



Plan for a Smooth Holiday Season



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Holidays are steeped in tradition. For many of us, those traditions include family, gratitude and hope for a better tomorrow. We also can count on the arrival of wintry weather and increased demands for energy around the house. Here are some steps you can take now to make everything run as smoothly as possible.



‘Tis the Season to Save Energy

In the winter, the best way to reduce your energy usage – and lower your electric bill – is to keep the thermostat setting at 68 degrees or lower. At night or when you are away, turn it down a few more degrees, but remember to turn it up only a degree or two at a time to keep costly auxiliary heat from coming on. Consider extra clothing or blankets before

turning up the thermostat. Use LED lights for holiday decorating. If you plan to purchase a new appliance this winter, look for one marked with an ENERGY STAR rating.

When plugging in multiple devices, consider using a smart power strip, which will allow you to turn off all the items at once to save energy.

Make This Winter a Safe One

We plug in an awful lot of new devices over the holidays: festive lights, new kitchen appliances and even outside decorations. Always examine all cords for cracks and frays, and never run cords under rugs or furniture. Take care not to overload extension cords and make sure outlets are rated to meet the

energy demands of the items plugged in. If you use a space heater, keep it at least 3 feet from anything flammable, and make sure it automatically shuts off if it tips over or overheats. Never use an extension cord with a space heater – always plug the appliance directly into an outlet.

Learn more: myrec.coop/save

Learn more: myrec.coop/safety

Unwrap the Power of an Electric Vehicle

Whether you receive an electric vehicle as a gift this holiday season, already own one or are considering a purchase down the line, now is the perfect time to learn about their benefits.

By 2030, about 15 percent of all vehicles sold are expected to be powered by batteries. That means it's easier than ever to map your route on a holiday trip, and finding a charging station becomes more convenient with each passing day.

REC's just-upgraded website offers a comprehensive guide to understanding electric vehicles. Find answers to customized questions tailored just for your driving habits.

- ✓ Learn all the **BENEFITS**.
- ✓ Locate **CHARGING STATIONS**.
- ✓ Calculate how much you can **SAVE**.



Is an electric vehicle right for you?
Learn more: myrec.coop/poweryourdrive

REC has brought an electric vehicle to dozens of community events in recent years, showcasing the car and an electric charger. Once we get past the pandemic, REC will continue to share information and provide demonstrations of its electric vehicles at community events near you.

Shopping for the Holidays? Save with Co-op Connections!

Local businesses need your support more than ever this year. This holiday season is the perfect time to tap into savings offered through the FREE Co-op Connections program.

It's quick and easy to set up your account to start saving today. For even easier access, download the Co-op Connections mobile app

and take the savings wherever you go! You'll find **deals from local and online merchants**, cash back shopping at thousands of online retailers, travel and entertainment discounts and more! Plus, Healthy Savings offers discounts on prescriptions, dental, vision and chiropractic care.

Get started today: myrec.coop/co-op-connections

