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# Not for Sissies

Summer in Oklahoma isn't for sissies. You have to love the Sooner State to stick around through July.

It may be early in the season, but we're used to the mercury reaching 90 degrees before 9 a.m. day after day. And we consider it a friendly greeting when someone asks for the umpteenth time, "Is it hot enough for ya?"

Although I have pleasant memories of nights listening to the summertime symphony of crickets, bullfrogs, Whip-poorwills, and coyotes through windows opened wide in an attempt to cool down the room enough to allow sleep, I have to say, I enjoy sleeping in an air conditioned home today. I'm sure you do too.

Air conditioning is one of many conveniences such as dishwashers, washing machines and dryers, that we take for granted today.

Using those convenient appliances at certain times on days when the temperatures are soaring can cause electric usage to peak. Controlling that peak usage is a benefit for all of us. That's why we would

like you to participate in our 'Beat the Peak' program. It's very simple: you provide us with your cell number and we send you a brief text message on those days when we would like you to delay operating some of your convenient appliances until after 8 p.m. More information about this program can be found on page 5.

July is also National Ice Cream Month. Yes, there is such a thing. That's why this month's recipe is for homemade ice cream; something that's always welcome during a hot Oklahoma summer. The recipe calls for fresh fruit. I suggest you visit one of the many farmers markets in our area and chose some delicious Oklahoma fruit.

Then at the end of another hot Oklahoma day, you can sit on the patio in the cool of the evening, enjoying a bowl of homemade ice cream and agree that no matter what the temperature, Rodgers and Hammerstein had it right when they wrote 'the land we belong to is grand.' 

**Kay Rabbitt-Brower**  
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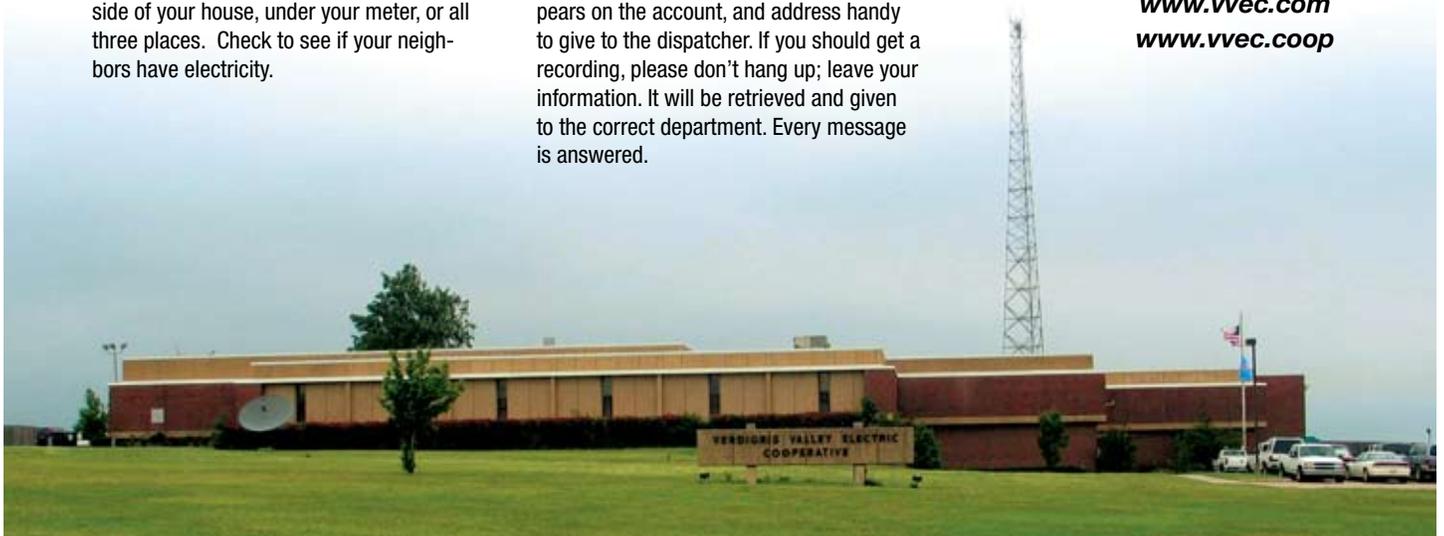
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## What to do if Your Power Goes Off

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# Find the Filter that Fits the Bill

It costs less than \$5 a month to make the air your family breathes inside your home cleaner and healthier.

That's how much it costs to buy a good-quality, pleated air conditioner filter and to change it once a month during air conditioning season.

If you buy a filter that's too cheap—like one of those \$1 blue filters—you could do more harm than good. Those filters don't do a good job of trapping small pollutants like dust and pet dander; in fact, they remove only about 10 percent of pollutants from the air. So those particles find their way into your air conditioning system, where they can clog up the works or blow back into your home for you to breathe in again and again.

It might surprise you that the really expensive, ultra-thick disposable filters—the ones that cost \$15 or \$20—aren't any better for your system

than the cheap ones. Same goes for reusable, washable electrostatic or "monofilament" filters.

Sure, they trap the tiniest bits of dust and dander. But they're so thick they don't allow the air to flow through them freely, especially if you don't clean them every week. That makes your air conditioner work harder, and will shorten its life.

Your best bet: a one-inch, pleated air filter that costs \$4 to \$5.

It looks like cloth on the outside, but the pleats contain fibers that catch allergy-causing smoke, mold and dust before your air conditioning system can suck it in. At the same time, the pleated filter allows enough

air to get through so your system can operate properly.

Using a pleated filter and replacing it every month during the summer will keep your air cleaner and your air conditioning system in tip-top shape for longer. 



## CFLs: the Summer-Friendly Bulb

As the hottest summer month rolls in and your air conditioning is blasting, you wouldn't dream of turning on mini-space heaters in every room. But that's exactly what you're doing every time you flip on an incandescent light bulb.

Traditional light bulbs use energy to heat a tiny filament inside the bulb until it is white hot – hot enough to produce light. But that means an incandescent bulb uses about 90 percent of the energy it draws to create heat. This is counterproductive in a room your air conditioner is working so hard to cool.

A compact fluorescent bulb (CFL), on the

other hand, is designed to produce primarily light, not heat. That means it can produce the same amount of light using less electricity than an incandescent bulb.

If you tried CFLs a long time ago and didn't like the color or the delay when you flipped the light switch, it's time to try them again. The light and performance of the latest CFLs are much closer to what you're used to.

It's true CFLs cost more than incandescents, but you'll more than make up the difference by paying lower electric bills. 



## July Calendar

**July 13-19** 63rd International Round-Up Clubs Cavalcade, Pawhuska

**July 16** Will Rogers-Wiley Post Fly-In, Oologah

If you have an event you would like to appear in the calendar, send written information to Power Circuit Editor, P.O. Box 219, Collinsville, OK 74021. Include the date(s), time, location, and a telephone number. Information must be received by the 10th of the month preceding the event.

# A Good Neighbor

## Co-op Provides Assistance to Area Schools and Fire Departments

Helping our area school systems and fire departments get the equipment they need to successfully do their jobs is an act of a good neighbor. And we certainly want to be a good neighbor.

That is why we created our Adopt-A-School, and Rural Fire Department grant programs.

Each year we accept applications from schools and fire departments for equipment, computers and software, training resources, playground equipment and a large variety of other items needed for the schools to educate our youth and the fire departments to protect our families and homes.

This year's grant recipients include:

### Rural Fire Department Program

**Wann Community Fire Department** – four mobile radios for their trucks

**Sperry Fire Department** – wildland fire fighting tools

**Barnsdall Fire Department** – hand-held radios and heavy-duty leaf blower

**Boullanger Fire Department** – diaphragm pump and electric start motor.

### Adopt-A-School grant program

**Oologah-Talala Schools** – AED (defibrillator), electric grill for Life Skills class

**Bowring Schools** – T-shirts for student award program

**Owasso Mills Elementary** – five video camcorders for computer lab

**Verdigris School** – laser printer for Special Education department.



Accepting the check that will be used to purchase four new mobile radios for the Wann Community Fire Department trucks are (left to right) Roger Carroll, Skip Blackburn and Don Blackburn.

Verdigris Public Schools Superintendent Mike Payne (right photo) accepts a check from VVEC Member Services Representative Paula Lanni. Payne says the grant will be used to purchase laser printers for the schools' Special Education department.



**Sperry Schools** – weather monitors.

“Our schools and fire departments play such vital roles in our communities,” says VVEC General Manager Alice Houston. “It is our pleasure to be able to assist them each year through these two grant programs.”

For information on these programs or to request an application for the 2010 grants, contact VVEC’s Member Services department at (918) 371-2584, or P. O. Box 219, Collinsville, OK 74020.

# Member Notification Program Helps Reduce Electric Demand

"Response to our 'Beat the Peak' program is wonderful," says Paula Lanni, VVEC member services representative. "Members are serious about wanting to be active in helping us lower our demand for electricity. So they are sending us their cell phone numbers and E-mail addresses every day."

The 'Beat the Peak' program Lanni is talking about allows us to contact members via a text message to their cell phones or by E-mail to let them know they need to reduce their electric usage during the 'peak' times of the day.

"We will send out brief text messages on those days when temperatures are going to cause electric demand to go up, and when we need members to reduce their individual electric usage."

"As a co-op, we cannot control the cost of generating electricity, but with our members' help we can control the demand for that power during peak times," she says.

Peak usage times typically occur in the summer from 4 to 8 p.m. and in the winter from 6 to 9 a.m., and 4 to 8 p.m.

"Member demand for electricity during peak times impacts VVEC's purchase cost the remainder of the year," explains Lanni. "So we want to reduce that demand."

"This is where we need the members' help," she says.

"We are asking our members to give us their E-mail addresses or cell phone numbers for text messaging so we can contact them on those days when the temperatures are going to cause demand to go up. Our messages will be brief, and will simply let them know they need to reduce their electric usage during a



specific time.

"We aren't asking members to make drastic changes, instead we'll be asking them to do things such as delay running the dishwasher or clothes washer until after 8 p.m., or to raise the temperature on their thermostat a couple of degrees."

The VVEC Web site will also have a bulletin notifying members it is a peak

day and reminding them

to conserve energy during the peak periods.

If you would like to participate in the Beat the Peak program, please complete the form below and return it to:

Paula Lanni  
VVEC  
P.O. Box 219  
Collinsville, OK 74021

## Beat the Peak

### Notification Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

VVEC Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Notification Method

Please enter the notification information for the method you would like VVEC to use in contacting you to 'Beat the Peak.'

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Rebate Program Rewards Members for Energy Efficient Appliances

Everyone agrees new appliances are probably more energy efficient than the ones you currently have in your home. But buying those new, energy efficient appliances can be expensive.

VVEC can help ease the financial impact of those purchases with our electric appliance rebate program.

The program gives you a rebate for purchasing energy-efficient electric water heaters, room air conditioners, clothes washers, dishwashers, ground and air source heat pumps, and air source heat pumps with electric backup heat.

The rebates range from \$50 per appliance to \$300 per ton on the heat pumps. The program is a combined effort between VVEC and our generation and transmission co-op Associated Electric.

"The purpose of the rebate program is to encourage members to use energy efficient appliances," says Paula Lanni, VVEC's member services

representative. "We are supporting Associated Electric's emphasis on using electricity efficiently."

Lanni says members who want to participate in the program need to complete the co-op's rebate form, and provide the sales receipt for the appliance along with the brand and model number. If the new appliance is replacing an appliance, then the brand and model number for the old appliance is also required. Lanni says the rebate forms are available at VVEC and on the Web site at [www.VVEC.com](http://www.VVEC.com). Members can send the completed forms and required information to our Member Services department at P. O. Box 219, Collinsville, OK 74021.

The forms need to be submitted within 60 days of installing the new appliances.

Once VVEC receives the rebate forms and required information, a rebate check will be mailed to the member within a few weeks. 



## Rebates

**Electric Water Heater – New, up to \$199** if purchased elsewhere, or full price (less taxes) if purchased from VVEC.

**Replacement, \$50.** Unit must have an efficiency rating of .90 or higher.

**Room A/C unit – \$50.** Applies to the purchase of any Energy Star unit.

**Clothes Washer – \$100.** Applies to purchase of a new Energy Star unit. The unit must be connected to an electric water heater.

**Dishwasher – \$50.** Applies to the purchase of a new Energy Star unit, which must be connected to an electric water heater.

**Ground Source Heat Pump – \$300 per ton.**

**Air Source Heat Pump with Gas Backup Heat – \$150 per ton.** Installation of a 14 SEER heat pump with gas backup heat.

**Air Source Heat Pump with Electric Backup Heat – \$150 per ton.** Installation of a 14 SEER heat pump with electric backup in new construction or replacing electric resistance heat or heat pump.



From a Friend's Kitchen

## A Refreshing Summer Tradition

Homemade ice cream is as much of a summertime tradition as the Fourth of July.

No matter what your age or what the event, everyone feels it's a special occasion when homemade ice cream is involved.

Everyone seems to have a favorite flavor too. Some like the traditional flavors such as vanilla, chocolate or strawberry, while others like the not-so-traditional such as coconut or pistachio or even green tea. And of course, there are those who like their ice cream plain, while others like to have nuts or fruit added.

If you are one of those 'fruity' folks, then this month's recipe may appeal to you. It calls for the fresh fruit of your choice; you can include one type of fruit or a combination.

A good place to get fresh fruit is one of the several farmers markets in our area. You'll be able to enjoy the delicious taste of fresh fruit, and help out your neighbors at the same time.

Stay cool; it's hot out there! 

*Kay Rabbitt-Brower*

## Fresh Fruit Ice Cream

3 cups (1 & ½ pints) Half-and-Half

1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk, not evaporated milk

1 Tbsp. vanilla extract

1 cup pureed or mashed fresh fruit

Food coloring - optional

Combine all ingredients, and follow manufacturer's instructions for electric ice cream maker.

YIELD: 1 & ½ quarts

## Everything Goes

**All American heavy pressure canner**, holds 7 qt. jars, EC, \$80, 371-2036.

**Dog pen**, 10'x20'x6' high, 2 runs 5'x20', comes apart to move, \$135; metal dog box for pickup, 2 compartments, holds 4 or more dogs, \$85, 695-7628.

**Cast iron double kitchen sink w/ fixtures**, 4 B/R vanity cast iron sinks w/ fixtures; 2 dead TVs in wood cabinets, free; Nintendo Game Cube w/2 controls & 4 games, \$75, 341-7971 after 7 p.m.

**17 Franklin Mint Heirloom Collection Teddy Bear plates**, \$125; oak entertainment center, EC, \$350; Kenmore Elite gas dryer, GC, \$100; Wilton Armature Collection - Queen Anne & French Country, about 90 pcs. \$600, 341-6755.

**Hay** - quality bluestem horse hay, 4'x5.5' net-wrapped, 341-4103.

**Membership to Bear's Den on Grand Lake**, RV sites, new cabins, boat slips, new heated dock, live entertainment, 2 pools, etc., 336-5432.

**Hay** - big, rnd. bales of prairie or mixed grasses, 396-2206.

**Adult saddle w/pads**, blankets, breast harness, bridle & bits, EC; fiberglass shower & tub combo, EC, 273-0903.

**Black cherry dining room suite w/buffet**, \$250; roll top desk, \$150; coffee table w/leaves & drawer, \$50, 371-4880.

**Entertainment center**, GC, \$50; Sanyo TVs & converter boxes, GC, 30"-\$250, 20"-\$100; Kenmore refrigerator, GC, \$200, 557-7029.

**Sanyo 19" TV**, \$30; Mitsubishi 60" rear-projection TV, \$300; Sanyo 4-head VCR, \$40; Panasonic DVD player, \$60; Homedics Shiatsu massaging cushion \$40; Limbsaver Deadzone bow, \$400; Whisper Creek Stealth LX bow, \$250; Muck Whitetail leather 8" boots, \$75; Carson 10x42 binoculars, \$125; Legacy Dead Ringer arrow rest, \$30; 2 used Mathews rests, \$20 ea.; Alpine Whisper Flight fall-away rest, \$35; Buck Derby tree sling, \$30; Uniden Power Max 2.4 GHZ cordless phone, \$30; blue couch w/wood accents, \$100; 4' wood-trimmed 2-bulb fluorescent light fixture, \$20, 342-8422, daytime.

**Baseball**, basketball, football, (and some hockey) card collection, 693-5182.

**All new** - 2 Anderson 38"x56" vinyl windows w/grid, \$85 ea.; 2 Ellison 3/0x3/0 vinyl windows, no grid, \$85 ea.; 1 elongated/oval toilet, \$100; 1 Hunter 60" ceiling fan, new in box, \$100; 90' 3" oak base trim, \$6/stick (20 pcs.); 705' 3.25" oak base trim, \$6/stick (94 pcs.); 14 pcs. 2/25" 'K' pattern oak trim; hand-hewn log siding, 4,000+ linear feet, \$1.50/ft.; used computer desk, \$75, 342-4454.

**Three Speedy light-weight racing wheels**, w/tires for sport compacts; 17" gun metal, balanced 14-spoke, 4-lug universal, new tires, \$650, 371-2022.

**Consew 230 heavy-duty industrial sewing machine**, for upholstery, quilting work, etc., plus industrial sewing machine table complete w/light, Faitsaw 4600 RPM clutch motor, knee-control pressor foot, & foot control sewing, includes sewing machine, bobbins, & some upholstery thread, \$250, 333-4771.

**Hay** - excellent 4'x5' grass bales, sq. or rnd. 4'x5' or 4'x6' net-wrapped or twine-wrapped, 798-1805.

**Eureka Power Plus upright vacuum**, 12 amps, GC, \$25; Hasty Bake charcoal grill, Estate grill, \$50, 371-0333.

**Western saddle**, EC, \$175; trail riding saddle, \$145; youth/pony saddle, never used, \$135, 698-7106.

**New Sterling electric typewriter & stand**, \$35; 91" beige sofa w/4 pillows, GC, 371-6498.

**Wheels & rims used on 2001 Pontiac Grand Am**, tire-225/452R18 Falken, Verdeo rims black, brand new tires/rims, 4 ea., \$1,000 OBO, (620) 515-2928.

**Blackberries**, \$15/gal., 341-3625.

**White vinyl scalloped picket 6' fence**, 24 6'-wide panels, 2 4'-wide gates, 1 8'-wide double gate, posts included, special order 6' tall fence, \$1,500, 625-3356.

**1991 Rheem gas furnace**, model RCLA-125 ACR, 125K BTU, \$600; 1991 Rheem AC, model RAFD-048 JBS, 4-ton, 48K BTU, \$300, 272-2659.

**Class A membership** in Treasure Lake RV resort in Branson, 2009 dues paid, \$1,000, 371-8790.

**Oak boards for trailer floors**, any size available, 273-8143.

**Burial crypt for 2 in Floral Haven Cemetery's 'Garden of Memories'**, includes bronze markers, \$7,000, 341-2831.

**Antiques** - Ornate Mahogany dresser w/3 beveled mirrors, \$575; oak sideboard w/ornate carving, beveled mirror high back, \$850; rosewood carved sofa, \$950; matching rosewood love seat, \$850; rosewood chairs, \$225 ea.; Rosewood coffee table w/marble top, \$225; oak princess dresser w/ beveled mirror, \$375; 5-drawer oak highboy, \$525; rnd. clawfoot oak table w/6 highback chairs, \$350; iron & brass bed, 3/4 size, \$250; tin pie safe, \$675, 272-3531.

**Electric lift chair**, \$150; blue recliner, EC, \$75; Frigidaire electric, programmable, self-cleaning oven, glass-top stove, white, \$200, 371-1350.

**Four new Dayton Timberline A/T tires on Eagle alloy wheels**, 31x10.5x15 for Jeep, \$800 OBO; Jeep fender flects. black, 6" deep, off of a 2006 Jeep Wrangler, \$150 OBO, 341-9431.

**White & shiny brass globe light fixture for dining/kitchen area**, EC, \$50, 341-0097.

**Hay** - sq. bales sprayed bluestem, delivery available; butcher beef, home-raised, corn-fed, 1/4, 1/2 or whole available, 671-7591.

**Durastill pure water system**, 5-gal. stainless storage tank, auto shut-off, 15# cleaner, \$100, 371-2014.

**Grass catcher to pull behind riding mower**, 1 yr. old, used 3 times, \$125, 272-5459.

**Hay** - 2008 prairie hay, 4x5' net-wrapped, clean, good quality, \$20/bale, 697-6443.

**Four choice burial lots in Memorial Park**, Sec. 14-C, Lot 43, make offer, 272-3927.

**Original Western sculpture by Largo**, 'Buffalo Medicine Man' copyright 1991; collection of Barbie dolls, never out of the box; some porcelain, 396-0198.

**Organic & gardening magazines**, National Geographic magazines 1973-2008, 6' & 8' folding tables, 4 for \$80; 4 buckets of golf balls, \$15 ea.; 2 lg. & 4 sm. bookcases, book shelves, romance & mystery paperback books by the box, 272-7811.

**Mustang parts**, 6-cyl. motor, hub caps, 1966, 697-6112.

**Burial plots for 2 at Memorial Park**, \$3,000, 371-0296.

**Oak BDR suite bunk bed**, captain's bed, bunk boards, rails, GC, \$300; 7 aluminum windows, GC, 698-3488.

**17" English saddle**, 48" girth fleece pad & 2 schooling pads, \$150; genuine Crump show harness, blk. w/red accents, Arab/Morgan-size, \$1,500 or trade, 845-5978.

**Reddy space heater**, 129K BTU, diesel/kerosene, EC, \$150; 2 cherry end tables, \$25; 2 bathroom sinks, rnd., bone or white, 8", \$30 ea.; Schwinn unicycle, \$25; Kenmore trash compactor, \$50, 688-6949.

**2005 GMC 4-dr. Tonneau cover**, ready to install, \$500, 734-3791.

**Intertherm gas furnace for mobile home or any down flow use**, manuals included, EC, \$750; 2004 John Deere L120 riding mower, 48" cut, 20 hp, EC; rubber stall or trailer mats; 15" set of wheel rims, 6-bolt, Baby Moon caps, \$120; new extra tall golf clubs, RH, hybrid-style, w/bag, \$200; new Ozonator, instruction video for Icon-Image Jacuzzi, 283-2777.

**Home gym**, weights included, rarely used, \$200 OBO; lg. bird cage w/4 bowl holders, lg. door on front, top opening, shelf on bottom for storage, \$200, 346-5141.

**Sauder entertainment center**, 3 adjustable shelves, 4 solid doors on bottom, mahogany color, EC, \$175; antique student desk w/ink well holder, 1 pc. refinished, EC, \$75; 5-drawer metal desk w/pull-out middle drawer & matching chair, \$75; Greatland 3-burner gas camping stove, still in box, \$50; Greatland cabin camping tent, 2 BDR, screen porch, used twice, \$110; ClimateMaster high efficiency geothermal heat pump, 5-ton, has leak in Freon tube, \$1,200; full-size mattress, box springs, w/bed rails, \$75, 343-0374.

**14" Lamb barrel saddle**, \$400; 15" new Santa Fe barrel saddle, \$500; Visa & MC accepted, 706-1931.

**More than 30 red concrete scalloped edging pieces**, \$1 ea.; 2 push mowers, 1 electric, \$20 ea.; 1 Sears Craftsman riding mower, \$500; 3 bicycles, \$35 ea., 430-4081.

**DPMS AR-15 flat top assault rifle**, \$785; 1998-2005 Toyota camper shell, fits a 6' bed, \$300, 638-2351.

**Two portable basketball goals**, \$75 ea.; Gym Pac 2500 wall-mount weight machine, \$50 OBO; transmission for 1993 Ford E40D, fresh rebuild, \$600; 3 2-spd. Power Glide transmissions, 639-6823.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**1-ought aluminum electrical cable**, about 100+ feet, continuous roll, never used, \$75 for the roll, 376-9531.

**Oriental-style rug**, 10'x13', red figured w/fringe, EC, \$200; 2 metal file cabinets, 1-letter- & 1 legal-size, \$10, 396-9098.

### Cars & Trucks

**2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited**, 4x4, 1 owner, EC; 2002 Chevy 1/2-ton pickup, 1 owner, 698-7887.

**1992 Ford Ranger**, Dually, \$1,500; 1993 Ford 1/2-ton truck, \$1,200, 557-1210.

**1992 GMC Sierra 3/4-ton pickup**, cab & 1/2, 1 owner, 103K miles, EC, \$5,000, 275-4215.

**1998 Pontiac Montana Transport**, very clean, 3 rows of seats, new motor, GC, \$2,750 OBO or trade for nice car, 343-1925.

**2002 Cadillac Ext. truck**, black w/24" custom wheels, leather seats, AWD, \$18,500; ML320 Mercedes SUV, sunroof, 20" custom wheels, new tires, \$8,500, 272-3531.

**1976 Ford pickup**, King Cab, needs minor repairs, \$700 OBO, 789-2741.

**2007 Pontiac Grand Prix**, V6 motor, red, 37K miles, remainder of power train warranty of 100K miles, EC, \$10,000, 371-5009 after 5 p.m.

**2005 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD**, 4x4, 6.0 liter, auto, like new tires, white, 94K miles, \$12,000, 724-9181.

**1982 Chevy K-10 Blazer**, 10K miles on rebuilt 350, bored .040 Edelbrock 600 4-barrel, \$1,500 OBO, trade possible; 1991 GMC X-cab, 2WD, 5.7-litre engine, power windows & locks, 216K miles, good, dependable truck, \$2,200 OBO, 855-3507.

**1980 Chevy short wide**, 8" wheels, 350 transmission, \$600 OBO; 1930-1931 Model A coupe, chop top, 12-bolt, 15x15 slicks, \$3,500, 734-3791.

**1997 Chevy Suburban LT**, 5.7 L, V8, FI vortec engine, 18 mpg, 2WD, front & rear climate control, alarm, leather, Anaheim conversion pkg., class III tow hitch, 205K miles, \$2,700, 841-6444, www.TheClays.com.

**2001 Toyota Corolla**, 4-dr., cold air, has a 2006 motor w/30K miles, hit in rear, \$950, 255-6435.

**1962 Chevy II straight body**, runs, good project car, \$1,500, 639-6823.

**1997 Lincoln**, \$2,000, 371-4880.

**1989 GMC 2500 flatbed truck**, V8, 4-sp. 2WD; nice car, 536-4215.

**2004 Chevy Silverado 3500 LT**, 4WD, 3K-lb. auto crane, gas air compressor, 225-amp Lincoln welder, Reading service bed, 978-2096.

**2006 Buick Lucerne**, leather, heated seats, dual air, cruise, keyless entry & more, 1 owner, good gas mileage, 75K miles, EC, \$8,900, 371-0333.

### Equipment

**JET horizontal band saw**, EC, \$400; 2 'H' pipe fence stretchers, \$150 ea., 272-2640.

**New Idea side delivery rake**, w/dolly wheels, new belt, \$600; GEHL 8 wheel rake, \$1,500, 371-2747.

**Allis Chalmers 7000 tractor**, 106 hp, \$7,500; pecan equipment – Savage 4200 shaker, Nut Hustler picker, Savage 2400 cleaner w/16 hp gas motor, \$3,500 ea., 371-3416.

**Large rnd. bale hay feeder for horses**, GC, \$125, 342-4510.

**Craftsman 5 hp shredder**, leaf & limbs, \$150, 396-1868.

**John Deere Gator**, 4x2, 406-9552.

**2008 Utility trailer**, 5'x8', 24" wooden side rails, pine deck, ramp tailgate, V-tongue, EC, \$1,200, 283-1003.

**FarmPro 2420 tractor w/brush hog & box blade**, 2WD, 20 hp, 88 hrs. of actual use, \$4,500, 510-8832.

**1953 Farmall Cub**, quality restoration from the ground up in 2004, show & parade ready, can E-mail photos, \$3,500, lewisg@atlasok.com, 396-3202.

**5 hp front tine tiller**, 256 New Holland rolabar rake, (basket style), 717 John Deere rotary cutter, 7', 3 pt., 273-2083.

**Kubota M4700 diesel tractor**, w/ front-end loader & rear hydro, canopy, new tires, 1,230 hrs. w/heavy-duty box blade, \$10,000, 440-9110.

**Pasture sprayer**, 300-gal., on wheels w/booms & pumps, \$1,000 OBO, 798-6252.

**2004 Kubota mower ZD21F-60P**, diesel, 254 hrs., 21 hp, zero-turn, up-graded professional 60" deck, 1 owner, professionally maintained & serviced, garage-kept, EC, \$7,500 OBO, pictures on Craigslist, 695-1644.

**New Titan diesel generator portable**, model TG-7500D, direct injection, electric & remote start, low oil shut down, \$1,850; New Titan 3"x3" trash pump, contractor series, 6.0 hp, OHV Titan engine, low oil shutdown, Model TTP-300, \$1,200; New Titan gas air compressor, industrial series, dual tanks, 5.5 hp Titan engine, model TAC-2T, CFM 12@100 psi, \$875, 639-6510.

**John Deere LT133 riding mower**, w/38" deck & 13 hp Kohler engine, \$650; floor model drill press, \$130; large wheel barrow, \$50; Brinlee garden disc & turning plow, \$50 ea.; 3.5 rolls of barbed fence wire, \$45/roll; Agrifab 38" lawn sweeper, \$80; old boat trailer, \$125, 272-7811.

**48" Atlas landscape box blade**, EC, \$275; 5 hp garden tiller, runs great, \$175; 48" scraper, 3 pt. hitch, EC, \$200; 3-drawer Craftsman tool chest & 5-drawer tool cabinet w/rollers, both for \$60, 343-0374.

### Livestock

**Wood & Mandarin ducks**, Araucana, Australorp, Bared Rock chicks, Guineas, Peacock chicks, Swans, 288-6543.

**Polled purebred Limousin bulls**, red & black, 14-18 mos. old, 273-8075.

**Brangus bulls**, gentle, fertility tested, ready now, delivered, \$1,500, 695-2357.

**Quarter Horse**, 7 yrs. old, gelding, Chestnut, very gentle, eager learner, but needs experienced rider, 261-3294.

**Registered Angus bulls**, AI sires, EPDs, tested, vaccinated, ready to work, start at \$1,500, 261-1484.

**Two yearling Jack donkeys**, \$50 ea., 798-6252.

**Registered Quarter**, Paint & Pinto Horses, 724-9552.

**APHA Sorrel Tobiano filly**, foaled 9-12-08, imprinted all ground work completed, \$5,000 or trade for Buffalo calves or rideable draft horse; spotted gelding donkey, super gentle, lies down on command, excellent for livestock protection, \$300 or trade; yearling Jack donkey, super gentle, \$300 or trade, 845-5978.

**11-yr.-old AQHA Chestnut mare**, Foundation Registry papers, used as a cutting horse, started on barrels, \$1,000 OBO, 255-6435.

**Haflinger mare**, 5 yrs. old, bred to medium-size Jack donkey, \$650; 1 Jack donkey, 5 yrs. old. \$300; 1 sm. Molly mule, born Nov. 2008, \$300. 408-5040.

**Two nice riding geldings**, very gentle, great family horses, \$700 & \$900, 698-7106.

**Purebred Simmental bull**, polled, AI sired, \$750, 371-2802.

### Pets

**FREE** – 1 male & 1 female 1/2 Dalmatian & 1/2 Great Pyrenees, housebroken & fixed; 1 male Great Pyrenees mix, unknown age, all three are very sweet, 341-2749.

**FREE** – Indoor cat, 1.5 yrs. old, female Siamese mix, spayed, front paws de-clawed; 2-yr.-old white dog, part Husky, male, neutered, 396-2636.

**Beagles** – 1 male & 1 female, 16 mos. old, 697-9887.

**Registered puppies** – Welch Corgies, \$250; Boston Terriers, \$250; Boxers, \$250, whelped 6-1-09, ready soon: Jack Russells, \$125, all wormed and had shots, 335-1322.

**Chinchilla & cage**, feed, vitamins, \$125, 371-2802.

**AKC reg. Black Labrador puppies**, born 5-23-09, up to date on shots, wormed, ready 7-18-09, 859-7005.

**FREE** – mixed breed puppies to good homes, born 4-9-09, 5 males, 2 females, black & white, shouldn't be very big, 640-4033.

**1-yr.-old Shih-tzu puppy**, shots & wormed, \$250, 698-3488.

**Quaker parrots**, hand-fed, weaned, green, \$125 ea., blue, \$275, cages from \$5 ea., or everything for \$3,900, trades considered; New Zealand White rabbits, great for pets or meat, babies born this Spring, proven yearling male, \$10 ea., www.TheClays.com, 841-6444.

**Basset Hound puppies**, born 4-26-09, parents on site, \$150, 346-5128.

**FREE** – kitten to good home, lovable, blk. & white, 371-3982.

**Australian Shepherds**, excellent quality, Visa & MC accepted, 706-1931.

**Brittney-Pointer puppies**, born 5-9-09, shots & wormed, 798-2610.

### Real Estate

**45 acres in Rogers county**, 371-5211.

**20 acres southeast of Locust Grove**, \$50,000, 697-0034.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Two BDR**, 2 BA home in gated community for people 55 yrs. and older, near Sand Springs, 2 spacious walk-in closets, wheel-chair accessible, sprinkler system, 1 car garage, \$129,900, 857-1592.

**Three BDR**, 2 BA home, 2 car garage w/covered patio, lg. workshop/craft bldg., Deer Creek Addn. near Skiatook, \$179,500, 607-4095.

**To be moved** – 2002 Solitaire double-wide, 2,128 sq. ft., 4 BDR, 2.5 BA, office, fully upgraded w/platinum pkgs., will help w/site prep., to offset cost of moving, 241-8135.

**Multi-family residential lot**, Claremore schools, close to RSU campus, shops & restaurants, \$30,000, 698-3488.

**2.5 acres 2.5 miles east of Hwy. 169 on 106st N. in Owasso**, utilities, no trailers, \$95,000, 232-8665.

**Five acres w/3 BDR**, 2 BA home built in 2000, 2,550 sq. ft., room for horses, Nowata Cty., near Oklahoma Union school, designed for lg. family, 23x33 barn, detached garage, \$165,000, (620) 515-2928.

### RVs & Boats

**1958 Lone Star 14' aluminum fishing boat**, w/trailer & 1964 Evinrude motor, make offer, 341-4976.

**1999 party barge**, 21' Pontoon boat, 75 hp motor, trailer, cover, locator, used very little, GC, \$7,000 OBO, 272-1500.

**1979 19' Sea Star**, w/5.0 MerCruiser I/O & trailer, runs great, GC, \$1,500 OBO; 1983 Glasstream 16' open bow w/walk-thru windshield, w/1984 Mariner 75 hp motor & trailer, runs great, but needs some interior work, \$1,000 OBO, 273-0847.

**18' 5th wheel w/1995 Ford F-150 XLT**, \$6,000, 288-6543.

**Two youth Pelican kayaks**, 8', sit on top, used once. \$100 ea., 261-3294.

**2001 Jayco Quest 270-C travel trailer**, \$8,500, 342-3959.

**2008 Yamaha Silverado Classic 1100 motorcycle**, 2,800 miles, EC; 2 Yamaha Zuma scooters, 2 stroke, 100 miles ea., EC. 371-6425.

**2003 31' Trail Lite by R-Vision**, Trail Bay, super slide, front kitchen, rear bedroom, GC, located on Lake Hudson near Hwy. 412, campsite may be available w/ approval of manager, 630-1527.

**1999 Honda Shadow ACE motor-cycle**, always garaged, windshield, saddlebags, light bar, lots of chrome, GC, \$4,500, 527-6228.

**2002 23' Sports pull-trailer**, EC, \$8,000, 273-0567.

**1984 17' Skeeter fish & ski boat**, w/1987 150 hp Mercury motor w/ Quicksilver stainless steel prop, needs work, have all parts, \$2,000 OBO, may consider trade, 855-3507.

**70 hp Johnson fiberglass boat**, bass seats, good fishing boat, 1975 model Glastron 15', \$1,500, 232-8665.

**2003 Honda CRX 150 dirt bike**, very clean, 697-6112.

**2006 19' Jayco FeatherLite camp trailer w/fold-out bed on each end**, 2-dr. fridge, roof AC, awning, sleeps 8, equalizer hitch, EC, \$10,000, 371-0296.

**Yamaha PW 80 dirt bike**, needs carburetor work, all paperwork available, \$475; Yamaha 80 Big Wheel dirt bike, needs carburetor work, \$375, 343-0374.

**2008 27' Trail Sport by R-Vision travel trailer**, tagged, queen bed, 2 full lg. propane bottles w/cover, 1 slide, new, never used, \$16,000, 371-3982.

**1973 Honda 750**, \$1,500, 430-3081.

**1972 16' glass foam fishing boat**, runs great, needs seats, \$650, 639-6823.

### Services

**Housekeeping**, 978-8608.

**Farmhand for hire**, 978-8598.

**Brick mason**, repair work, chimney sweep, mail boxes, all mason work, reasonable rates, small roofing, repair only, 697-6112.

**Carpet installation and repair**, 40 yrs. experience, vinyl, faux wood, excellent service, 343-1845.

**Personalized professional dog grooming in your home**, 30 yrs. experience, certified master groomer, 381-2113.

**Will haul off junk**, tractors, cars, mowers for free, 536-4215.

**Tractor work**, gravel road, brush hog, bucket & box blade, 234-3181.

**Local electrical contractor**, residential, commercial projects & service, licensed, bonded & insured, 639-6510.

**Mary Kay cosmetics**, skin care & glamour products, plus outstanding career opportunity, free delivery, facials & samples, 273-8016, www.marykay/pknotts.

**Bee swarm bugging you**, 371-9502.

**Diesel & equipment repair**, trucks, tractors, hydraulics, brakes, etc. Visa & MC accepted, 706-1925.

**Quality concrete construction**, 30 yrs. experience, metal bldg. floors, pole barn floors, driveways, porches, patios & extensions, tear out and replacements of all types, references, 510-8205.

**Tractor work**, box blade, brush hog, 724-9589.

**Two dependable**, caring & experienced caregivers (with 17 yrs. experience) AVX to provide in-home care, CNA, Home Health license & CPR certified, 24 hr. high-quality activities of daily living w/personalized care provided to meet clients' specific needs, 371-4252 to set up appt., & view presentation.

**Affordable life-health-dental insurance**, free quotes, 371-9292, www.designcoverageinsurance.com.

**Bulldozer work**, pads, ponds & roads; oil & gas drilling or pulling, oil lease operating & management, 698-7285.

**Learn to correctly carry concealed guns**, 694-2250.

**Brush hogging**, gravel work, Ditch Witch, chain saw sharpening, 639-6823.

**Auction service**, fund-raising, estate, farm & liquidation, consignment auction, call for dates, 5 miles west of Oologah on 4050 Rd., 371-5211.

**RV service & repair**, AC, awnings, hot water, plumbing, electrical, etc., roof repair & replacement, RV wash & detail services, 704-8329, www.GreenCountryRVDoctor.com.

**Horseback riding lessons**, Western & English, your horse or mine, pleasure riding or show preparation, beginner to advanced, ages 8 to adult, \$30/hr. private, \$25/hr. group, indoor & outdoor riding arenas, 371-7009.

**Brush hog**, box blade, lawn mowing & welding, 694-0638.

**Vinyl siding or new windows**, help lower energy bills, quality installation w/ over 15 yrs. experience & low prices, guaranteed, free estimates, 810-2567.

**Above-ground steel safe rooms**, 629-2707.

**Clean ups & haul offs**, free estimates, 720-1820.

**General carpentry**, free estimates, contract work, add-ons, decks & storage buildings, 697-9183.

**Attic insulation** – blown-in cellulose or fiberglass can help reduce energy expenses & improve efficiency, free estimates, quality workmanship, tax-deductible, 706-4567.

**Small engine & auto repair**, flats fixed, pick up & delivery, 361-0372.

**Home repair**, remodel, add-ons, & decks, daily clean-up, 20 yrs. experience, references available, reasonable rates, free quotes, 396-7437.

**Brush hogging**, finish mowing, 724-1324.

**Lawn mowing**, brush hogging, reasonable rates, free estimates, 408-5040.

**Life & health insurance quotes**, www.okinsweb.com, 633-4799.

**Tractor work**, mobile welding, mechanical work, 521-8727.

**Certified floor installers**, specializing in all custom borders & inlays, certified in wood, ceramic & carpet, 798-6726.

**Brick & rock work**, new or repair, mailboxes, settling, cracks, flower beds, etc. 35 yrs. experience, 282-9927.

**To buy or sell Mary Kay cosmetics**, or host a book, Web or home party, 857-1288, www.marykay.com/tmurphy1956.

**Owasso Farmers Market**, Wednesdays 7 to 11 a.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Owasso YMCA.

**Fairly priced stump grinding**, backyard accessible, discounts on large quantity, 694-2297.

**Professional carpet cleaning**, 33 yrs. experience, free estimates, 283-2777.

**Brick**, rock, cracks patched, mail boxes, flower beds, free estimates, 720-1820.

**Handcrafted cowboy & Western decor**, lamps, candles & jewelry, www.cowboycrafts@terraworld.net, 255-3248.

**Lawn care**, mowing, weed-eating, edging, blowing, trimming & more, free estimates, YardxYard@Yahoo.com, 695-5178.

**Retired woman**, with nurse's aide experience, is looking for a job giving in-home care, full or part time, reliable transportation, \$10/hr. cash only, 288-6862.

### Wanted

**Boxer puppy**, 734-3791.

**Buffalo calves**, cattle panels, 845-5978.

**Old costume jewelry**, rhinestone & colored glass, will pay cash, 536-4215.

**Children's swing set**, for two little boys, 272-9106.

**Front rim for Ford 9N tractor**, 4x19 size, 333-3974.

**Salesman needed immediately to represent fast growing business**, work from home, no restricted territory, full training & support, set your own pay & hrs., free CD explaining program, Kangerwateroutlet@gmail.com.

**Junk riding mowers**, clean-up jobs, evictions, construction, etc. also, remodel leftovers, 255-3223.

**Wood splitter**, 20 ton or larger, in good shape, 341-2262.

**Classified Ads**

PLEASE NOTE: Deadline for all ads is the 10th of each month. Ads will be accepted in writing only and are a free service to VVEC members only. Send them to the attention of Power Circuit Editor, P. O. Box 219, Collinsville, OK 74021.

Your account number, name, address, and a phone number is required on all ads.

As many ads as space allows will be included in each issue. VVEC reserves the right to delete or shorten items or descriptions.

# Use Tax Credits to Fund Efficiency Upgrades

The idea of living in a more efficient home—and paying lower utility bills—has widespread appeal. But finding ways to fund improvements can be difficult during hard economic times.

Fortunately, the federal government offers two ways to recover some of your expenses when planning upgrades: energy efficiency tax credits and renewable energy tax credits.

Through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—know as the federal stimulus bill—Uncle Sam offers a personal tax credit of up to \$1,500 for energy efficiency measures made at existing homes in 2009 and 2010. You can recover 30 percent of the cost of adding insulation materials and exterior doors, windows, and roofs designed to help

reduce your home’s heat loss or gain. The credit also covers efficient central air conditioners, air-source heat pumps, hot water boilers, and biomass stoves.

With a maximum value of \$1,500 for all improvements made in 2009 and 2010, the credit may be applied toward material costs on all projects. You can also use it on installation costs for heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and biomass stoves.

If you want to start generating your own power, consider taking a renewable energy tax credit covering 30 percent of the cost of materials and installation for solar panels, solar water heaters, and geothermal heat pumps. This credit applies to both existing homes and new construction. Projects must be placed into service between

January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2016.

ENERGY STAR, a joint program of the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, provides guidelines on what qualifies for both tax credits at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), keyword “Tax credits.”

You can file for energy tax credits using IRS Form 5695. Remember to get a Manufacturer Certification Statement (a signed statement from the manufacturer certifying that the product or component qualifies for the tax credit) for your records. Both of the energy tax credits are non-refundable—they can increase your refund by reducing the taxes you owe, dollar for dollar, and can be carried forward to reduce your taxes in following years. But you don't get a separate check for the credit amount.

Some electric cooperatives and state government offices offer further subsidies or rebates to consumers who want to make their homes more efficient. For a listing of state and local energy efficiency assistance available, visit the Database for State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency, a project funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, at [www.dsireusa.org](http://www.dsireusa.org).



## Making Sense out of Federal Stimulus Energy Efficiency Tax Credits

The 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides incentives for you to make energy efficiency improvements to your existing home in 2009 and 2010. Receive a tax credit for 30 percent of the cost of materials for qualifying improvements—up to \$1,500 over both years. The cost of installation is not covered for windows, doors, roofing and insulation. A list of qualified improvements is at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), keyword 'tax credits.' Examples include:

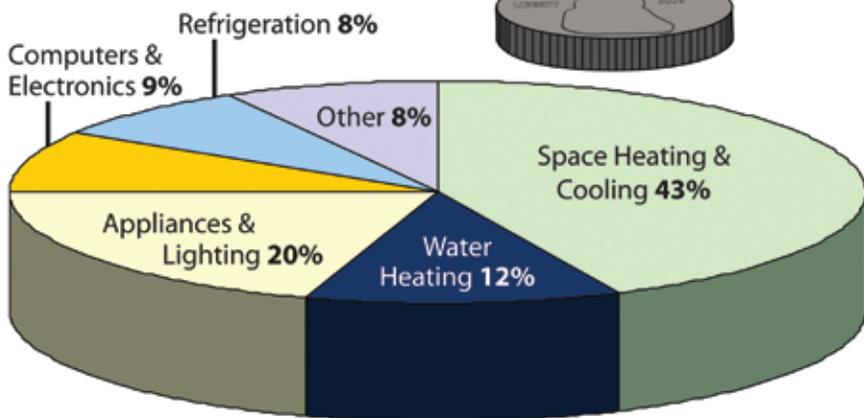
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| <b>Windows and Doors</b>              |  | <b>Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)</b> |   |
| Exterior Windows, Doors and Skylights | Must have Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) and U-factor less than or equal to 0.30.  | Central Air Conditioning                                 | For split systems, must have an energy efficiency ration (EER) greater than or equal to 13 and a Seasonal EER greater than or equal to 16. For package systems, must have an EER greater than or equal to 12 and a SEER greater than or equal to 14.  |
| Storm Windows and Doors               | When combined with the window/door over which it's installed, it must meet the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) in your climate zone.   | Air-Source Heat Pumps                                    | For split systems, must have a Heating Seasonal Performance Factor (HSPF) greater than or equal to 8.5, an EER greater than or equal to 12.5, and a SEER greater than or equal to 15. For package systems, must have a HSPF greater than or equal to 8, an EER greater than or equal to 12, and a SEER greater than or equal to 14. |
| <b>Roofing</b>                        |  | Natural Gas or Propane Furnace                           | Must have an Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) greater than or equal to 95.   |
| Metal, Asphalt Roofs                  | All ENERGY STAR metal and asphalt roofs qualify. Must be expected to last 5 years or have a 2 year warranty.   | Gas, Propane, or Oil Hot Water Boiler and Oil Furnace    | Must have an AFUE greater than or equal to 90.  |
| <b>Insulation</b>                     |  | Advanced Main Air Circulating Fan                        | No more than 2 percent of furnace total energy use.   |
| Insulation                            | Primary purpose must be to insulate. For example, vapor retarders are covered but insulated siding does not qualify. Also must meet 2009 IECC and be expected to last 5 years or have a 2 year warranty. |  |   |

**NOTE:** Select non-solar water heaters and biomass stoves also qualify for energy efficiency tax credits. Tax credits are also available for renewable energy, including geothermal heat pumps. For tax purposes, the Manufacturer's Certification Statement and receipt are generally required.

Source: ENERGY STAR. For details visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

## Average Home Energy Costs

The first step in reducing your home energy costs is to review last year's utility bills and see where your energy dollars are going. The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy claims the average homeowner spends the most energy dollars on heating and cooling.



Source: 2007 Buildings Energy Data Book, Table 4.2.1., 2005 energy cost data.

## Convenient Ways to Pay Your Bill

Here are some hassle-free ways to pay your monthly electric bill –

Web site – [www.VVEC.com](http://www.VVEC.com)

Co-op Office

Night Drop

Mail

By phone through ChoicePay  
(\$3.95 convenience fee per \$300 payment)

Automatic Funds Transfer  
(check, credit card, or savings account)

## Pump Up Your Paint Power

A coat of fresh paint on your house can boost more than just curb appeal when you use an energy-efficient paint additive designed to reflect the summer heat.

Paint additives come in a powder, which you can stir into any paint or coating to add insulating properties to your home's exterior walls without changing the texture or color of the paint.

The powder contains tiny, non-toxic ceramic bits, which form a layer as the paint dries that reflects radiant and solar heat away from the surface instead of absorbing it. That means your AC won't have to work as hard to fend off the outdoor heat.

Used indoors, the paint additives can benefit your bottom line in the winter, too. The energy-efficient layer reflects heat into the room that normally would be lost to the cold outdoors.

### Brush Crew Locations

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| 1 crew  | Bartlesville    |
| 1 crew  | So. Coffeyville |
| 3 crews | Skiatook        |
| 3 crews | Avant           |