

# Powerline Press

NEWSLETTER



A Supplement of Oklahoma Living Published by Lake Region Electric Cooperative for its members.

December 2021

## 1.3 Million Returned To Members

**As a not-for-profit business**, we exist to provide you with reliable, safe electricity – not to make a profit. When we have a good year and earn profits or margins, we can give cashback as a (bill credit) to our past and present members. It's one of the things that makes an electric co-op unique, and it's one of the many benefits of being a co-op member.

**Your Board of Trustees** vote to return excess revenue based on the cooperative's financial health. The money you receive – known as a capital credit refund – is your portion of the cooperative's profits.

**LREC is in a solid financial position this year.** Our leadership has planned for and secured future power needs, increased efficiency in our electric grid, and planned for future fiber optic services while maintaining high reliability and some of the lowest rates in Oklahoma.

The Board of Trustees has voted to return \$1.3 million (this December) to you and other past and present members who received electric service from LREC during the years 1990, 1991, and 2020. A 100% of the margins from 1990 and 1991 will be refunded,



and 13% of margins will be refunded for 2020. The amount you receive is based on how much you paid for electricity during the years listed. If the members' capital credit refund amount is below \$74.99, the amount will show as a credit on your December bill, and if the amount is higher than \$75.00, members will receive a check.

**The average refund** for a member on our lines during the year 1990 is around \$24.64, and for 1991 it is \$21.49. The average refund for 2020 is \$18.63. If you have questions about capital credits or want to learn more, call **918-772-2526** or **[www.recok.coop/capital-credits](http://www.recok.coop/capital-credits)**.



**Be sure to open and view your December LREC bill for your capital credit refund.**



# Helping Our Community

## with Operation Round-Up



Operation Round Up is a charitable program funded entirely by Lake Region members for our communities and members. You can round up your electric or telecom “fiber” bill each month to the nearest dollar, and those extra cents go into a charitable fund. It doesn't seem like much to donate that extra change, and alone, it's not. But together with 13,550 electric members and 1,919 fiber customers, that few cents turns into thousands of dollars each month and tens of thousands of dollars each year.

All that money goes directly back to families in need and worthwhile organizations in our local communities. This year (2021), \$76,357 was granted through our Operation Round-Up program to our members for things like medical expenses, food banks, school programs, shelters, and organizational projects.

**We would love to do more and surpass these numbers next year.** We only have 54% of LREC membership supporting this program. We are asking all Lake Region members to start rounding their bill up today, as well, to help this grant program. Call us today to enroll in Operation Round-Up on your telecom (fiber) and or electric bill. 3046403

**Thank you for all that you have given in the past. Here is to doing even more together in the future with Operation Round-Up.**

**Operation Round-Up  
Awarded \$76,357  
in Grants for 2021**



For more information and grant applications visit [www.lrecok.coop/operation-round-up](http://www.lrecok.coop/operation-round-up)

## Change your furnace air filter every 1–3 months. Save up to \$20 on heating costs per year.



Extend the life of your HVAC unit and keep your equipment running efficiently by checking your filter every 1–3 months and changing the filter if it is dirty. Changing your filter will improve indoor air quality by reducing the spread of allergens and dust. Set reminders on your phone to help you remember this important habit. Sign up for an air filter subscription, set your dimensions, and choose your delivery frequency to simplify the process.

**MORE WAYS TO SAVE >** [www.touchstoneenergy.com](http://www.touchstoneenergy.com)





# Brighten your holidays **WITH LED AND TIMERS**

Nothing provides an instant dose of holiday spirit like a well-lit home. This season, decorate with LED lights and light timers. You'll use less energy and help keep your homes safe. Follow these tips for improved indoor and outdoor decorating.

## *Christmas Trees*

According to the National Fire Protection Association, Christmas lights cause 40% of Christmas tree fires. Turn off your tree lights when you are not at home and while the household is asleep. Flipping the light switch can be an easy step to forget when heading to bed, so set a timer and go to bed worry-free.

Decorate with LED light strands instead of traditional incandescents. LEDs are sturdier than old glass bulbs and stay cool to the touch, reducing the risk of fire and burning. Plus, they use 75% less energy.

## *Outdoor Lights*

With dark evenings and long nights, a timer for your lights is the ideal solution to ensure your lights are on for all to enjoy but off during hours when people are not awake. LED light strands now come in all shapes and sizes, perfect for shrubs and gutters alike. You can also connect up to 25 LED strands end-to-end without overloading an outlet.

## *When Away*

A well-lit house can deter potential criminals from searching for an easy target. Indoor and outdoor lights on timers or wifi controls can give the impression that a home is occupied when you are away for the holidays and decrease the likelihood someone could approach your house unnoticed.

Keep your home safe, economical, and festive this year. Let light timers and LEDs do the work and enjoy a merry and bright holiday season.

## *Share your lighting display*

As you are channeling your inner Clark Griswold and putting up your Christmas lights, be sure to share your lighting display with LREC. Email photos to [pics@lrecok.coop](mailto:pics@lrecok.coop) for your chance to be featured on our website, newsletter, or Facebook page.



# 'TIS THE SEASON

## ... for device overload



Video chatting with long-lost cousins.

Christmas Shopping.

Searching the web for the world's best green bean casserole.

Sneaking a peek at the score while you stir the cranberry sauce.

Ordering groceries for the upcoming feast.

## Wishing you a full house, full hearts, and enough bandwidth to go around this holiday.

The magic of the holidays is connecting with family, and bad Wi-Fi shouldn't slow you down. With Lake Region Fiber, everyone can experience the holidays' connections that warm our hearts and bring us closer together.

**918-772-2526 / LakeRegionFiber.com**  

\* Live service not available in all areas. Must pre-register for service. 24/mo contract is required for free installation. \$10/mo optional Wifi router fee. Other terms may apply.

### Fast internet

100 Mbps   1 TB Data	\$58.94
500 Mbps   2 TB Data	\$108.94
1,000 Mbps   unlimited	\$118.94

### Simple TV

Starter (138 channels)	\$71.00
Complete (198 channels)	\$81.00
Works (264 channels)	\$135.00

### Reliable home phone

Unlimited long distance	\$39.95
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The amount increases by \$10 with each issue your prize goes unclaimed to a maximum of \$50.

