Fight winter chill and save

Winter months often bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. By being proactive about saving energy, you can increase the comfort of your home and reduce monthly bills. PRECorp staff can offer ideas to manage your home energy use and keep winter bills in check.

Here are five tips to help increase your home's energy efficiency this winter:

1. **Mind the thermostat.** This is one of the easiest ways to manage your home energy use. We recommend setting your thermostat to 68 degrees (or lower) when you're home. Try setting it between 58 and 62 degrees when you're away, sleeping or less active.
2. **Button up your home.** The Department of Energy estimates that air leaks account for 24% to 40% of the energy used for heating and cooling a home. If you can feel drafts while standing near a window or door, it likely needs to be sealed.
3. **Use window coverings wisely.** Open blinds, drapes or other window coverings during the day to allow natural sunlight in to warm your home. Close them at night to keep the cold, drafty air out. If you feel cold air around windows, consider hanging curtains or drapes in a thicker material.
4. **Consider your approach to appliance use.** If you're running the dishwasher or clothes washer, only wash full loads. Look for electronic devices that consume energy even when they're not in use, like phone chargers or game consoles.
5. **Think outside the box.** If you're still feeling chilly at home, think of other ways to warm up—beyond dialing up the thermostat. Add layers of clothing, wear thick socks and bundle up under blankets. If you have hard-surface flooring, consider purchasing an area rug to block cold air that leaks in through the floor.

Also, remember that you may find quality rugs, window coverings, and weatherization items at an affordable price through local thrift stores or clearance aisles. You don't always need to pay full price or shop online.

If you're taking steps to save energy but continue to see major increases in your usage, give PRECorp Member Service a call at 1-800-442-3630 or take advantage of our free home energy audits.

Go to our website at www.precorp.coop/helpful-links for additional energy-saving tips.

Events Calendar

The list of PRECorp events includes Board meeting dates, holidays, telephone town hall meetings, and more.

- **Monday, January 19** - All-Employee Meeting, PRECorp offices closed, call 1-888-391-6220 with an outage.
- **Tuesday, January 20** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sundance.
- **Tuesday, January 27** - PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., teleconference.
- **Tuesday, February 17** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gillette.
- **Tuesday, February 24** - PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 10:30 a.m., Gillette.
- **Wednesday, February 25 -** Telephone Town Hall meeting with CEO Brian Mills, 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 17** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sheridan.
- **Tuesday, March 24** - PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., teleconference.
- **Tuesday, April 21** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sundance.
- **Tuesday, April 28** - PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., teleconference.

Operation RoundUp® Ticket Giveaway

On February 2, TWO drawings will be held for a University of Wyoming Men's Basketball ticket package in Laramie!

The prize package includes FOUR (4) electronic tickets (right behind the UW bench) plus a Lot H parking pass.

Winner's choice of game dates:
- Saturday, 2/28 UW vs. Air Force OR
- Tuesday, 3/3 UW vs. University of Nevada

PRECorp Operation RoundUp® members are automatically entered in the drawings.

Not enrolled in Operation RoundUp®? Call 1-800-442-3630.

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WYOMING COWBOY BASKETBALL

Know your PRECorp Board of Directors:

The PRECorp Board of Directors are pictured at the right. Members who would like to email the director in their respective county may do so through our website at www.precorp.coop/board-directors

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BIG HORN — Mike Helvey

POWDER RIVER

SHERIDAN — Jim Baumgartner

Sheridan

Clearmont • Arvada •

Ty Pirtz

Philip Habeck — Hulett

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