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Holiday Hours

Kiwash Electric Cooperative will close on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday. To report a service problem during this time, please call 888-832-3362. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Tip of the Month

If you're expecting guests for holiday festivities, consider giving your heating unit a break. With the oven on and the house packed with people, the temperature will rise on its own. Also make sure it has a clean filter so it can work as efficiently as possible.

Find more tips at **TogetherWeSave.com**.



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120 W. 1st Street
Cordell, Oklahoma

Pay online:
www.kiwash.coop

Custer City Hall
Custer City, Oklahoma

First National Bank
Thomas, Oklahoma

Members Needed to Join Fight

All-but-one" energy policy leaves members vulnerable to price hikes

Jo Ann Emerson, CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), released the following statement in response to the testimony of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy before the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee in September. McCarthy outlined the Administration's proposed regulations governing carbon dioxide emissions from new power plants.

"NRECA and its member co-ops are disappointed that the Administration has abandoned its "all-of-the-above" energy strategy and embraced an "all-but-one" approach that restricts the future use of coal to generate affordable electricity. The anticipated regulations will require any new coal-burning facility to capture and store carbon dioxide, a prohibitively expensive technology that is not commercially viable.

"In doing so, the Administration is gambling with the economic well-being of future generations and our nation's economy. As not-for-profit, consumer-owned utilities, electric co-ops are deeply concerned about maintaining affordable, reliable electricity. It's worth noting that residents of rural communities already spend more per capita on energy than anywhere else.

"NRECA urges the Administration to reconsider this proposal and focus on working with co-ops to

reduce power plant emissions, increase efficiency and develop affordable new technologies. Together, we can improve both the environment and the quality of life for future generations."

Electric cooperative members are urged to comment on the EPA's

approach through the Cooperative Action Network, **www.action.coop**.

The site provides details on this issue, and includes a prepared email response to the EPA that members may send "as is" or edit to include their own comments.

1. ABANDONS ALL-OF-THE ABOVE
The Administration is reversing course: ditching our All-of-the-Above energy strategy for an All-But-One approach that bans new coal plants.

2. TECHNOLOGY GAMBLE
New regulations essentially require technology that's not commercially viable and prohibitively expensive leading to higher bills down the line.

3. LIMITS ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, DOMESTIC ENERGY
By banning new coal plants, Americans forfeit a 236-year domestic source of energy with a historically stable price.

4. HISTORY REPEATS: ALL-BUT-ONE DOESN'T WORK
A 1978 mandate prevented use of natural gas & forced utilities into coal, or nuclear—before common sense prevailed and it was repealed 9 years later.

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INSIDE YOUR CO-OP



By Dennis Krueger
GENERAL MANAGER

Founding Fathers Give Thanks

Following the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress recognized the need to give thanks for delivering the country from war and into independence. Congress issued a proclamation on October 11, 1782:

This proclamation reads:

IT being the indispensable duty of all Nations, not only to offer up their supplications to ALMIGHTY GOD, the giver of all good, for his gracious assistance in a time of distress, but also in a solemn and public manner to give him praise for his goodness in general, and especially for great and signal interpositions of his providence in their behalf: Therefore the United States in Congress assembled, taking into their consideration the many instances of divine goodness to these States, in the course of the important conflict in which they have been so long engaged; the present happy and promising state of public affairs; and the events of the war, in the course of the year now drawing to a



close; particularly the harmony of the public Councils, which is so necessary to the success of the public cause; the perfect union and good understanding which has hitherto subsisted between them and their Allies, notwithstanding the artful and unwearied attempts of the common enemy to divide them; the success of the arms of the United States, and those of their Allies, and the acknowledgment of their independence by another European power, whose friendship and commerce must be of great and lasting advantage to these States:----- Do hereby recommend to the inhabitants of these States in general, to observe, and request the several States to interpose their

authority in appointing and commanding the observation of THURSDAY the twenty-eight day of NOVEMBER next, as a day of solemn THANKSGIVING to GOD for all his mercies: and they do further recommend to all ranks, to testify to their gratitude to GOD for his goodness, by a cheerful obedience of his laws, and by promoting, each in his station, and by his influence, the practice of true and undefiled religion, which is the great foundation of public prosperity and national happiness.

Done in Congress, at Philadelphia, the eleventh day of October, in the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and of our Sovereignty and Independence, the seventh.

John Hanson, *President.*
Charles Thomson, *Secretary.*

I could not have said it any better!
Your friends at Kiwash Electric Cooperative hope that your Thanksgiving is filled with happiness.

Find Fast Answers—Online. www.kiwash.coop

Find fast answers to your questions about Kiwash Electric Cooperative bill payment plans, water heater and heat pump rebates, Co-op Connection discounts, youth programs, and more online at www.kiwash.coop. The site includes information about establishing new service, transferring or discontinuing electric service, how to read your electric bill, and many other account-related services. Please pay us a visit!



WAYS TO SAVE

Save Energy on Turkey Day

Make holiday cooking easier and more efficient

It can take days for a frozen-solid Thanksgiving turkey to thaw out in the refrigerator—about 24 hours for each five pounds. Believe it or not, that forces the fridge to work harder than usual.

Buy a fresh turkey instead and save some energy. Note the "sell by" date on the turkey's label; your turkey will maintain optimal quality and safety for up to two days past that deadline.



Here are a few more energy-saving turkey tips:

- If you're hosting a small holiday celebration, consider cooking only part of the turkey so you won't have to roast it for so long and you won't have so many leftovers to store. Roasting just a breast or the legs and thighs—or buying a super-small bird—will take less energy to prepare and create less waste when you can't finish all of the leftovers.
- Between basting the bird and baking the pies, your oven will be running practically non-stop from the day before Thanksgiving to the evening of. That means your house is going to be warmer than usual. So turn your thermostat down a few degrees. You'll stay comfortable while saving energy.
- If you cook your mashed potatoes and other side dishes while the turkey is still in the oven, your cooktop will use less energy. If those sides require time in the oven, prepare them in glass or ceramic pans, which allow you to turn the oven temperature down by up to 25 degrees—without adding cooking time.
- Unless you are roasting or broiling for more than an hour, there's no need to preheat your oven.
- Don't boil your food. It robs it of flavor and nutrients. Instead, bring the liquid almost to a boil, and then immediately lower the temperature and let the food simmer until it's cooked.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends cooking a thawed, stuffed, 16-pound turkey—the average size—for four to 4.5 hours.

Shop Now For LED Holiday Lights

LED holiday decorations use up to 90 percent less electricity than traditional holiday lights, and they last over dozens of holiday seasons. For this reason—and a significant drop in price—LED lights tend to sell out fast at retail



stores. If you're switching to energy-efficient LED decorations, start shopping now.

If you're still pondering the decision, consider this safety advantage: LEDs are cooler to the touch, so they are unlikely to catch your live tree on fire.



A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set your clock back one hour on November 2, the end of Daylight Savings Time. If you find your home and property too much "in the dark," consider a security light from your co-op. Kiwash Electric offers a \$25 rebate for first-time installation of a 150-watt high pressure sodium security light; and a \$40 rebate for a 200-400 watt high pressure sodium security light. Contact us today for more information. **888-832-3362** or visit **www.kiwash.coop**.

Recipe Box

Turkey on the Grill



INGREDIENTS

- 12 pounds whole turkey
- 2 cups water
- 3 tablespoons chicken bouillon powder
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped parsley
- 1 teaspoon paprika

DIRECTIONS

Prepare an outdoor grill for indirect medium heat, and lightly oil grate. Rinse turkey, and pat dry.

Place turkey breast side down on the prepared grill. Sear turkey on both sides until skin is golden to dark brown.

In a large roasting pan, mix together the water, bouillon powder, garlic powder, onion powder, poultry seasoning, parsley, and paprika.

Place turkey breast side down in the roasting pan. Scoop the pan mixture over the turkey. Cover tightly with foil and place on grill.

Grill 3 to 4 hours, until the internal temperature of the thigh reaches 180° F. Remove turkey from grill and let stand 15 minutes before carving.

Standby Generators: Make sure yours has a transfer switch

If you rely on a standby generator to energize your home during a power outage, please make sure it has a transfer switch installed prior to operation.

Without this important safety enhancement, you are violating the National Electrical Safety Code, and risking the lives of others.

"Removing a meter and plugging a generator into a meter socket is no longer acceptable," explains Dennis Krueger, Kiwash Electric Cooperative general manager. "It is an electric code violation."

Generators that aren't properly wired into the home can back feed electricity on Kiwash Electric lines and electrocute

co-op crew members— or anyone coming into contact with electric lines.

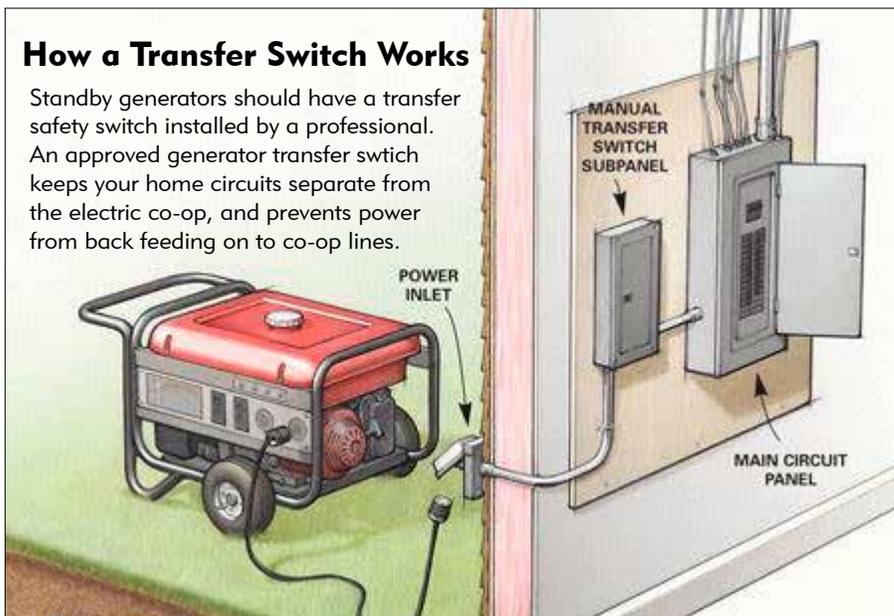
A transfer switch prevents this from happening by isolating the new, temporary power source from the main power lines feeding your home.

Make sure your standby generator is properly installed and in compliance with the national electrical code by hiring a qualified, licensed electrician to install it.

For questions about your generator, or other electrical safety tips, please visit the Kiwash Electric website at www.kiwash.coop, or call us at **888-832-3362**.

How a Transfer Switch Works

Standby generators should have a transfer safety switch installed by a professional. An approved generator transfer switch keeps your home circuits separate from the electric co-op, and prevents power from back feeding on to co-op lines.



Generator Safety Tips:

- Portable generators should never be plugged directly into a home outlet or electrical system—use an extension cord to plug appliances into an outlet on the generator.
- Never operate a generator in a confined area, such as a garage. Generators produce gases, including deadly carbon monoxide. They require proper ventilation.
- Generators pose electrical risks, especially when operated in wet conditions. Protect the generator by operating it under an open, canopy-like structure on a dry surface where water cannot form puddles or drain under it. Always ensure that your hands are dry before touching the generator.
- When you refuel the generator, make sure the engine is cool to prevent a fire, should the tank overflow.
- There should be nothing plugged into the generator when you turn it on. This prevents a surge from damaging your generator and appliances.
- Keep children and pets away from the generator, which could burn them.



in *Kiwash Country*

■ NOVEMBER

- 3 Daylight Savings Time ends. Set your clocks back by one hour.
- 2&5 Open House at the Stafford Air and Space Museum, Weatherford
- 9 Miss SWOSU Scholarship Pageant and Miss Outstanding Teen Pageant SWOSU Fine Arts Center, Weatherford
- 14-16 SWOSU Theatre Production "The Diviners," 7:30 pm, SWOSU Hilltop Theater, Weatherford
- 28 Thanksgiving
- 30 Christmas in the Park and Light Parade Cordell

■ DECEMBER

- 3 Clinton Festival of Lights
- 14 Home for the Holidays Art & Craft Show 3rd and Washington Street, Hobart
- 25 Christmas Day

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. Please send event listings by the 10th of the month prior to publication.

If you have questions about submitting an event, or need to speak with a Kiwash representative about other matters, please call **888-832-3362**, or visit www.kiwash.coop.