# energy update

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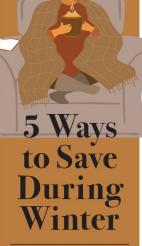
## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Do you know a current high school senior planning to enter a course of study in the electric field? Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative is accepting applications for the Hauschild Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants must be a current graduating high school senior, with parents residing within the boundaries of the Cooperative's service area.

Details are available on the Cooperative's website at **www.acrec.com/hauschild-memorial-scholarship-fund** or by calling 888-788-1551.

Application deadline is February 28, 2023.



Winter weather typically means increased energy use at home. Keep your bills in check with these tips to save energy and money! **Mind the thermostat.** If you have a traditional heating and cooling system, set the thermostat to 68 degrees or lower. Consider a smart or programmable thermostat for additional savings.

**Get cozy.** Add layers of clothing for additional warmth, and snuggle up under your favorite heavyweight blanket.

**Don't block the heat.** If your air vents or heating elements (like radiators) are blocked by furniture or rugs, your home isn't being adequately heated.

#### Take advantage of sunlight.

Open window coverings during the day to let natural sunlight in to warm your home. Close them at night to block the chilly night air.

**Block air leaks.** Seal windows and exterior doors with caulk and weather stripping to improve indoor comfort and decrease the amount of energy used to heat your home.

#### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Do you have a home office? Set equipment like printers and scanners to automatically switch to sleep or energysaver mode when not in use. In addition to saving energy, the equipment will stay cooler, which will help extend its life.

Another way to save in the home office is to use energy efficient lamps for task lighting. Small lamps use less energy than whole-room lighting.





## BILLING AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

#### **SMARTHUB**

Take control of your account from your computer, smart-phone or tablet.



#### AUTOPAY

Set up automatic payments from your bank or credit card account.



#### PAPERLESS

View your bill electronically. Enroll in paperless billing through SmartHub.



#### ONE TIME PAYMENT Call 1-833-284-5051 to pay using your bank or credit card.



#### BY MAIL Mail check or money of

Mail check or money order to PO Box 715, Postville, IA 52162.



#### VISIT Make a payment in person at our office located at 229 Hwy 51, Postville, IA.

## STAY SAFE ON THE TRAILS

Zipping over glistening snow is always a thrill but beware of hidden dangers while snowmobiling.

Guy wires that help anchor power poles may be difficult to see. Drifting snow can hide underground utilities. To stay safe, we recommend staying on marked snowmobiling trails.

### Preparing for Storm Season?

## **DON'T FORGET** TO READY YOUR CAR

According to the National Safety Council (NSC), every vehicle should have an emergency supply kit onboard. Kits should be checked twice a year and expired items should be replaced regularly. Emergency supply kits should include:



Snowbrush Shovel Windshield washer fluid Cat litter for traction



Warm clothing Blankets Drinking water Nonperishable foods



Properly inflated spare tire Wheel wrench & tripod jack Jumper cables Fire extinguisher



Reflective triangles Reflective vest Brightly colored cloth (to tie on side mirror)



First-aid kit Flashlight and batteries Compass Car charger for cell phone

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Source: NSC