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A feast of community

What we're grateful for

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f all the dates on the calendar, Thanksgiving Day is a favorite for many—and it's a holiday that truly captures what Jackson Energy hopes to be for you and for your family.

At the heart of our operation is our commitment to community. Jackson Energy is more than a power provider. We are also your neighbors, gathering our families around our holiday tables just as you do the same.

It's a tradition for many families to share around the Thanksgiving table what each person is thankful for on this holiday. All of us at Jackson Energy are thankful for you. Like members of a family, it's you, our members, who define and motivate us. We find our purpose in serving you. While providing safe, reliable and affordable electric power is crucial to our mission, improving the quality of life for our members and our communities is at the core of what we do.

We are thankful that Jackson Energy's members are engaged with us. Your involvement and support empower us to serve you better. With every flicker of light, we aim to symbolize the strong connection we share with you, our valued members.





We are grateful for the board members who represent you as we work together to protect your interests.

We are thankful that we are blessed with a dedicated and professional staff whose care for the co-op is again rooted in the fact that they are your neighbors.

Finally, our job is to make sure that we are paying attention to every aspect of our cooperative. Some areas that are very important can otherwise be easy to overlook. On this Thanksgiving, we encourage you to pay attention and take care of those in our community and those in your family who might otherwise be overlooked amid the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Whether it is a phone call to a far-away relative or a dinner plate for the elderly neighbor next door, the smallest act of kindness can make the biggest difference.

As you decorate your homes, prepare feasts, and welcome loved ones this fall, remember that Jackson Energy is here to brighten your celebrations and homecomings.

We hope you and your loved ones enjoy this season. From all of us here at Jackson Energy, happy Thanksgiving!



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Thanks for the blessings

n this season of thanksgiving, I'm heeding these wise words from inspirational author William Arthur Ward, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." During this month of thanksgiving, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your membership in our cooperative.

Our members are the reason the co-op exists, and I'm blessed to work for you. Your support of our co-op's mission and values allows your co-op's employees to stay clearly focused on what matters most to those we serve.

Your connection to the co-op allows us to provide safe, reliable electricity at a competitive rate. This powers both necessities and conveniences to improve lives. The availability of reliable power also aids in recruiting business investment that helps our communities thrive economically.

It's also a blessing that so many of you take an active interest in this co-op's performance and business. Each year, so many members participate in our annual meeting and elect fellow members to represent you in governing the co-op.

I'm thankful that these nine board members carve out time to participate in training sessions, attend planning meetings and follow industry trends. These better-informed advisers serve the co-op's interests in a way that members expect and deserve.

I'm also grateful for your dedication to the cooperative principle of "Concern for Community." Through your membership and participation in Operation RoundUp, we are a catalyst for good in our community. This year, members' support allowed the co-op to invest in programs such as 4-H, volunteer fire departments, schools, food banks and more.

As one of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, Jackson Energy sponsored two military veterans as Honor Flight participants, supported Special Olympics Kentucky and cared for families in crisis at the Ronald McDonald Houses.

From reliable power to community caring, none of this is possible without your Jackson Energy membership. Thanks for the blessings.

> By President & CEO Carol Wright

Winterize before the bitter chill

Tips for preparing your home with safety in mind

re your home and its electrical and heating system ready for winter? The best time to find out is long before the season's first approaching winter storm.

Taking a little time to prepare your home for colder weather pays many benefits. You'll be more comfortable, and, even more importantly, you'll have the confidence that your house will keep you safe on the chilliest nights.

We recommend several simple steps to winterize your home:

• Winterize electrical outlets on outside walls with insulating covers by carefully selecting outlet kits made to fit. Turn off power to each outlet and check for loose wires or connections that could cause shocks or electrocution. If an outlet wiggles or seems to have loose wires, have a qualified electrician repair it.

- Check space heater cords for signs of wear or overheating and make sure the plug fits securely in the outlet.
- Never run cords under carpeting or rugs. Cords can be damaged when people step on them, and they are a trip hazard. They can also overheat and lead to a fire.
- Make sure trees are properly trimmed and away from your electrical wires. Tree branches can fall and snap your power lines during a winter storm. NEVER approach a downed power line; it could still be energized.
- Check your furnace or heat pump before you need it. A service technician can conduct a thorough cleaning and check. Make sure filters are clean.
- If you notice odd sounds or smells coming from your furnace or heat

pump, turn it off and call a service technician. Mechanical problems can lead to fires. Furnaces that use combustion can also release gases, such as carbon monoxide.

• Have working flashlights or battery-powered lamps with fresh batteries on hand in case of a power outage.

Now that it's sweater weather—when you feel chilly indoors, putting on a sweater instead of turning up the thermostat a couple of degrees can add up to substantial savings. Each time you turn the thermostat up a degree, you can add as much as 2% to 3% to your heating costs, and you put more wear and tear on your heat pump or furnace.

For more tips to winterize your home, visit our website at jacksonenergy.com.

WINTERIZE YOUR HOME BEFORE THE BITTER CHILL

Start preparing your home for winter now and enjoy the comforts of knowing you and your family will be safe from unexpected dangers in and around your home.

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May this holiday season be merry and bright

s November kicks off, it's hard to believe we'll soon be gathering with family and friends to celebrate the holiday season. This festive time of year brings joy and warmth, but as the weather gets cooler and we spend more time indoors, the holidays can also bring increased energy use and a higher risk of electrical and fire hazards.

As your local electric cooperative, our team at Jackson Energy cares about your wellbeing. This month, we'd like to share a few practical tips to help you stay safe and efficient during the holiday season.

Safety first

Our families truly enjoy decorating our homes for the holidays, too. Before you deck the halls, always check electrical cords and light strands to make sure they aren't frayed or damaged. This gives us peace of mind, knowing our holiday lights are ready to safely brighten our home. Also, double check the lights you use outside to make sure they're rated for outdoor use. Like many households, we also enjoy holiday-scented candles. While festive, candles can create fire hazards and should never be left unattended.

One of the best and easiest ways to safeguard your home is to test smoke alarms often. Make it routine to test them on the first of each month, so it's easy to remember. Testing smoke alarms only takes a few seconds and could save lives, so make it a habit.

'Tis the season for savings

Spending more time indoors with a few more guests in the home can really impact home energy use. By taking a few small steps to save energy during the holiday season, you can lower your bills.

Since heating and cooling makes up the majority of home energy consumption, the thermostat is one of the best places for savings. Lower it a few degrees, especially when you have family or friends stopping by. Good company brings additional warmth to your home. Your family can also save energy by decorating with LED holiday lights. LEDs are the most energy efficient lighting options available, and they last much longer than traditional bulbs.

There's no denying one of the best parts of the holiday season is the foodnot just the meals, but the time we spend together in the kitchen. There are many ways to save in the heart of your home, but one of the best approaches is cooking with smaller countertop appliances like air fryers, slow cookers and toaster ovens. These handy appliances consume a fraction of the energy used to heat the oven, creating the perfect recipe for mealtime and energy savings.

We hope you will implement some of these energy-saving and safety tips into your holiday plans. For additional advice, visit our website at jacksonenergy. com. We're here to help you with safety and savings year-round.

From your friends at Jackson Energy, we hope your holiday season is merry and bright.

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In celebration of the Christmas holiday and New Year's Day, Jackson Energy will be closed on the following dates: December 24-25 and January 1.



High school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or trade school in the fall of 2025 are invited to apply - NO ESSAY REQUIRED

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