

HOT LINES



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IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

5 THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH A SMART THERMOSTAT



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Smart thermostats allow you to program a set schedule of temperature changes, keeping your home comfortable and your energy bills low. They can be controlled through the thermostat's touch screen, a connected smartphone app, or other smart devices. But are you aware of these other cool things they can do?

1. Save energy while you're away

The days of adjusting your thermostat before you leave and again when you return home are in the past. Smart

thermostats can sense when no one is at home and change the temperature automatically to save energy and money.

2. Catch intruders

Your smart thermostat can connect to other smart devices, like security cameras. When the thermostat recognizes no one is

at home, it can automatically tell the camera to start recording, catching any potential intruder red-handed.

3. Control the temperature with your voice

Smart speakers can connect with smart thermostats, allowing you to change the temperature settings with simple voice commands. Simply tell Amazon's Alexa or Google Assistant to raise or lower the temperature and you can enjoy a comfortable home.

4. Get out of bed easily

Temperature can affect how you sleep — and how easy it is to wake up. If you have a wearable fitness tracker that can connect to your smart thermostat, the tracker can trigger a temperature change once it knows you're awake. That'll make it easier to get out of bed on chilly mornings.

5. Prevent temperature tampering

Do you have kids at home who like to mess with the temperature settings? Set a PIN code to lock your smart thermostat, only allowing those who know it to alter programs or other settings.

Take the hassle out of keeping your home comfortable by taking advantage of everything smart thermostats have to offer. We are even offering a NEW \$100 rebate to members who install a new smart thermostat in their home. See below for details.

Midwest Electric is offering a \$100 rebate to members who install a new smart thermostat in their home by June 30, 2023.

Requirements apply, including that the thermostat must be:

- ENERGY-STAR certified
- Wi-Fi connected
- Installed in a residential home

Call 800-962-3830 for details or email jjohns@midwestrec.com. Max 2 thermostats per household.

Learn more online at www.midwestrec.com/thermostat-rebate. For a full list of rebates for homeowners, including insulation and air sealing, heat pumps and geothermal units, refrigerators and freezers, electric vehicle chargers, and more, visit www.midwestrec.com/rebates.



Start saving!

\$100 SMART THERMOSTAT REBATE

Must be ENERGY STAR certified and Wi-Fi connected. Call for details.

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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 and click the blue “Energy Calculators” button at the top of the page. Navigate to the 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 exploring the “My Energy” tab of our website.

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



SCHEDULE A SAFETY DEMO

Jim Williams, Safety & Facilities Coordinator, recently presented a tabletop electrical safety demonstration to the St. Peter Homeschool group in Ft. Recovery. We also offer larger, high-voltage demos to simulate a number of scenarios with electrical arcs, kites, car-pole accidents, and more.

Interested in scheduling a safety demo for your class, EMT group, or organization? We can customize for any age group, or tailor for specific situations and time lengths. Multiple sessions can be provided, or we offer them at our office location. Call 800-962-3830 or visit midwestrec.com/safety-demos to learn more.



COZY CABIN CAFE, ST. HENRY

After opening in Nov. 2021, this locally owned, family-friendly coffee, tea, breakfast and lunch spot has become a beloved favorite in Mercer County. Owners Deborah Mertz and daughter Darcy Loshe operate the cafe at 571 S. Eastern Ave, St. Henry. They specialize in gluten free options and other healthy selections. Try their delicious seasonal drinks and baked goods!

Cozy Cabin Cafe (a Midwest Electric member) is featured in the November *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine, online at midwestrec.com, and on our YouTube channel. Orders can be placed via phone at 419-763-5282.

GOING BLACK FRIDAY OR CYBER MONDAY

SHOPPING?

Check our rebates first!

- \$500 — Geothermal or propane with air-source heat pump electric water heater
- \$200 — Air sealing
- \$200 — Insulation
- \$200 — Electric heat pump water heater
- \$500 — Replace refrigerator/freezer
- \$200 — Electric vehicle Level 2 charger
- \$100 — Smart thermostat

We also offer **FREE energy audits** and recommendations. Please call our office at 1-800-962-3830 for details or visit www.midwestrec.com/rebates. Specifications apply. Rebates must be pre-approved.

Community Calendar

- ◆ Nov. 4-5 **Rustic Holiday Market**, Auglaize Co. Fairgrounds, Wapakoneta, www.rusticfarmhousemarket.com/tickets
- ◆ Nov. 5 **Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K**, Cooper Farms, St. Henry, www.runsignup.com/Race/Events/OH/StHenry/CooperFarmsTurkeyTrot5k
- ◆ Nov. 5-6 **Tri State Gun Show**, Allen Co. Fairgrounds, Lima, www.allencofair.com/events
- ◆ Nov. 6 **Hairspray**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, Lima, www.limaciviccenter.com/shows
- ◆ Nov. 6 **One Night in Memphis**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, www.vanwertlive.com/events
- ◆ Nov. 8 **ELECTION DAY**, Visit voteohio.gov or vote.coop for resources
- ◆ Nov. 13 **Crescent Players Through the Years Revue Show**, New Bremen, www.crescentplayers.com/events/
- ◆ Nov. 18 **Past & Present Sounds**, Lima Symphony Orchestra, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, 7:30 pm, www.limasymphony.com
- ◆ Nov. 19 **Santa Down on the Farm**, Quellhorst Farm, Wapakoneta, 567-204-9617
- ◆ Nov. 19 **Christmas Craft Show**, Allen Co. Fairgrounds, Lima, www.allencofair.com/events
- ◆ Nov. 23 **Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, www.vanwertlive.com/events
- ◆ Nov. 24-25 **MIDWEST ELECTRIC OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**