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Powering your Christmas spirit

How do you celebrate the holidays?

For many people, music offers the season's first hint of Christmas spirit. We look forward to simple Christmas carols, catchy holiday hits and tried-and-true family favorites. Whether you listen on your phone, on the radio or on a CD you've had for decades, you could probably name a tune that defines your holiday traditions.

For others, lights and decorations offer the ultimate in festive cheer. Illuminated sleighs perch on rooftops. Lights gleam from windows, doors, porches and gables. In every neighborhood, it seems there's at least one house that just won't be outdone, putting on a bigger show every year.

Some may have a favorite holiday movie, or several, that are best enjoyed with hot cider or cocoa. Ebenezer Scrooge, Charlie Brown, Frosty the Snowman and Buddy the Elf may be recurring characters in your holiday lineup—and if you can quote *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by heart, you're not the only one.

Let's not forget the food. Most family gatherings wouldn't be the same without a special dish made by, or in memory of, a person we love. Whether it's the main course or the Christmas cookies, a favorite dish draws family and friends close.

Music, lights, movies and holiday cooking share electricity in common, and all of us at South Kentucky RECC are honored to play a role in powering your celebrations. As a cooperative, we have the privilege of working for you, our member, and we take pride in belonging to the communities we serve.

One of our guiding principles is "Concern for Community." We are committed to improving quality of life in our communities all year long, but during this season of giving, we're especially proud of the ways South Kentucky RECC gives back. Co-op employees participate in local community events year-round and donate to a number of charitable organizations and schools, as well as volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House and the Special Olympics. South Kentucky RECC also supports local veterans on the Honor Flight, sponsors students for the Washington Youth Tour and awards multiple senior scholarships each year.

Many of you make a special effort to give back, as well. If you don't already donate or volunteer, now is the perfect time to lend a hand at food pantries,



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toy drives, meal services and more.

Whether you're listening to music, stringing lights, watching Christmas movies or preparing a holiday feast, know that you are a valued member of our cooperative family. It's our honor to serve you. Merry Christmas from all of us at South Kentucky RECC.

Give the gift of solar

The season of giving is here. Need a unique gift idea for that person who has everything? Here's a suggestion: Give the gift of the sun. South Kentucky RECC is offering solar panel licenses through our Cooperative Solar program.

For a one-time payment of \$460 per panel, your gift recipient gets a 25-year license to one of the panels at our 60-acre solar farm in Winchester. Each month, license holders receive credit on their South Kentucky RECC bill for their proportional share of the energy generated by the solar farm.

You can give Cooperative Solar to any South Kentucky RECC member on your holiday gift list regardless of whether they rent or own their home. You can also purchase a solar panel license for friends and family who are members of any one of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

Moving is no problem with Cooperative Solar, either. The solar

license is honored by any of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. Or, if your gift recipient moves outside of the service area, the remainder of the license can be assigned to another co-op member, such as a family member,

friend, church or school.

This year, give the gift of renewable energy from South Kentucky RECC. To purchase a solar panel license, contact one of our energy advisors at (800) 264-5112.



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Holiday office closings

Our offices will be closed Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26, for Christmas, as well as Monday, January 1, for New Year's—but our service never takes a break.

If you have an outage or issue, South Kentucky RECC employees will be working the Santa shift to make sure your Christmas stays bright. Call your local office at (800) 264-5112 to report an outage.



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Avoid decorating dangers

Make a safety list, check it twice

Decking the halls is a rite of the holiday season. To keep your holidays merry and bright, as well as safe, refer to this electrical safety checklist when you trim the tree and hang lights in your home.

1. **INSPECT** each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, loose connections, or frayed or bare wires. Discard all damaged cords.
2. **LOOK** for the Underwriters Laboratories rating indicating the product has been tested and meets federal safety standards.
3. **LIMIT** the number of light strands linked together, per manufacturer's instructions.
4. **ALLOW** plenty of space between your tree and electrical outlets. Don't let limbs touch the outlet.
5. **POSITION** bulbs so they don't touch supply cords, wires, cloth, paper or any material that's not part of the light string.
6. **MOVE** lights and extension cords so they aren't underneath furniture or carpet where they could get hot, or pinched.
7. **AVOID** overloading outlets or extension cords by plugging in too many decorations.
8. **KEEP** an eye on pets that may chew or damage electrical cords.
9. **TURN** off holiday lights and decorations when you leave the house or go to bed.
10. **CHECK** lights and decorations throughout the season to ensure they are operating safely.

Holidays can be the best time of the year. Let's keep it that way by taking the proper precautions with electrified holiday decorations to prevent hazards.



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SKRECC 2023-2024 board elections

This year, there are two South Kentucky RECC board of directors positions on the ballot. The following four-year director terms are expiring this year:

Wayne County, District 4—Vacant

Pulaski County, District 7—Brent Tackett

The South Kentucky RECC

Credentials and Elections Committee will have candidate application packets available to interested candidates beginning December 4.

If you are an interested candidate

and have read and comply with the complete list of requirements (available at www.skrecc.com) to be considered for a board of director position, and/or wish to discuss the process further and obtain a candidate application packet, contact Mark David Goss, chief legal officer, by phone at (800) 264-5112, ext. 4130, or by email at mdgoss@skrecc.com, between 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

All sealed, completed application packets must be returned to the attention of Mark David Goss at the

Somerset Headquarters Office of South Kentucky RECC by 4:30 p.m. (EST) on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024.

The web address for the
2023-2024 South Kentucky RECC
Board of Directors Election is:
<https://skrecc.com/DirectorElection>

SKRECC Bylaws:
www.skrecc.com/bylaws



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Visit www.skrecc.com to pay your bill online, to visit our outage center, or for more information about the Co-op Connections Program.

To report an outage 24/7/365, please call your local office, (800) 264-5112, or set up your account to be able to text outages. Please do not report outages via social media.

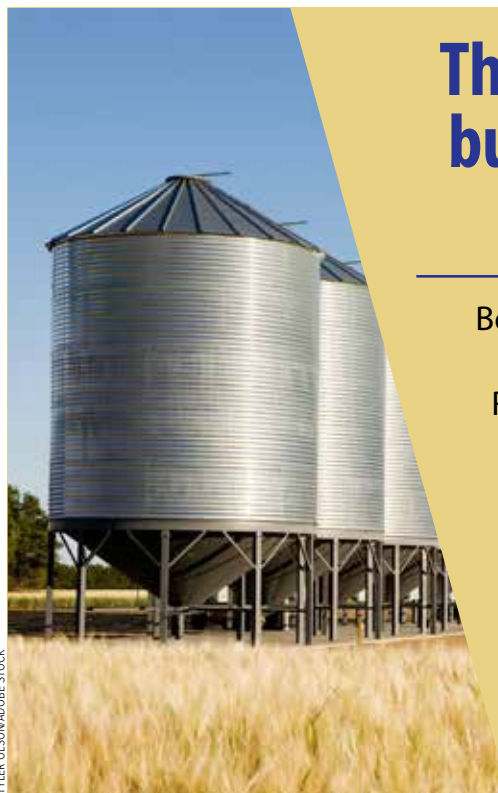
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We're thankful for the gift of your membership!

South Kentucky RECC's members are at the heart of everything we do, and we're grateful for the opportunity to power your holiday season.



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Thinking about building a new grain bin?

Before you start planning, contact South Kentucky RECC and we'll help with electrical clearance and safety guidelines.

Call (800) 264-5112

