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### ENERGY EFFICIENCY

#### Tip of the Month

Keep wintry drafts out of your home by sealing cracks and gaps. Weather stripping around doors and windows works well when you can see daylight between the frame and the wall or floor. Use caulk to seal around the frames where you see gaps. For more tips and tricks, visit [TogetherWeSave.com](http://TogetherWeSave.com).



### BILL PAYMENT LOCATIONS

Kiwash Electric  
120 W. 1st Street  
Cordell, Oklahoma

Pay online:  
[www.kiwash.coop](http://www.kiwash.coop)

Custer City Hall  
Custer City, Oklahoma

First National Bank  
Thomas, Oklahoma

## Website Urges Members To Act

Visit [Action.coop](http://Action.coop) to learn how to fight against costly EPA regulations that could raise your electric rates

As the federal government pushes power plants to comply with stricter emission regulations, Kiwash Electric Cooperative and other co-ops across the country are pushing back by educating co-op members about the issue and how it could affect their future electric rates.

At **Action.coop**, co-op members are encouraged to watch a short video explaining the electric cooperative position on the issue and its potential impact on ratepayers. On the home page, co-op members can sign up for email alerts and updates on these and other issues that threaten the reliability and affordability of their rural electric service.

**70%** of electric co-op members in the U.S. rely on electricity that is generated using coal.

Electric co-op members will also find resources and information on federal legislative and regulatory issues at [www.nreca.coop](http://www.nreca.coop), the newly redesigned website of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Seventy percent of electric cooperative members across the nation rely on electricity that is generated using coal. As mandated by the federal Clean Air Act, coal-fired plants must reduce coal emissions by 50 percent by 2015.

Electric utilities contend that compliance with this mandate is impossible without significant and costly advances in technology. The technology needed hasn't even been developed, much less tested.

Co-ops fear the regulations will eliminate coal as a generating fuel completely, and force power plants to rely more heavily on natural gas, which is prone to volatile price swings.

Electric co-ops advocate a balanced mix of generating fuels that includes natural gas, hydro power, renewables, and coal. This reasoning prevents dependence on one fuel source, and helps ensure the most affordable prices for electric co-op members.

## Co-op Leader Les Hinds Retires

Kiwash Electric Cooperative Trustee Leslie Hinds announced his decision to retire from the cooperative board of trustees, effective September 25, 2013.

Hinds was appointed to the Kiwash Electric board in 1968. He has since held several leadership positions, including president

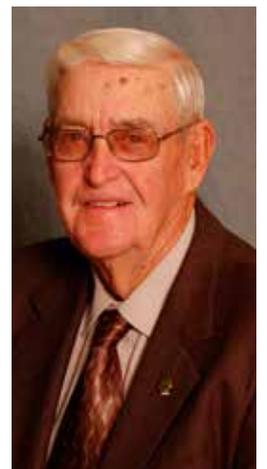
of the board. He also served 37 years on the Western Farmer's Electric Cooperative board, and 20 years on the Burns Flat Co-op Gin board.

Raised on a farm near Burns Flat, Hinds still remembers what it was like to live without electricity. These memories fueled his desire to serve his electric co-op, and deepened

his appreciation for the co-op mission.

Hinds said he always considered it a privilege to serve as a Kiwash director. Co-op members, employees and fellow trustees who know him would argue that the privilege was all theirs.

Thank you, Les Hinds, for your inspiring legacy of service!



Leslie Hinds



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*Providing the service  
that lights up your life.*

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INSIDE YOUR CO-OP



**By Dennis Krueger**  
GENERAL MANAGER

## A Man Who's Paid His Rent

Here it is October and it seemed like yesterday we were celebrating the New Year. Looking back on my life, I can say that time does fly. It seems like yesterday that I was hired at Kiwash Electric; yet my sixteen years here have flown by with great rewards in the work we accomplish together.

On the subject of fast moving lives; can you imagine anyone working their entire career on the farm, being active in church, raising a family, volunteering their services for the benefit of others and other accomplishments too numerous to mention? Now can you imagine this person volunteering himself for 45 years to one organization, mentoring his peers while cooperatively working with management to build a \$35 million company?

On October 19, 1968, Leslie "Les" Hinds began his 45 year, volunteer board member position with Kiwash Electric Cooperative. The history

and changes this man has seen in the electric industry are many.

Les watched the construction of the coal-fired generation plant in Hugo, and today's attempt by the EPA to dismantle the nation's coal-fired generation capabilities.

He remembers when electric meters were read monthly by co-op members using mail-in cards. Today, Kiwash can read meters without leaving the office.

He recalls Kiwash employees routinely climbing poles to make necessary repairs to co-op electric lines; now Kiwash linemen use bucket trucks for those same repairs.

He remembers when the manual accounting method using ledger books was the accepted method of record keeping; now everything is automated and computerized.

Of course, Hinds watched phone service change from multiple party

telephone lines to cellular phones the size of your palm. He also witnessed the Kiwash Electric electric bill—once delivered solely by the US Postal Service—turn to Internet-based reading and electronic payments.

These are only a few of the changes Leslie Hinds experienced during his years of service to Kiwash Electric.

We are grateful for Les Hinds, and the knowledge he bestowed on so many in our industry. While serving on the Kiwash Electric board, he also served 37 years on the Western Farmer's Electric Cooperative (WFEC) board of directors. WFEC is Kiwash Electric's generation and transmission provider.

Thank you, Les, for your service to Kiwash Electric Cooperative. Perhaps the most appropriate conclusion lies in the words engraved on your retirement notice, "Service is the rent you pay for room on this earth."

great reasons to go  
**geothermal**



**We're paying \$1,000/ton cash back**

Install an all-electric geothermal heat pump unit with a minimum 18.5 SEER/3.6 COP and receive a \$1,000/ton rebate from Kiwash Electric Cooperative! Rebate applies to new construction, conversion from gas furnace or an air-source upgrade. *Replacements on existing geothermal systems do not qualify.* Units using a gas back-up system qualify at the air-source unit rebate.

Visit [www.kiwash.coop](http://www.kiwash.coop) or call **888-832-3362** for more details.

## WAYS TO SAVE

# How Creepy Is Your Refrigerator?

*What's inside your refrigerator might be the scariest thing you see this Halloween.*

**O**ct. 30 doubles as Haunted Refrigerator Night, and that's a great time to clean—really clean—your 'fridge. The payoff: A clean refrigerator will run more efficiently than one full of spills, grime and even mildew.

First, unplug the appliance, pull it away from the wall, and use soap, white vinegar and water to scrub the shelves and soak the bins. Dry them thoroughly before replacing them.

To sanitize the appliance, wipe it down—inside and out—with a mixture of water, chlorine bleach, baking soda and borax.

*Some more tips:*

- Use a vacuum cleaner or soft brush to clean the coils located on the back of the refrigerator once a year.
- Slip your vacuum cleaner hose attachment under the fridge to clean the condenser coils. If it won't fit, stretch a rubber band around an old sock and attach it to the end of a yardstick. Slide the stick under the refrigerator to clean the condenser coils.

- Check the gasket (the soft plastic piece that seals the door to the body of the refrigerator) for gaps and improper fit. A trick: Place a dollar bill between the gasket and the door. Close the door and tug on the dollar. If it doesn't drag as you pull it out, the gasket may be worn. Replace it.



- When you're finished with everything, plug the fridge back in. Leave space between the coils and the wall to allow air flow.
- Try to keep the refrigerator away from heating vents, windows and the stove. The extra heat requires the unit to use more energy to cool food.

Find more energy saving tips at [www.kiwash.coop](http://www.kiwash.coop) or visit [TogetherWeSave.com](http://TogetherWeSave.com).

## Smartphone App Helps You Save Energy

Get the TogetherWeSave.com—Save Energy, Save Money app for smartphones and tablets and see how much money you could pocket by switching from traditional lightbulbs to CFLs or LEDs.

Or use the app to evaluate energy guzzlers in your home. For example,

what does it cost to run a dishwasher for an hour? (Kilowatt-hour rates for Kiwash Electric Cooperative are available in the app by entering your zip code.)

The free app is available at the iTunes store, or [Play.Google.com](http://Play.Google.com). Search for "Together We Save."



A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

**Easy Ways to Pay.** Kiwash Electric Cooperatives can make it easier for you to manage your bills with several convenient bill payment options. Sign up for automatic payments, and your co-op will draft your account monthly for the amount owed so you won't have to worry about it. You can also pay your bill online at [www.kiwash.coop](http://www.kiwash.coop), mail in your payment, or deliver it to one of three authorized payment locations (see page 1 for details).

## Recipe Box

### German Lasagna

#### INGREDIENTS

- 9 lasagna noodles
- 1 (10.75 oz) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (10.75 oz) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 2 cups milk
- 1 pound kielbasa
- 1 (20 oz) can sauerkraut, drained
- 8 oz. shredded mozzarella cheese

#### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain.



In a blender or with an electric mixer, blend mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup and milk until smooth. Cut sausage in half lengthwise and slice thinly.

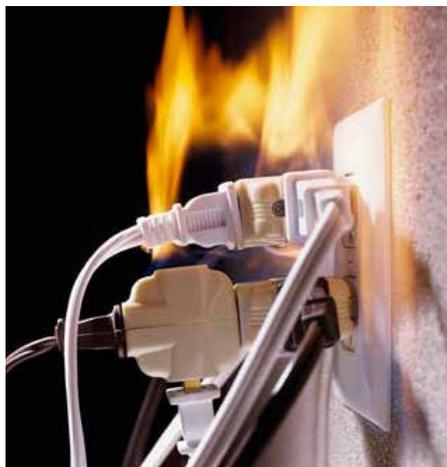
In a 9x13 inch dish, layer 1 cup soup mixture, 3 noodles, half the sauerkraut, half the sausage and a third of the cheese. Repeat. Top with remaining 3 noodles and remaining soup mixture. Cover with foil.

Bake in preheated oven 25 minutes, then uncover and bake 15 minutes more. Sprinkle with remaining cheese when still hot.

# Protect Your Home From Electrical Fires

Home electrical fires tend to increase during the fall and winter. Don't become a statistic: Heed these basic safety tips to avoid electrical fires in your home.

- Consider replacing circuit breakers with arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs), which provide enhanced electrical fire protection by detecting dangerous arcing conditions.
- Make sure all electrical panel circuits are properly labeled. Always replace fuses or circuit breakers with the correct size and amperage.
- Keep the area around the electrical panel clear so you can easily shut off power in an emergency.
- Every month, use the TEST button to check that ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and AFCIs are working properly.
- Be mindful of warning signs of an electrical problem, such as outlets and switches that are warm or make crackling, sizzling, or buzzing noises.
- Regularly check cords, outlets, switches, and appliances for signs of damage. Don't use damaged electrical devices.



- Don't use extension cords on a permanent basis, and never use them with space heaters or air conditioners.
- Avoid overloading outlets.
- Don't use lightbulbs that exceed the recommended wattage of the light fixture or lamp.

For additional safety information or to report an unsafe electrical situation, please call Kiwash Electric at **888-832-3362**, or visit us online at [www.kiwash.coop](http://www.kiwash.coop).

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*in Kiwash Country*

### ■ OCTOBER

- 4-26 P Bar Farms Haunted Maze, 10108 N. 2440 Rd, Weatherford, 73096, 405-556-1069
- 5 Pumpkin Palooza and Pumpkin Chunkin' Festival, Courthouse Square, Hobart.
- 10-12 Great Plains Amusement Carnival Weatherford
- 12 Cordell Pumpkin Festival
- 16 SWOSU Fall Break begins
- 31 Halloween

### ■ NOVEMBER

- 3 Daylight Savings Time ends. Set your clocks bad by one hour.
- 5 Open House at the Stafford Air and Space Museum Weatherford
- 26 Thanksgiving Holiday

### SUBMISSION DETAILS:

Kiwash Electric Cooperative promotes local festivals, rodeos, fairs and other events in our monthly newsletter, *the Kilowatt*. Calendar listings are free.



Please send details to: Lisa Willard, Kiwash Electric, PO Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, or send e-mail to: [lwillard@kiwash.coop](mailto:lwillard@kiwash.coop). Please send event listings by the 10th of the month prior to publication.

If you have questions about submitting a event, or need to speak with a Kiwash representative about other matters, please call **888-832-3362**, or visit [www.kiwash.coop](http://www.kiwash.coop).