

# DISCOVERING SOUTH KENTUCKY

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## We're here to serve you

Fall is a busy time, and October is a particularly eventful month with school, community and sports activities in full swing. It's also when all cooperatives celebrate National Co-op Month.

Celebrating Co-op Month means celebrating you! After all, our co-op wouldn't exist without you, our consumer-members.

Our core business purpose is to serve as your electricity provider, but the larger mission of the co-op is to help make our corner of the world a better place. "Concern for community" is one of seven guiding principles that all co-ops share.

Similar to how our wires run through our service territory, our concern for community flows through all of our decisions—because being a co-op means being a responsible partner and good neighbor.

South Kentucky RECC works to help the communities we serve through initiatives led by our employees and a member-elected board of directors that's comprised of neighbors who live right here in our community. Because we're local, we understand our community's unique needs and strive to help meet them.

We're proud to support local youth through our youth tour and scholarship programs. With your help, we

provide assistance to our community's most vulnerable. South Kentucky RECC is honored to partner with local charitable organizations to support our area.

The word "cooperative" is close to "cooperation," meaning people working together toward a common goal—mutually benefiting one another and the larger community. That's the essence of the cooperative spirit. Our employees and member-elected board members are invested in the communities in which we live and serve.

Above all, as a co-op, we put our members' priorities first. As your trusted energy partner, we know that saving energy and money is important to you. That's why we have numerous programs in place to help.

We want to empower you to manage energy use at home. If you haven't already, we encourage you to take a moment and download our app, SmartHub. Through the app, you can conveniently monitor and manage your energy use. And, of course, we're here to help, so give us a call if you have questions about your energy bills.

South Kentucky RECC is continuously examining ways to operate more

efficiently while continuing to provide the highest level of friendly, reliable service you expect and deserve. After all, we're your local co-op. We were built by the members we serve.



PHOTOS: SKRECC STAFF



# Beware of energy vampires

A hidden terror could be creeping around your home. These silent menaces never sleep and lurk in every room. They are energy vampires—electronic devices that slowly suck electricity when they are turned off but still plugged in.

The glowing light that remains on when a device is powered off is a tell-tale sign of an unwelcome power sucker. Electronics chargers, computers and devices that turn on instantly via remote control are common culprits.

Individually, these voltage vampires use only small amounts of electricity, but they can collectively account for as much as 10% on the average monthly electric bill, reports the U.S. Department of Energy.

To slay your energy vampires and save money, South Kentucky RECC suggests these tactics:

1. **Unplug.** When not in use or fully charged, unplug devices such as cellphones, coffee makers, gaming

systems and even rechargeable toothbrushes.

2. **Use power strips.** Shut off power with the flip of a switch when you plug multiple devices into a strip. If you use a smart power strip, it will automatically turn off idle electronics.

3. **Put them to sleep.** Activate the sleep mode on your computer or set other electronics into power-saving mode to

minimize their electricity consumption after a certain amount of inactivity.

4. **Make smart upgrades.** Look for the Energy Star label when purchasing new appliances. They can use half as much energy as other appliances.

Slay the energy vampires in your home and reap energy savings—no wooden stakes or garlic required.



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## CHARGING YOUR EV

### TAKE CARE WHEN CHARGING YOUR ELECTRIC VEHICLE

Are you among the growing number of people driving an electric vehicle?

#### KEEP THESE SAFETY TIPS IN MIND:

- Always use the charger provided by the vehicle's manufacturer.
- Before you plug into any electrical outlet, have a qualified electrician inspect and verify the electrical system (outlet, wiring, junctions and protection devices) for heavy duty service according to your vehicle's owner's manual.
- Before using a public charger, always inspect it first to make sure it doesn't appear damaged.



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# Who powers you?

## Nominate an outstanding person to win Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives #WhoPowersYou contest

South Kentucky RECC, a Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperative, is proud to bring the exciting #WhoPowersYou contest to its members. In the past, the national contest has recognized people across the country who make a difference. Now, the contest is open to Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives' members only.

You can nominate a South Kentucky RECC member as an unsung hero in our community. Someone in Kentucky will win \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second and \$250 for third place. The prize money is awarded to co-op members who show the power of human connections.

"It's easy to enter. Just share a brief description of how that person has made a difference in the community," says SKRECC Communications Administrator Morghan Blevins. "We know there are so many wonderful people in the communities we serve and we want to recognize their dedication to improving our area."



TIM WEBB

Simply visit [www.whopowersyouky.com](http://www.whopowersyouky.com) to nominate someone special in your community. Be sure to include "ky" in the website URL. The contest is open Oct. 1-31. Winners will be announced in mid-November.

The nominee must be an active member of a participating cooperative to be

eligible. Nominators do not have to be co-op members to submit a nominee.

Help us share word of the contest by using the hashtag #WhoPowersYou on social media and let others know you recognize those making a difference. It's South Kentucky RECC's way of making life better.

## October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Don't take the bait if you suspect a phishing attempt! If you receive an email with offers that seem too good to be true, urgent requests from unknown senders (or known senders, but the message seems off), avoid it. Never click links or download attachments from suspicious emails.



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**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.

**Plug into South Kentucky RECC. Follow us on social media:**



# CO-OPS GROW

## COMMUNITIES

Electric cooperatives are joining co-ops across the U.S. to celebrate National Co-op Month.

As your local electric co-op, our services are shaped to meet your specific needs. We love growing with you, the members we are proud to serve.