



WORK WITH YOUR CO-OP DON'T TAMPER WITH YOUR METER

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF UNABLE TO PAY YOUR ELECTRIC BILLS, YOUR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WANTS TO WORK WITH YOU TO KEEP YOUR LIGHTS ON.

If your electricity already has been disconnected, **never resort to tampering with your meter or trying to reconnect power yourself.** These acts are extremely dangerous and illegal.

'NO-COST AND LOW-COST' THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE ELECTRICITY

- **Close your drapes** in summer to keep the sun from heating up the house.
- **Hang your clothes up to dry.** If you live in a neighborhood that won't allow outdoor clothes lines, various styles of indoor clothes racks can be found online.
- **Use your microwave.** It uses two-thirds less energy than your stove to cook and heat food. Other energy-savers: grill outdoors or enjoy healthy soups and salads as the main course.
- **Inch up your thermostat.** If you dress in light clothing and turn on your ceiling fans while the air conditioning is running, you'll be comfortable at 78° F. You'll save between 1% and 3% on your cooling bill for every degree you move your thermostat higher than 72° F.
- **Lower the temperature of your water heater to 120° F.** It's also safer than a higher setting because 120° F water won't scald anyone.
- **Install a programmable thermostat.** Tell it to raise the temperature of your home by at least seven degrees when everyone leaves the house for the day.
- **Contact your electric co-op** for more advice and/or schedule a visit to your home by its energy advisor who can find other ways to save.