



## Save Energy, Save Money



Whether it's keeping more of the hot or cold air out, or keeping more of the comfortable temps in, one of the easiest ways to save money on your electric bill each month is by using less energy.

And Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives have energy efficiency programs that can help.

Major upgrades to your home aren't necessary to improve your energy use, lower your energy bills and help the environment along the way. Small, often inexpensive energy-saving upgrades can lower your monthly energy usage. Here are just a few examples.

There are rebates available for doing a few money-saving "button ups" to your home, including sealing air leaks from your home and sealing your ductwork, if you meet certain criteria. It's an inexpensive way to participate in an energy-saving program, while saving money on your energy bill.

Another program which offers a significant rebate is the heat pump retrofit. By installing an ENERGY STAR-rated 15 SEER 8.5 HSPF heat pump, and replacing older, inefficient heating sources, you could receive up to a \$750 rebate. There are smaller rebates for heat pumps that meet minimum standards as well. Not only will the heat pump save you money over the long term, you'll get paid back just for installing it.

If you're buying a new manufactured home, you can get up to a \$750 rebate for installing the ENERGY STAR heat pump, or smaller rebates for other types of energy-efficient heating systems. Same goes for new home construction. Combine the efficiency of electric heating and cooling with high insulation standards when building a new home, and you have the basis for the Touchstone Energy Home. By meeting minimum Home Energy Rating System (HERS) standards, you'll save money and lower your energy usage over the lifetime of owning that home.

The SimpleSaver program is another way that we are working to keep your electricity affordable. Your participating co-op will pay you up to \$20 per year for each central air conditioner you enroll into the program for as long as you remain in the program.

The program helps you limit your electric use at peak times during the summer and winter. Managing

peak load also decreases Kentucky's carbon footprint and gives all of us more time to explore affordable sources of renewable energy. Plus, that smart thermostat may earn you a \$100 rebate. Learn more at [www.simplesaver.coop](http://www.simplesaver.coop).

You can find many energy-saving tips on [www.Togetherwesaveky.com](http://www.Togetherwesaveky.com).

## Check out our EV Calculator to find your next ride



Is an EV right for you? With prices dropping and technology changing, Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives have seen a surge of interest in electric vehicles.

We offer an EV calculator that compares makes and models. It's free, easy to use and unbiased. Go to [Electric Vehicle Calculator](#) and check it out!



Easy. Affordable. Renewable.



Cooperative Solar

## Learn more about Cooperative Solar

Looking for another way to purchase renewable energy? Check out our [Cooperative Solar](#) program.

Co-op members can license solar panels at Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives' not-for-profit 60-acre solar farm. You can tap into renewable solar energy for your home or business without the headaches of installing and maintaining solar panels themselves.

Learn more and submit an application at [www.cooperativesolar.com](http://www.cooperativesolar.com).

## *Want to do more?*



## The right choice for you

We know many Kentuckians are looking for ways to support renewable energy efforts. Again, we thank you for your support. Feel free to share this e-newsletter and talk about your participation with friends and family.

You can also learn about ways to improve your home's energy efficiency by visiting [www.togetherwesaveky.com](http://www.togetherwesaveky.com).

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