

SAVE MONEY BY SEALING YOUR HOME

September is here, and that means winter's cold weather isn't far behind. Before it gets too cold outside to do much work around the house, seal your home against excessive air loss.

Many homes have leaks and gaps that rob homeowners of comfort and money. Simple upgrades such as adding weather stripping or caulk around doors and windows, or better insulating your attic, can dramatically reduce your monthly electric bill. The cost of these upgrades often can be recovered in a few months through the energy dollars you save.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy estimate that typical homeowners can save up to 20 percent on heating and cooling costs (or up to 10 percent on their total annual energy bills) just by properly sealing and insulating their homes.

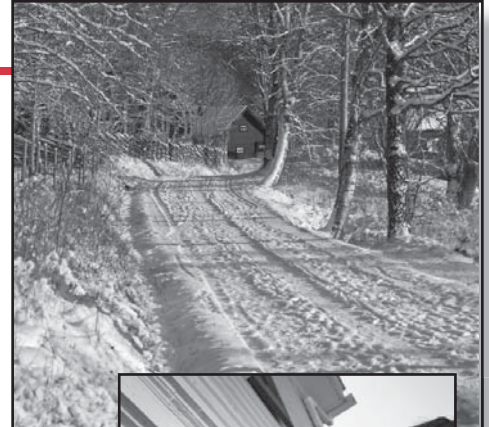
Many air leaks and drafts are easy to find because they're easy to feel—like those around windows and doors. But holes in attics, basements and crawlspaces are usually bigger problems. Sealing these leaks will help reduce your energy consumption.

If you're not confident in your ability to diagnose your house's air-loss problems, let me remind you about Nolin's Button-Up program.

Simply call the Nolin office at 270-765-6153 and ask for Todd Drake, Nolin RECC energy management coordinator. He will determine if your home qualifies for the Button-Up. Through a home energy audit, Drake can determine how much heat is lost through floors, walls, ceilings, doors, windows and other areas. The audit also will give you weatherization options that can reduce air loss.

After you make some or all of those changes, we'll pay you a rebate for every 1,000 BTUs of electricity use you save, which helps you recoup the cost of the repairs. And you'll save money in the future because your monthly bills will go down.

Your home will be warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. You'll be aiding the environment, too. Heat that escapes as a result of poor



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insulation is a waste of precious resources. In addition, by making your home energy-efficient, you help Nolin become more efficient.

Finally, let me encourage you to visit two of our web sites, www.simplesavings.coop and www.togetherwesave.com. There you'll find energy information bulletins, videos and—at togetherwesave.com—an interactive guided home tour, all designed to help you make little changes around your house that can decrease your electricity usage and your monthly bills. You can also access these web sites through the Nolin web page at www.nolinrecc.com.

Nolin is always looking for ways to save energy, save you money and help you stay more comfortable.

In addition to helping you reduce energy consumption, Nolin offers budget billing, a program that allows members to pay an average dollar amount each month based on the previous 12 months' usage. Although bills will fluctuate, members no longer receive higher bills in the winter and summer due to increased heating and cooling usage.

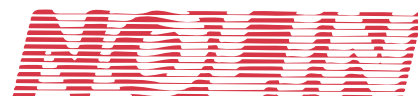
Budget billing makes bill paying affordable, and Nolin's automatic payment draft makes it simple. The automatic payment draft saves members time and money because the electric bill payment is deducted from your bank account or charged to your VISA or MasterCard account each month.

You don't have to visit the Nolin RECC office to sign up for the budget billing or automatic payment draft – you can enroll over the telephone by calling Kathy Williamson at 270-765-6153.

Sincerely,



Michael L. "Mickey" Miller
President and CEO



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NOLIN RECC's HOME ENERGY MAKEOVER

Be A Winner!

Celebrate National Co-op Month in October with energy efficiency!
Members can sign up to win one of these two giveaways – your choice:

ENERGY STAR home appliances worth up to \$1,200

Or, home energy efficiency upgrades up to \$1,200

Look for your entry form in next month's electric bill.

Go to www.nolinrecc.com/makeover for details.