

# HOT LINES



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## IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO



### Before you buy that space heater, **CHECK OUR CALCULATOR!**



Do you know how much your space heater costs to run each month? You might be surprised how expensive they can be. Be prepared so you know what to expect on winter bills.

Go to [midwestrec.com](http://midwestrec.com) > My Energy > Energy Calculators > Space Heater Calculator. Use the kWh rate of 11 cents (\$0.11). After exploring the calculators, you can conduct an online home energy audit with downloadable projects by clicking the “Energy Audits and Tips” in the “My Energy” drop-down menu. You can also print a home walk-through checklist.

**Did you know?** Running two space heaters for 12 hours per day will add about \$118.80 to your monthly electric bill!

## Community Calendar

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the coronavirus situation, many events may be canceled or postponed. Please seek updated information before traveling.

- ◆ Nov. 2 **ELECTION DAY**, Visit [voteohio.gov](http://voteohio.gov) or [vote.coop](http://vote.coop) for resources
- ◆ Nov. 5-6 **Holiday Vendor Market**, Auglaize County Fairgrounds, Wapakoneta, [www.rusticfarmhousemarket.com](http://www.rusticfarmhousemarket.com)
- ◆ Nov. 6 **Turkey Trot 2021**, Cooper Farms Processing, St Henry, [runsignup.com/Race/OH/StHenry/CooperFarmsTurkeyTrot5k](http://runsignup.com/Race/OH/StHenry/CooperFarmsTurkeyTrot5k)
- ◆ Nov. 6 **From Mexico to Madrid Concert**, Lima Symphony Orchestra, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, [limasympphony.com](http://limasympphony.com)
- ◆ Nov. 6 **Dancing with the Big Stars**, Overdrive Entertainment, Celina, 419-584-2447, [mavoyouthmentoring.com/portfolio/dancing-with-the-big-stars/](http://mavoyouthmentoring.com/portfolio/dancing-with-the-big-stars/)
- ◆ Nov. 7 **Comedian Jeff Allen**, James Dicke Auditorium, New Bremen, [jeffallcomedy.com/tour/](http://jeffallcomedy.com/tour/)
- ◆ Nov. 12 **Van Wert Council on Aging Bus Tript to Frankenmuth**, Van Wert, [coavw.org/bus-trips](http://coavw.org/bus-trips)
- ◆ Nov. 20 **Santa Down on the Farm & Christmas Craft Show**, Quellhorst Farm Venue, Wapakoneta, 2-6 pm, [Facebook.com/pquell68](https://www.facebook.com/pquell68)
- ◆ Nov. 20 **Harvest 5K & Concert**, New Knoxville, [theway.org/blog/harvest-5k-and-concert](http://theway.org/blog/harvest-5k-and-concert)
- ◆ Nov. 20 **Noble Fish Fry**, Noble Community Park, Saint Marys, 419-953-6452
- ◆ Nov. 20 **Cirque Dreams Holidayze**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, Lima, [limaciviccenter.com/](http://limaciviccenter.com/)

## UTILITY POLES ARE NOT BULLETIN BOARDS



Please keep the safety of our linemen in mind. Don't attach anything to our electric poles, as staples, nails, and other fixtures could puncture our crews' protective gear and interfere with work that may need done. This also makes the poles deteriorate faster.

We've been seeing an increase in attaching flags to utility poles. Though we love and appreciate the patriotism, we ask that you please hang them elsewhere. Thank you for your understanding and consideration of our crews.

Please call us with any questions.





# CO-OP MEMBER PROGRAMS: REBATES & INCENTIVES

\*A complete listing of specific eligibility requirements for all rebates is available online at [www.midwestrec.com](http://www.midwestrec.com). Call 800-962-3830 for details.

PROGRAM TYPE	AMOUNT	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
<b>HVAC System &amp; Load Management rebates</b>		
Geothermal and air-source heat pump systems	\$500* bill credit	Installation of a new or replacement geothermal or air source heat pump system <u>with a Cool Returns load management device installed</u> . Systems that are incompatible with the load management device will receive a \$400 rebate*.
All-electric ductless or mini-split heat pumps	\$250 bill credit	New or replacement all-electric ductless or mini-split heat pump system.
<b>Cool Returns rebate</b>		
Existing central air-conditioning systems	\$50 bill credit	Installation of a Cool Returns load management device on existing central air-conditioning equipment (central A/C, geothermal, or heat pump).
<b>Electric water heater rebates</b>		
Standard electric water heaters	\$200 bill credit \$500* bill credit	Installation of a new or replacement electric water heater that has a 50-gallon or larger tank capacity and energy factor of 0.91 or higher, <u>with a load management switch installed</u> . *Replace a gas water heater with a new electric water heater.
Electric heat pump water heaters	\$200 bill credit	Installation of a new or replacement electric heat pump water heater that meets the energy efficiency standards above.
<b>ENERGY STAR appliance rebates</b>		
Refrigerator or freezer	\$50 bill credit	Purchase of an ENERGY STAR®-certified appliance. Purchase receipt and proof of ENERGY STAR certification required. 10-30 cubic feet are eligible.
Central air-conditioning units	\$50 bill credit	Installation of a new or replacement ENERGY STAR®-certified central air-conditioning unit <u>with a Cool Returns load management device installed</u> . Minimum 16 SEER.
<b>Weatherization rebates</b>		
Insulation and air-sealing	\$200 bill credit	Insulation and air sealing upgrades must be installed by a licensed contractor. All qualifying upgrades must be installed in an electrically heated residential home and meet or exceed required energy specifications.
<b>Electric vehicle (EV) rebates</b>		
EV Level 2 charger	\$200 bill credit	Installation of a new, UL-listed electric vehicle (EV) Level 2 (240-volt) charger. Maximum of 2 rebates per residential member or 6 per commercial facility.
<b>Commercial and industrial rebates</b>		
The co-op offers rebates for lighting upgrades, energy efficient equipment purchases, and energy audits. Contact us for details.		