

Lumbee River

Electric Membership Corporation



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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

EMC Allocates Funds for LREMC Cares Energy Assistance Program

Lumbee River EMC realizes that many of our members have to stretch their money each month just to make ends meet. When a crisis or emergency occurs, it can really create a hardship. Oftentimes, choices have to be made between medicine, food, and electricity.

As part of our continued commitment to our members, LREMC has partnered with local community service agencies through our LREMC Cares Energy Assistance Program. The agencies will use their existing criteria to determine member eligibility for funds.

County	Agency	Contact Info
Cumberland	Fayetteville Urban Ministry	910-483-5944
Hoke	Dept. of Social Services	910-875-8725
Robeson	Robeson County Church & Community Services	910-738-5204
Scotland	Scotland County Church & Community Services	910-276-8330

Sheryl Walters Wins \$200 Gift Card in Change A Light Contest



Congratulations to Sheryl Walters! Ms. Walters was named the winner of Lumbee River EMC's Change a Light Contest. As the contest winner, Ms. Walters received a \$200 Wal-Mart gift card. Members who turned in receipts for Energy Star fluorescent bulbs were entered into a drawing for the gift card. Judging from entries, cooperative members changed at least 3,065 lights during the contest.



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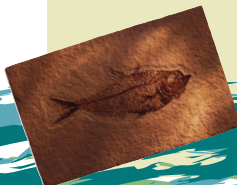
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Eligible members can receive up to \$150 in assistance one time a year.

Agencies will administer funds on a first-come, first serve basis until funds are depleted. Please contact the agency for your county for additional information.



EMC Offers Cash Back for New Energy Star Appliance

Are you considering purchasing a new appliance such as a clothes washer, refrigerator or dishwasher? If so, now is the best time to consider purchasing an appliance with an ENERGY STAR® label.

The typical household spends \$2,000 a year on energy bills. With ENERGY STAR, you can save more than 30% or more than \$700 per year, with similar savings of greenhouse gas emissions, without sacrificing features, style or comfort. ENERGY STAR helps you make the energy efficient choice.

An appliance receives the Energy Star® rating if it is significantly more energy efficient than the minimum government standards, as determined by standard testing procedures. The amount by which an appliance must exceed the minimum standards is different for each product rated, and depends on available technology. Energy Star® rated products are among the most efficient available to date.

Not only will you save on energy costs, but Lumbee River EMC offers you cash back on the purchase price! LREMC now offers rebates to our residential members that purchase ENERGY STAR® clothes washers, dishwashers, and refrigerators in 2009. The program will be on a first come, first served bases and members are eligible for the following rebates:

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Energy Star Qualified Clothes Washer
\$35 Rebate

Energy Star Qualified Dishwasher
\$20 Rebate

Energy Star Qualified Refrigerator/Freezer
\$35 Rebate

Obtaining these cash rebates is simple. To qualify, you must be a Lumbee River EMC residential member, purchase a qualifying Energy Star appliance and complete a rebate application form. Forms are available at each cooperative office or can be downloaded from our website at www.lumbeeriver.com. To learn more, please call 910-843-4131.

EMC Accepting Student Applications for Sports Camps

North Carolina's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives are giving deserving students the opportunity to attend two renowned NC basketball camps again in 2009. The scholarships are being offered to females in 6th-8th grades for the Kay Yow Basketball Camp and to males in grades 6th-8th for the Roy Williams Basketball Camp.

NC's Touchstone Energy Co-ops will send more than 50 students to the camps, which are held at North Carolina State University in Raleigh and at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. The Touchstone Energy Sports Camp program provides a unique educational and athletic opportunity for our state's youth.

Kay Yow, coach of the Wolfpack women's basketball team, will instruct the camp with the help of her staff and current players. Roy Williams, coach of the 2005 national champion Carolina Tar Heel men's basketball team, will conduct his camp with his staff and current players. Both camps will work closely with each camper to develop skills that will benefit the young athletes on and off the court.

Applications for both camps will be accepted through Friday, March 27. Winners will be announced by May 1. Applicants will be judged on their academics, extra-curricular activities and an essay submitted with the application.

Eligible students who are interested in the scholarship should contact Ruby Clark at (910) 843-7912, or via e-mail at ruby.clark@lumbeeriver.com. To download applications, students can visit www.ncemcs.com.

Visit www.kayyowcamps.com to learn more about the Kay Yow Basketball Camp. For details about the Roy Williams Basketball Camp, visit the Web site: www.roywilliamsuncbasketballcamp.com.

What's So Great about CFLs? Plenty!

Saving money on your energy bill can be as easy as changing a light bulb. Using compact fluorescent lights, or CFLs, instead of the standard incandescent bulb can result in significant savings in both time and money. Here's what makes them such a bright idea:

- CFLs use a third of the energy used by incandescent bulbs, and produce 90 percent less heat.
- CFLs last up to 10 times longer than standard bulbs. They'll need to be changed far less often, making them extra convenient in hard-to-reach and high-use fixtures.
- CFLs save an average of \$30 each in energy cost over their lifetime. If you change five bulbs in the most frequently used areas of your home, you'll save more than \$150. That's no small change.

- Although CFLs contain a small amount of mercury, they actually have less of an environmental impact than incandescent bulbs. The greatest source of airborne mercury is coal-burning power plants, and replacing incandescent bulbs with CFLs will help lower the amount of mercury in the atmosphere.

Tips to consider when purchasing CFLs

- Place **ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs in the fixtures you use most frequently.** CFLs are most efficient when they operate for several hours at a time (two hours or more).
- **Certain CFLs are designed to work in dimmable, three-way fixtures, as well as torchieres.** Check the package to be sure you are buying the correct bulb.

- Use **ENERGY STAR-qualified CFLs in the fixtures that are hard to reach** such as ceiling fans, other ceiling fixtures, and enclosed outdoor fixtures. Because CFLs last longer, you enjoy the convenience of buying and changing bulbs less frequently.
- **ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs come in a multitude of shapes and sizes.** Select the best shape and size to fit your needs
- **Smaller sizes mean greater compatibility with your fixtures.** Today's ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs are designed to be smaller and thinner than earlier models, so you can install them in a wider variety of fixtures, such as wall sconces, ceiling-mounted fixtures, and ceiling fans.

Questions? Call Lumbee River EMC at (910) 843-4131 and ask to speak to our Energy Services Representative.



Beginning Feb. 2, Lumbee River EMC will sell CFLs at all of its office locations for a very reasonable price. The 14-watt bulbs (60-watt equivalents) cost **\$1.50 each and are sold by the dozen to our members for \$18.** Because the bulbs are breakable we cannot ship them to your home, but they're available for purchase in our offices.

Winter Storms: Safety Tips for Staying Warm



Snow and ice storms are an inevitable part of winter, and can lead to downed power lines and outages. Remember the following tips to stay safe and warm should you find yourself in the dark after a severe storm:

- Never touch a fallen power line, and assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged. Call your electric co-op at (336) 356-4141 to report it immediately. Avoid contact with overhead lines during cleanup and other activities.
- In the event of an outage, an alternate heating source—such as a fireplace, propane space heater, or wood stove—may be used. Extreme caution should be taken.
- Fuel- and wood-burning heating sources should be vented. Be sure to follow manufacturer's directions.
- Do not use a gas or charcoal grill inside the home. Do not use charcoal briquettes in the fireplace.
- If you use a portable generator to power a heating source, be sure the generator is located outside your house for proper ventilation. Do not use a generator in an attached garage. Follow manufacturer's directions for operating the generator.
- Take special care not to overload a generator. Use appropriately sized extension cords to carry the electric load. Make sure the cords have a grounded, three-pronged plug and are in good condition.
- Never connect generators to power lines. The reverse flow of electricity can electrocute an unsuspecting utility worker.
- At least one telephone in the house that does not depend on electricity should be available in the case of a power outage.
- Make sure carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors are working.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Keep your fireplace damper closed unless you built a fire. An open damper allows as much warm air to escape as a fully open window. If you never use your fireplace, plug and seal the chimney flue.

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