

\$AVING TIPS FOR WHILE YOU'RE AWAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS



There's a lot of preparation involved in leaving town for the holidays but including some "house prep" time can save you money on your energy bill while you're away. Here are five tips to consider before you walk out the door.

1. Set your thermostat to vacation mode - If no one is staying home while you're away, set the thermostat to a more moderate temperature than usual, but no lower than 60 degrees. While it may be tempting to lower the temperature even further, this puts your pipes at risk of freezing. Most smart thermostats have a "vacation mode"

that will override your normal daily schedule. With a smart thermostat, you can also monitor your home's temperature while you're gone and set it to a comfortable temperature for the day you return.

2. Unplug unnecessary appliances - Coffee makers, microwaves, and other plugged-in appliances use energy even when they're not in use. This sneaky energy waste is called "phantom load" and can account for up to 10% of your electric bill. If you're not using smart power strips, unplug all electric appliances.

3. Water Heater Settings - Water heating can account for around 20% of the energy consumed at home. Set your water heater to 'vacation mode' if you're going to be gone for an extended length of time. Some newer, energy-efficient water heater models have the option to program your return date so your water is ready to use when you return. If it doesn't, it should take less than an hour for your water to heat back up.

4. Close your blinds and/or curtains - This will insulate your home in the winter and help keep it secure.

5. Turn off the lights - If you want to leave lights on for security, plug lamps into a timer and program them to turn on for a few hours in the evening. **Find more ways to save at lpea.coop.**



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UP TO **\$350 PER UNIT**



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GIVING THE GIFT OF WARMTH

Our neighbors who have a difficult time affording their home energy are often invisible. Their homes are a barrier preventing us from seeing the reality they face inside: darkness and freezing temperatures. Thankfully, gifts from people like you have helped keep them warm. Fill this out and return with your bill payment. The donated amount will be added to your future bill.



Yes! I would like to make a monthly recurring gift of:

\$10 \$20 \$25 Other: _____

I would like to make a single gift of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 Other: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____



THANK YOU!

YOUTH TOURS ARE BACK!



LPEA is seeking high school students to represent the co-op at the National Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. for a week of leadership development from June 12 - 18, 2023.

“As someone who worked for a U.S. Senator in Congress, this is an excellent opportunity for students to develop leadership skills and experience our nation’s capital,” said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. “I would encourage any high school junior in our service territory who is interested in leadership, policy, development, or utility work to apply to attend.”

Students begin the tour in Denver, where they learn about Colorado’s state government and rural electric

cooperatives. From Denver, students fly to Washington, D.C., to attend educational seminars and visit with Colorado state representatives in the House and the Senate. Students will also visit historical sites, including the Lincoln Memorial, Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, and the Smithsonian.

To be considered, students must reside in our service territory and complete an application by Friday, December 16, 2022. Students selected to represent LPEA will be notified in February 2023.

Additional information and the application are available at lpea.coop/lpea-youth-tour or email us at youthtour@lpea.coop or call us at (970) 317-0506.

“FILL THE BUCKET” FOOD DRIVE



The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Local IBEW 111 26 and 26A) of LPEA will host the 14th Annual “Fill the Bucket” food drive on **Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** LPEA staff and bucket trucks will be at Walmart in Durango and City Market and Natural Grocers in Pagosa Springs to collect non-perishable food items and cash donations. All proceeds benefit the Durango Food Bank and Archuleta County’s Food System/Food Equity Coalition. We hope to see you there! Visit LPEA.coop for more details.

LPEA WIRE

The latest news, services, programs, and resources from LPEA. Have a question or comment? Email us at comments@lpea.coop.



BOARD MEETINGS

November 16 + December 14
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

The agenda, access, and location details will be posted online in advance. Public comments are heard at the beginning of the meeting shortly after 9 a.m.

More at: lpea.coop/lpea-board-directors-resources



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

LPEA committee meetings change regularly to accommodate board member schedules. For upcoming meeting dates and times visit: lpea.coop/board-committees

**All meetings are open to the public. Meetings may be held in person, virtually, or both. Visit lpea.coop for the most up-to-date details.*



LPEA CLOSURES

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 24
Christmas
Monday, December 26



LPEA GRANTS

The Round Up Foundation Board of Directors approved grants for La Plata County Historical Society for \$2,800 and Friends of the Ignacio Community Library for \$4,427.40. Approved Educational Grants were for San Juan Symphony for \$2,500 and Friends of the Ignacio Community Library for \$5,750.