit www.gmenergy.com/youth-tour.

Please note:

Youth Tour 2022 is subject to change due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's Electric Cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association are continually monitoring state and federal guidance and will adjust plans accordingly if needed. This year's program is being coordinated with the healthy and safety of delegates, chaperones, and their families foremost in mind.



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2022 GRADS

Are your parents Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative members?

If so, you could win more than

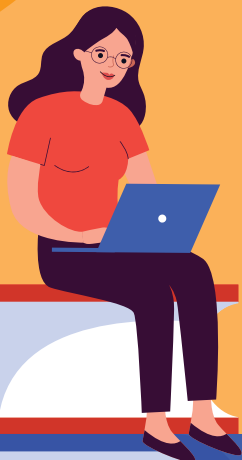
\$3,900

in scholarships!

To obtain rules and applications for the **Children of Members Scholarship**:

- Visit www.gmenergy.com
- Call the co-op at 800-521-9879
- Stop by the co-op office
- Ask your guidance counselor

Deadline to apply: Feb. 4, 2022



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Have you overcome unique and significant personal challenges on your way to academic excellence?

You could win \$750!

Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship



For rules and applications:

- Visit www.gmenergy.com and click on the Community tab
- Call the co-op at 800-521-9879
- Ask your guidance counselor

Deadline to apply: Feb. 4, 2022



Is your name and account number here?

If it is, call the cooperative's office and receive a FREE home change-out to LED lightbulbs (limit six bulbs). Thanks for reading the local pages of *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine.

#33-0114-13-06.....Heidi J Lyall

#12-0591-17-00.....David Wiseman

#18-0091-03-01.....John C Powell

#51-1170-42-00.....Doug Akins

#43-0085-05-02....Ron P Rominger

#42-0176-36-01.....Douglas A Smith



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ELECTRIC RATES

Farm and Home Service rate schedule R-1*
Service Availability Charge — \$24/mo.
First 500 kWh/month — 12.669¢/kWh
Over 500 kWh/month — 11.345¢/kWh

Net Billing Residential R-1 NB* and
Net Metering Residential R-1 NM*
Service Availability Charge — \$42/mo.
First 2,000 kWh/mo. — 11.145¢/kWh
Over 2,000 kWh/mo. — 11.345¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service
rate schedule S-1*

Service Availability Charge — \$384/yr.
First 800 kWh/yr. — 20.269¢/kWh
800 to 6,000 kWh/yr. — 11.145¢/kWh
Over 6,000 kWh/yr. — 11.345¢/kWh
(Minimum annual charge — \$384/yr.
for service between March 1, 2021,
and Feb. 28, 2022)

Commercial Service rate schedule C-1*
Service Availability Charge — \$26/mo.
First 1,500 kWh/mo. — 13.069¢/kWh
Over 1,500 kWh/mo. — 11.345¢/kWh

*Rider T — Kilowatt-Hour Tax applies to all rate schedules and must be added to the rates shown.

First 2,000 kWh/mo. — 0.465¢/kWh
Next 13,000 kWh/mo. — 0.419¢/kWh
Over 15,000 kWh/mo. — 0.363¢/kWh

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