

# HOT LINES



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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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News about your community and cooperative

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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) and click the blue “Energy Calculators” button at the top of the page. Navigate to “Heating and Cooling” then the Space Heater Calculator. After exploring the calculators, you can conduct an online home energy audit using our Residential Energy Advisor virtual home audit tool.

**Did you know?** Running two space heaters for 12 hours per day will add about \$129.60 to your monthly electric bill!



### BACKUP GENERATOR SAFETY FOR YOUR HOME

#### DOS AND DON'TS

**DO** operate a generator outdoors in an area with plenty of ventilation.

**DO** install CO alarms inside the home to provide an early warning of carbon monoxide.

**DO NOT** plug a generator into the wall without installing a transfer switch to prevent backfeed.

**DO** turn the generator on before plugging in appliances.

**DO NOT** use a generator as a permanent solution.

## Community Calendar

- ◆ Nov 1 & 2 **Holiday Jolly Christmas Market**, Auglaize County Fairgrounds, [www.themayberrymarket.com](http://www.themayberrymarket.com)
- ◆ Nov 1 **The Ozark Mountain Daredevils**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, [www.vanwertlive.com](http://www.vanwertlive.com)
- ◆ Nov 2 **The Armory Halloween Boo Bash**, St. Marys, [www.thestmaryscommunityarmory.com](http://www.thestmaryscommunityarmory.com)
- ◆ Nov 2 **Cooper Farms 17th Annual Turkey Trot 5K**, Cooper Farms St. Henry, [www.cooperfarms.com](http://www.cooperfarms.com)
- ◆ Nov 2 & 3 **Tri State Gun Show**, Allen County Fairgrounds, [www.allencofair.com](http://www.allencofair.com)
- ◆ Nov 2 & 3 **Lincoln Ridge Farms Pumpkin Festival**, Lincoln Ridge Farms, [www.lincolnridgefarms.com](http://www.lincolnridgefarms.com)
- ◆ Nov 3 **Puck-I-Huddle Fall Craft Show**, St. Marys MHS, [www.stmarysohio.org/puck-i-huddle.com](http://www.stmarysohio.org/puck-i-huddle.com)
- ◆ Nov 5 **✓ Election Day** [www.VoteOhio.gov](http://www.VoteOhio.gov) | [www.vote.coop](http://www.vote.coop)
- ◆ Nov 15 **Theresa Caputo Live: The Experience**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, [www.limaciviccenter.com](http://www.limaciviccenter.com)
- ◆ Nov 16 **Christmas Craft Show**, Allen County Fairgrounds, [www.allencofair.com](http://www.allencofair.com)
- ◆ Nov 22 **Warrant with special guest FireHouse**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, [www.limaciviccenter.com](http://www.limaciviccenter.com)
- ◆ Nov 25 **Blaze of Lights**, Bluffton, [www.explorebluffton.com/blaze-festival](http://www.explorebluffton.com/blaze-festival)

## WHERE TO GET HELP WITH UTILITY BILLS:

If you need help with your bills and are facing a possible shut-off of services, find aid here:

**HEAP**  
Columbus, OH  
1-800-282-0880  
[www.energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov)

**ALLEN COUNTY**  
**West Ohio Community Action Partnership**  
540 S. Central Ave., Lima  
[www.wocap.org](http://www.wocap.org)  
419-227-2586

**Job & Family Services**  
951 Commerce Pkwy, Lima  
419-228-2621 | [acjfs.org](http://acjfs.org)

**AUGLAIZE COUNTY**  
**West Ohio Community Action Partnership**  
38 E. Auglaize St., Wapakoneta  
[www.wocap.org](http://www.wocap.org) | 419-227-2586

**Job & Family Services**  
12 N. Wood St., Wapakoneta  
567-242-2700

**Mercy Unlimited**  
38 E. Auglaize St., Wapakoneta  
419-738-3161  
[www.mercyunlimited.org](http://www.mercyunlimited.org)

**St. Vincent DePaul Center**  
107 W. Pearl St., Wapakoneta  
419-738-7456 | W-Th., 9-11:35am

**MERCER COUNTY**  
**West Ohio Community Action Partnership**  
420 N. Brandon, Suite A, Celina  
[www.wocap.org](http://www.wocap.org) | 419-227-2586

**OUR Home Family Resource Center**  
117 W. Fayette St., Celina  
419-586-4663  
[www.ourhomefrc.com](http://www.ourhomefrc.com)

**Mercer County Job & Family Services**  
220 W. Livingston St., Suite 10, Celina | 419-586-5106

**PUTNAM COUNTY**  
**Job & Family Services**  
575 Ottawa Glandorf Rd.  
Suite 1, Ottawa  
567-376-3777

**Putnam County Community Action**  
1205 E. Third St., Ottawa  
Ottawa: 419-523-5345

**VAN WERT COUNTY**  
**Northwestern Ohio Community Action**  
114 E. Main St., Suite 1, Van Wert  
419-238-4544 | [www.nocac.org](http://www.nocac.org)

**If you're getting behind in your electric bill, please call us.** We might be able to work out payment arrangements for your past due amount, and we'll help you with service agencies. **Remember, we are on your side and want to help!**

GOING BLACK FRIDAY OR  
CYBER MONDAY

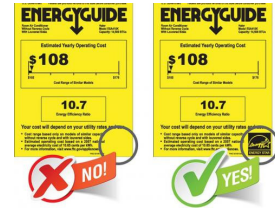
# SHOPPING?

Check our rebates first!

## ENERGY STAR® APPLIANCE REBATES

### REFRIGERATOR OR FREEZER (\$50 bill credit)

Purchase a new ENERGY STAR® rated refrigerator or stand-alone freezer sized 10-30 cubic feet. Purchase receipt and **proof of ENERGY STAR® certification required**. Must include ENERGY STAR® logo or statement of ENERGY STAR® certification.



### ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS (\$200 bill credit)

Installation of a new or replacement electric water heater that has a 50-gallon or larger tank capacity and an energy factor of 0.91 or higher, with a load management switch installed. Heat pump water heaters must be 55 gallons or less. Replace a gas water heater with a new electric water heater and receive a \$500 bill credit.

### WEATHERIZATION REBATES INSULATION (\$200 bill credit)

Installation of insulation in existing electrically heated residential homes. Not applicable for new construction or room additions. Minimum R-16 for exterior walls, R-38 for attic, R-10 exterior basement walls, R-10 crawlspace. All work must be performed by a licensed contractor.

### ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) REBATES LEVEL 2 CHARGER (\$200 bill credit)

Installation of a new, UL-listed electric vehicle (EV) Level 2 (240-volt) charger. Encourages EV charging during off-peak hours.

### SMART THERMOSTAT REBATE (\$100\* bill credit)

Installation of a new ENERGY STAR thermostat in a residential home. May be installed by member homeowner or contractor. \*Rebate may not exceed 50% of thermostat cost.

### HVAC SYSTEMS

#### GEOHERMAL HEATING & COOLING REBATE (\$500 bill credit)

Installation of a new or replacement geothermal system with a load management device (LMD) installed.

#### AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP (\$500 bill credit)

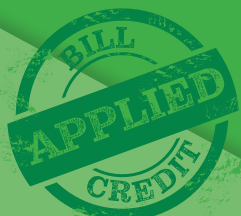
Installation of a new or replacement air source heat pump system with a LMD installed.

#### DUCTLESS MINI-SPLIT HEAT PUMP REBATE (\$250 bill credit)

Installation of a new or replacement all-electric ductless or mini-split heat pump system. No LMD required.

### HOME ENERGY AUDITS

We offer **FREE ENERGY AUDITS** and recommendations to help you save. Please call our office at 1-800-962-3830 for details or visit [www.midwestrec.com/rebates](http://www.midwestrec.com/rebates).



## LEARN MORE

For more information, including additional terms and conditions, visit our website at [www.midwestrec.com/rebates](http://www.midwestrec.com/rebates). You can also call our office at 1-800-962-3830 to sign up and get more information.