

## SMALL CHANGES ADD UP TO BIG SAVINGS

Sometimes the little things in life mean a lot. Simple steps such as turning off lights when you leave a room, unplugging appliances when you're not using them, and raising the temperature on your thermostat a bit as our weather warms up, when done together, can help your family save on energy dollars.

Since Nolin is part of the Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives network, you have access to a valuable resource that not only identifies simple energy-saving tasks but also illustrates the real-dollar savings they produce, specific to your home. TogetherWeSave.com uses real savings calculations to motivate and inspire small changes in behavior that will save you energy dollars.

Intrigued? Check it out at [www.TogetherWeSave.com](http://www.TogetherWeSave.com). You'll be asked for your ZIP code; this helps us provide accurate electricity rates for your home. You can also access this web site through [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com).

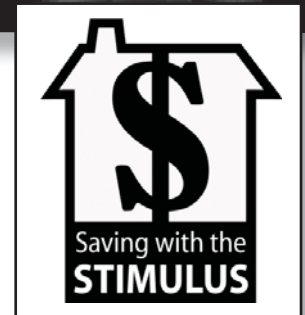
The Virtual Home Tour provides a good starting point. As you move through each of the six rooms, clicking on areas highlighted in yellow prompts you to take various interactive energy-saving measures and shows how these changes translate into savings on your electric bill.

A visit to the attic, for example, recommends adding insulation. Slide the arrow up the scale to add extra inches of insulation and watch the exciting end result. Adding nine inches saves up to \$143 a year. Add 15 inches, and that figure jumps to \$241.

Now head downstairs to the living room. Most folks enjoy watching television and playing Wii or Xbox games, but you don't need these gadgets on 24 hours a day. By unplugging entertainment center devices when they're not in use, you could save up to \$174 every year. Seems simple enough—and every small step adds up to big savings. In fact, just lowering your thermostat one degree in winter could save \$82. Actual savings may vary depending on house size and weather.

Want more in-depth information on energy efficiency? TogetherWeSave.com also includes a library of short videos on various topics.

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Finding ways to help you save energy dollars during tough times is important to Nolin. Valuable tools like TogetherWeSave.com are just one more way Nolin RECC is looking out for you. Want to learn about other ways to make your home more energy efficient or schedule a FREE home energy audit? Visit [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com) or call the Nolin office at 270-765-6153.

## EARTH DAY SAVINGS

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April 22 marks the 40th Earth Day. An appropriate way to celebrate would be to take advantage of the Kentucky Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program.

The program that starts April 22 provides a rebate of between \$40 and \$400 for certain ENERGY STAR appliances.

The Kentucky program is part of a \$300 million federal rebate effort intended to make homes more efficient while stimulating the economy.

Here's an example of the effect that more efficient appliances can have: replacing a refrigerator made before 1993 with a new, ENERGY STAR-rated model could save you more than \$65 on your electricity bill each year. The rebates further sweeten the deal.

The rebates will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be available until each state's budget has been spent or February 2012, whichever comes first. Only purchases that replace existing appliances are eligible.

You can find full program details at [www.energy.ky.gov/recovery/rebate](http://www.energy.ky.gov/recovery/rebate).

## CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION STALLS

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As the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) moves forward with the regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from power plants under the Clean Air Act, electric cooperatives across the United States are mobilizing to press Congress to prevent the hardships that would follow current cap and trade proposals.

The "Our Energy Our Future" campaign that Nolin RECC and other electric co-ops are promoting reminds Congress that the Clean Air Act was never intended as a tool to regulate carbon dioxide. The campaign messages ask Congress to halt the EPA's efforts and retake its responsibility to create climate change legislation that is fair and affordable for all Americans.

It seems our efforts may be paying off, at least for now. Congress is more concerned about other issues like health-care reform than climate change legislation. We will keep you posted on any changes relating to cap and trade. In the meantime, log on to [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop) to voice your concerns on climate change legislation.

Sincerely,



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