

Power Lines



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Spend a little, Save a lot!

Haywood EMC is now offering a whole house energy audit, weatherization and insulation program that can potentially save you hundreds of dollars per year in energy costs.

Here's how it works. Haywood EMC will send out their certified building analyst who will perform a state of the art energy audit utilizing thermal imaging, duct blaster and blower door technology. This will allow us to identify insulation shortfalls, as well as air leaks in your duct system and home.

Following the audit, you will receive a report within a few days listing problems found and prioritizing what should be done to make your home more energy efficient.

How much will this cost you? Maybe nothing! There will be a fee of \$175 for the initial audit,

your \$175 towards the total costs of weatherization to your home. Haywood EMC can provide 100% financing to qualified co-op members for five years at approximately 7.9% interest.

This program is designed to help everyone. You, the member, benefit

by saving money on your energy costs while making your home more energy efficient and comfortable. It helps Haywood EMC by reducing the amount of energy needed thereby reducing CO2 emissions, as well as help meet NC Climate Change Legislation mandates.

"Together We Save," so give us



however if you chose to implement recommendations following the report, Haywood EMC will apply

a call for more information at 828-452-2281, or toll free 1-800-951-6088.

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Haywood EMC offices closed for Good Friday

Haywood EMC offices will be closed on Friday, April 2, to celebrate the Easter holiday. The co-op wishes your family well during this sacred time.



Look for your FREE
Co-op Connections Card in the
May issue of Carolina Country



Discover the value of co-op membership!

Haywood EMC, a Touchstone Energy® cooperative, is proud to be an integral part of the communities we serve. That's why we're introducing Co-op Connections, a new program that helps you receive discounts on products, services and prescriptions from participating local and national businesses.

Each member of Haywood EMC receives the Co-op Connections Card free. There's no sign-up. No annual fees. You get your Co-op Connections Card simply because you're a member.

- Look for the Co-op Connections window clings and register stickers at local businesses. Show your Co-op Connections Card and get valuable discounts from these participating businesses.
- You'll also receive 10% – 60% discounts on prescriptions at participating pharmacies, with access to over 48,000 national and regional pharmacy chain stores, including CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Target, and more.
- Watch for updates in our newsletter and on our Web site.



*Pharmacy discounts are Not Insurance, and are Not Intended as a Substitute for Insurance.
The discount is only available at participating pharmacies.*

Save money, energy and stay warm with an energy efficient heat pump

On a national average, 56% of a consumer's electric bill comes from heating and cooling costs. Wouldn't it be great to reduce this monthly expense? By installing an energy-efficient heat pump system, you can do just that. Heat pumps are potentially the most efficient type of electric heat. When properly installed, heat pumps can deliver 1½ to 3 times more heat energy to a home than the electric energy they consume.



Heat pumps are not new – they have been in use for more than thirty years. But increasing fuel costs and technological breakthroughs have brought renewed attention to heat pumps as a popular, sensible alternative to conventional heating

and cooling systems. Early heat pumps were something of a disappointment – they were noisy and prone to breakdown, and they failed to provide ample warmth on really cold days. However, advances have brought in a new generation of energy-efficient, reliable systems that are winning over homeowners and builders alike.

The energy and cost savings are not the only great benefits a homeowner will realize by using a heat pump. Other advantages include:

- A heat pump is safer and cleaner to run because it does not burn fuel.
- A heat pump provides more uniform temperatures throughout a building. It does not produce a sudden blast of hot air as traditional furnaces do each time they kick on.
- In the heat mode, heat pumps do not dry out the air the way traditional heaters do. The higher humidity maintained by heat pumps during cold weather provides a healthier environment.
- Because heat pumps are used year round, they cost less per hour of use than do individual heating and cooling systems, which each sit idle for a good part of the year (cost of purchase and installation divided by total number of hours used per year).

When you decide that a new energy-efficiency heat pump system is the best choice for your home, Haywood EMC's low-interest loan program may be just what you need. Qualifying coop members can borrow 100% of the total purchase and installation costs for as long as five years at only 7.9% APR. Call us today for more information at (800) 951-6088 or (828) 452-2281.

Generators pose dangerous conditions

Improperly connecting a portable generator to electric wiring can produce "back feed" – a dangerous current that can electrocute or critically injure you or others. Back feed into power lines from a generator could create "hot" power lines during an outage. Lineman restoring power who expect the line to be de-energized could be injured.

One good way to avoid back feed-

ing is to install a double-pole, double throw transfer-switch gear. This is in accordance with the National Electrical Code, paragraph 700.6 and requires a qualified electrical contractor to install so that dangerous back feed can be prevented.

Haywood EMC is a licensed and qualified Guardian dealer of generators by Generac Power Systems. They can properly install and maintain fixed in place generators and are competitively priced. Financing

is available for qualified members. Call today for a free sizing and price quote. (828)452-2281 or 1-800-951-6088.

