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COOL TIPS TO BE MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT THIS WINTER



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It's time to make New Year's resolutions. Why not make energy efficiency one of your goals for 2021? Saving energy is not only a good way to save money but also conserves our valuable resources. Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative can help with some smart ways to conserve energy this month:

TAKE DOWN HOLIDAY LIGHTS

As tempting as it might be to extend the holiday season, there is no need to extend the higher electric bill that might come with all the electric-powered decor.

TURN DOWN THERMOSTAT

You can save about 3 percent on your energy bill for every degree you drop the temperature.

SWITCH CEILING FAN DIRECTION

Change the direction of your ceiling fans so that they turn clockwise. This pulls cool air toward the ceiling, which in turn pushes the warm air that collects near the ceiling back toward the floor.

UPGRADE YOUR FIREPLACE

Add an insert or replace your fireplace with an energy-efficient model. Traditional wood-burning fireplaces can draw heat out of your home if not used properly, but a few changes can help keep the warmth inside.

LET THE SUN IN

Allow natural warmth in through the windows, especially south-facing windows, to take advantage of solar heat gain.

USE SPACE HEATERS SELECTIVELY

You can save energy by heating only the room you are in.

WEAR WARM CLOTHES

Putting on a sweater and slippers or wool socks might allow you to lower your thermostat temperature.

LIMIT THE USE OF EXHAUST FANS

They suck out all the indoor air your heater has worked so hard to heat.

ELIMINATE DRAFTS

Cold winter air can sneak in around windows, doors and even electrical outlets. Weatherstripping, insulation and insulated curtains can go a long way toward keeping the warm air in and the cold air out.