

Taylor Report



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CELEBRATE OCTOBER CO-OP MONTH WITH US!



Join us Saturday, October 11th from 10 am to 1 pm at the Centennial Community Center, Stetsonville, to celebrate Co-op Month and you, our members!

Fun for all ages:

- Face Painting
- Petting Zoo
- Lunch—serving up burgers and hot dogs with the fixings!
- Hotline Demo
- Games—test your knowledge about electricity and win a prize
- Green Bay Packer calendars are back!



Watch out this Halloween for all the ghosts and goblins in your neighborhood!



WALK SAFELY

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.



TRICK OR TREAT WITH AN ADULT

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.



KEEP COSTUMES CREATIVE AND SAFE

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.



DRIVE EXTRA SAFELY ON HALLOWEEN

- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert to kids during those hours.

You may have energy vampires in your home

Energy Vampires



can add up to **10%** to electric bills.



research collected from Energy.gov

Some electronics draw power from the outlet and money from your wallet, even when they are turned off. They go into standby mode, which uses electricity for features like displays and remote controls.

Phantom power draw is not always wasteful. Some electronics need a constant, small supply of power. These include thermostats and answering machines. Some electronics, such as televisions, maintain a constant power supply so they can be remotely operated and so that they can be turned on quickly. Other appliances, however, do not require constant electricity and you lose money when they constantly draw electricity.

Reducing phantom power draw is a painless money saver. You won't notice that your appliances aren't constantly drawing electricity, but you will notice a difference in your energy bills.

Safe Electricity and Taylor Electric have advice to help you put a stop to energy vampires in your home:



- When possible, unplug electronics that you are not using.
- If you have a room that you do not use regularly, plug electronics into a power strip, and turn the power strip off when items are not in use.
- Purchase smart power strips for your computers and televisions. These devices sense when the computer or television is sleeping or off. The smart strip cuts off power to related electronics, such as video game consoles and printers.
- Buy low-standby products. Most Energy Star endorsed products draw smaller than average amounts of electricity when turned off.

For more information on keeping your home energy efficient, visit SafeElectricity.org

Watch your Bills for Capital Credit Retirements

For all active accounts, capital credit retirements totaling \$200.00 or less will be applied to your electric bill this month. If the amount exceeds \$200.00, a check will be issued. For inactive accounts, a capital credit check will be mailed to the last known address on file.

Safety Tip

Never bring your electronics to bed with you. Charging your phone or laptop while it's on or under a pillow or blanket—where airflow is blocked—can cause it to overheat and catch fire. Charge it on a hard, flat surface instead.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

As winter approaches, now is the time to inspect your home for air leaks around windows. Leaks reduce indoor comfort and lead to higher heating costs.

If you can see daylight around the edges of a window frame or if a window rattles slightly when touched, air is likely leaking.

Caulking and weatherstripping are simple, effective methods for sealing windows. These materials are available in a variety of compounds and forms, each designed for different types of surfaces. Choose the right product and apply it properly to reduce heat loss, improve comfort and lower energy bills.

