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## Five ways to fight the winter chill and save energy

**W**e all have our favorite season. Some people love crisp, cool weather and bundling up under a favorite blanket, while others prefer the warm temperatures summer brings and all fun outdoor activities that go with it.

But there's one thing we can all agree on: High winter bills are never fun. Jackson Energy is here to help you find ways 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:

**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. When you're sleeping or away for an extended period of time, try setting it between 58 and 62 degrees. (It is not recommended to change heat pump thermostat settings more than 1 or 2 degrees.)

**Button up your home.** The Department of Energy estimates that air leaks account for 24%–40% of the energy used for heating and cooling a home. Caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors is another simple, cost-effective way to increase comfort and save energy. If you can

feel drafts while standing near a window or door, it likely needs to be sealed.

**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; heavier window coverings can make a significant difference in blocking cold outdoor air.

**Consider your approach to appliance use.** When combined, appliances and electronics account for a significant chunk of our home energy use, so assess how efficiently you're using them. For example, 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. Every little bit helps, so unplug them to save energy.

**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,



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wear thick socks and bundle up under blankets. You can even add layers to your home! If you have hard-surface flooring, consider purchasing an area rug to block cold air that leaks in through the floor.

If you're taking steps to save energy but continue to see major increases in your bills, take advantage of our free virtual energy assessment tool at [jacksonenergy.com/energy-efficiency](https://jacksonenergy.com/energy-efficiency). We can help identify areas and other factors impacting your home energy use and recommend steps for savings.

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. Visit our website at [jacksonenergy.com](https://jacksonenergy.com) for additional energy saving tips.

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# Sharing that holiday feeling—all year long

Almost as soon as we clean up the Thanksgiving table, our collective thoughts turn to Christmas. Most of us are excited to move on to the season of cheer and warmth often associated with giving and receiving.

At Jackson Energy, we know quite a bit about the warm feeling that comes from giving to others. We experience it every day while serving our members.

It's the satisfaction our line technicians experience when they complete repairs and restore power following a storm. It's the good feeling our member service representatives have when they help members with their service needs through the care and compassion our members come to know.

It's also the gratification that comes from improving the quality of life in our communities through economic development initiatives that bring new jobs.

Demonstrating the cooperative principle of concern for community is another year-round commitment for Jackson Energy. In 2022, employees volunteered in programs that provide heart-warming rewards.

As one of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, Jackson Energy employees were a part of the largest single supporter of the Special Olympics Kentucky Summer Games. About 1,200 athletes, including several from our area, competed at the June event.

Our annual Wish List Drive held in July sent donated items to the Ronald McDonald House in Lexington. Our employees helped collect more than \$6,000 in supplies to provide resources and lodging for the parents of seriously ill children.

We again sponsored three local veterans for Honor Flight, an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in September. Howard Evans of Booneville, Hershel Taylor of Annville and John Ratliff of London joined 63 other Kentucky veterans to view memorials created in their honor.

Whether it's a large-scale project that benefits the entire community or a small act of assistance that improves life for a single member, Jackson Energy takes pride in bringing joy to those we serve. It's simply our way—the cooperative way—no holiday required.

All of us at Jackson Energy send best wishes for a warm, healthy and merry Christmas and happy New Year. May you fully experience the joy of the season.

By President & CEO  
Carol Wright



# Small change can change lives

The holiday season is finally here. Some call it the most wonderful season of all. That's because we associate it with family traditions and gathering with friends and loved ones. It's a time of giving and spreading joy.

But giving back reminds us of the many good things we have right here in our community and why it's so important to spread the good as far as we can. We are also reminded of how wonderful our community is and what a big impact we can have when we work together.

When you are a member of Jackson Energy, *you* help us spread the good throughout the year. Through our Operation RoundUp program, your donations help fund grants for civic organizations, volunteer fire departments, school activities and many other groups.

When you "round up" your monthly bill from Jackson Energy and donate to this fund, you're making a big difference in someone's life. You are helping to meet an immediate need, but just as importantly, you are telling your community you care.

To date, with your help, we've given over \$467,200 back to our local communities. As a local cooperative, we have a stake in this community. It's why we support local organizations like Clay County Shrine Club, shown above. We hope you will think of Jackson Energy as more than your energy provider, but also as a catalyst for good in our community.

Jackson Energy also participates in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, where we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C. for a weeklong immersion to experience democracy in action. Ultimately, the larger community benefits from these programs because of you and your neighbors.

You've likely heard us say that our cooperative principle "concern for community" is part of our DNA—that's because it defines who we are as an organization.



Petie Saylor, left, Ronnie Gay, Gerbal Jarvis and Joseph Finley are with the Clay County Shrine Club. The club was awarded a \$500 Operation RoundUp grant that will help raise awareness of the Shriners and their purpose—like helping families who require assistance with medical needs for their children. Photo: Joseph Finley

**2023 Youth Tour  
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- Make friends for life
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# Sixth-time rodeo state champs

Ten linemen from Jackson Energy demonstrated their agility, preparation, strength, dedication and teamwork during the 2022 Kentucky Lineman's Rodeo in Paducah. Teams from 20 electric cooperatives across the state took part in two days of competitions held at Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative. The Jackson Energy team of Dwight Robinson, Jordan Akemon and Jordan House won the overall competition and brought the silver transformer trophy back home for the sixth time.

For team events, Jackson Energy also won the following awards: Brent Johnson, Marlon Coffey and Justin Henson won first place in hurtman rescue; the team of Johnson, Coffey and Thomas Nichols won second place in single-phase transfer; the team of Robinson, Akemon and House won first place in the cross arm tag competition and the mystery event.

"We are extremely proud of our teams and all the linemen who competed," says Carol Wright, president & CEO of Jackson Energy. "The awards are a result of a lot of hard work and technical skills that our lineworkers have gained over the years to prepare not only for this event, but for the tasks they may have to perform on any given day."

Before the competition began, the lineworkers held a solemn tribute to remember lineworkers who have fallen in the line of duty.



First Class Linemen Brent Johnson, left, and Justin Henson compete in the cross arm event. Photo: Tim Webb



Jackson Energy Kentucky Lineman's Rodeo Team, from left, Safety Director Thomas Nichols, 2nd Class Linemen Blake Smith and Nick Mays, 1st Class Linemen Luke Pelfrey, Jordan House, Dwight Robinson, Jordan Akemon, Marlon Coffey, Justin Henson and Brent Johnson. Also pictured is Robinson's biggest fan: his son, future lineman Dwight Robinson, IV. Photo: Carol Wright

## Safety certified

Thomas Nichols is one of only a few electric utility professionals in the country who received the Certified Loss Control certification in 2022. The program requires participants to complete a rigorous series of seminars and tests, a 30-hour OSHA course and a detailed final course project.

One of Nichols' goals is to help ensure a safe work environment for utility workers and the public in general.



President & CEO Carol Wright presents Safety Director Thomas Nichols with his loss control program certification. Photo: Lisa Baker