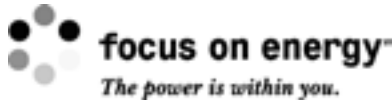


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An Update

If you recently purchased a new appliance you may have been disappointed to learn that neither Focus on Energy or Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative offers an incentive at the present time. But there is good news, if you bought an energy star appliance you will save automatically. Products that have earned the ENERGY STAR label have the highest rating a product can earn for energy efficiency (translation: They're cheaper to use!). By using less energy, it reduces pollution and is better for the environment. Even better news is that, in many cases, you can purchase an ENERGY STAR qualified appliance for little to no more cost than a standard appliance and they are easy to find at your local retailer due to the products increasing popularity with consumers.

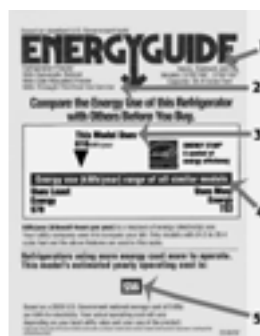
Rebates for ENERGY STAR qualified appliances are occasionally offered but are becoming much less common nationally and in Wisconsin due to their competitive prices, availability and good economic sense in terms of energy savings and product performance.

For example, if you choose ENERGY STAR qualified products when phasing out your old products, you could cut your energy bill by about 30%. For the average American household, that's the equivalent of saving more than \$400 a year on energy costs. Look for the ENERGY STAR label on:

- ▲ Clothes washers, dishwashers, and refrigerators
- ▲ Lighting fixtures, torchiers, ceiling fans and bulbs
- ▲ TVs, VCRs, and computers
- ▲ Room air conditioners
- ▲ Dozens of other energy efficient products for your home

Besides looking for the Energy Star logo, comparing energy guides will help you select an efficient model. 8787500

1. The make, model, and other general information about the product are listed here.
2. Learn about features, size, capacities, etc., here
3. The yearly energy estimate in kWhs per year is listed here. The location of the triangle indicates the ranking of this device compared with others in its class. The Energy Star logo would be located in this area if the product meets the Energy Star standards.
4. Here's a scale of all the tested devices with the most efficient on the left and the least efficient on the right. The further the triangle is on the left side of this scale, the more efficient the device is.
5. This is the estimated cost per year to operate this device using the national average cost of electricity.



For example, purchasing an ENERGY STAR clothes washer will mean the following to you:

- ▶ Can save you up to \$110 per year on utility bills, compared to a model manufactured before 1994
- ▶ Uses 18 gallon to 25 gallons of water per load, compared to the 40 gallons used by standard machine. These savings equal enough water to fill a 10,000-gallon swimming pool each year.
- ▶ Uses 50 % less combined energy and water than standard washers.
- ▶ Spins your clothes drier, making your dryer cheaper to run.
- ▶ Saves you money on clothes, because the tumbling action (vs. agitation) is gentler on clothes
- ▶ Is quieter than conventional washer operating on a normal cycle.

Questions on the Line

What is the Public Benefits charge?

Cooperatives are required by legislation to have a public benefits program that includes low income and energy conservation programs. Cooperatives have the option of participating in a statewide program or conducting their own.

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative has participated in the state program for low income since the inception in 1999. This state ran program aides low-income members in paying their electric bill. To qualify the state looks at the family size and income on an annual basis. A member can apply for this assistance at their County's Social Service Office.

Until July 2007, Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative had conducted our own energy conservation program with the help of Dairyland Power Cooperative (our Generation and Transmission supplier). With energy conservation becoming so important, our Board of Directors voted to participate in the statewide Focus on Energy Program as well as continuing to participate in the energy conservation programs we have developed with Dairyland Power Cooperative.

Thank you

Thank you to all the members who have dealt with Mother Nature this summer, your patience is appreciated. Our crews have worked diligently to repair and replace your power sources. If you see an employee of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative thank them for the countless hours they have spent trying to keep you safe!

Can you find it?

Find your account number hidden in the newsletter, call the office and win a \$5 gift certificate towards your electric bill.

Currently Cooking

This is my favorite chicken dish. It is so easy to make and so yummy for my tummy!



Chicken Rice Bake

1 1/2 c regular rice	1 3/4 c milk
1 can cream of mushroom soup	1 chicken cut up
1 can cream of chicken soup	1 package of onion soup mix
1 can cream of celery soup	

Grease a 9 X 13 pan- put rice on bottom layer. Combine soups and milk - heat- pour over rice. Lay chicken pieces on rice. Sprinkle onion soup mix over chicken. Cover with foil. Bake slow at 325 degrees for 2 hours. Enjoy!

Energy tax credits reminder

Are you remodeling your home? Don't forget about potential tax credits when deciding on energy-efficiency materials this year. On Dec. 20, 2006, President Bush signed a bill extending federal tax credits for certain renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

The consumer energy-efficiency credits for tax years 2006 and 2007, however, were not extended. Therefore, you have only one-year of eligibility left to get federal income tax credits for specific energy-efficiency upgrades to your home. There is up to \$500 available per home for door, window, roof, insulation and heating/cooling equipment upgrades.

The 2006 legislation did extend the production tax credit through 2008 for electricity produced from wind power, geothermal power, biomass, landfill gas, small irrigation power, and incremental hydropower, trash combustion facilities. It also provides a similar one-year tax credit extension for new properties that produce geothermal power or make use of solar energy. This includes homeowners who purchase solar water heating, solar photo voltaic, or fuel cell systems. 1986500

For more information on energy tax credits, or to see if a recent home improvement or new construction is eligible, contact your tax adviser or visit the following website:

-Alliance for Save Energy: www.ase.org/content/article/detail/2654

-IRS for homeowners: www.irs.gov/newsroom

-Tax Incentives Assistance: www.energytaxincentives.org

—NRECA, U.S. Department of Energy, Alliance to Save Energy

**Just as a reminder, check with us about incentives from Focus on Energy on your energy-efficient materials.*

Just For Fun

For those who love a good stereo-type...here's a



"Hardy Har Har HR Humor" -contribution from Vault.com:

The following guidelines shall be used when hiring new personnel. Take the prospective employees you are trying to place and put them in a room with only a table and two chairs. Leave them alone for two hours, without any instruction. At the end of that time, go back and see what they are doing.

- ▼ If they have taken the table apart in that time, put them in Engineering.
- ▼ If they are counting the butts in the ashtray, assign them to Finance.
- ▼ If they are screaming and waving their arms, send them off to Manufacturing.
- ▼ If they are talking to the chairs, Personnel is a good spot for them.
- ▼ If they are sleeping, they are Management material.
- ▼ If they are writing up the experience, send them to Tech Pubs.
- ▼ If they don't even look up when you enter the room, assign them to Security.
- ▼ If they try to tell you it's not as bad as it looks, send them to Marketing.
- ▼ And if they have left early, put them in Sales.

Do you have an idea for an invention, product, service or business?

If your answer is yes, join the Inventor & Entrepreneurs Club on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gays Mills Community Building. Network and share ideas, find resources, and learn ways to take your ideas or business to the next level. For more information call Laura Brown, Crawford County UW Extension, at 608-326-0224.

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Sandra Davidson- board member

Representing District 2- Clayton, Haney, Kickapoo, Marietta, Scott

Family-

- Husband, Ken of 35 years (certified organic dairy farmer)
- Daughters: Heidi Heather (Chad) Christianson

Occupation-

Dietary Manager at Sannes Skogdalen Heim in Soldiers Grove
Book keeper for the farm

Hobbies-

- Singing alto in a quartet called "The Messengers"
- Calligraphy
- Decorating the kitchen with "Campbell Soup Kids"
- Cooking
- Planting flowers
- Morel Mushroom Hunting
- Collecting Salt and Pepper Shakers

- Canoeing down the Kickapoo River

Why did you choose to become a Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative Director?

My dad, Wayne Ewers, served on the Crawford Electric Board and had moved off the lines. I was encouraged by members in the District to run for election. I am thankful for the member's support and for giving me the opportunity to represent them.

What do you enjoy most about serving as a Director?

I enjoy the responsibility of being a director and working with the board and management on providing reliable energy, and exploring new opportunities and technologies. I also enjoy meeting and visiting with the SREC members.



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