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The USDA recommends discarding eggs after an extended power outage.

Keep food safe before, during and after outage

Unfortunately, power outages do occur from time to time, and it's important to know how to keep your food safe. Use these tips from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help minimize food loss and reduce risk of illness.

Before Outage

- Keep refrigerator at 40 degrees or below. Freeze items such as fresh meat and poultry that you won't use immediately.
- Keep freezer set to 0 degrees or below. Group frozen foods to help items stay colder longer.

During Outage

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. If the doors stay closed during an outage, a full freezer will hold its temperature for 48 hours. A refrigerator will keep food safe for four hours.

After Outage

- Check the temperature inside your refrigerator and freezer. If the temperatures are safe, the food should be safe to eat.
- Throw out the following foods after an extended power outage: meat, poultry or seafood; milk, yogurt and other dairy; cooked or sliced products; eggs and egg products; soft and shredded cheeses.

Ten members will win LED kits; contest entries due by July 15

North Arkansas Electric Cooperative encourages members to apply for the 10th annual Energy Efficiency Makeover Contest for an opportunity to win LED kits for their home.

The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas and General Electric are partnering for the "Great Lighting Edition" of the annual contest for 2017. Ten winners will be selected from NAEC as well as 10 from each of Arkansas' 16 other electric cooperatives.

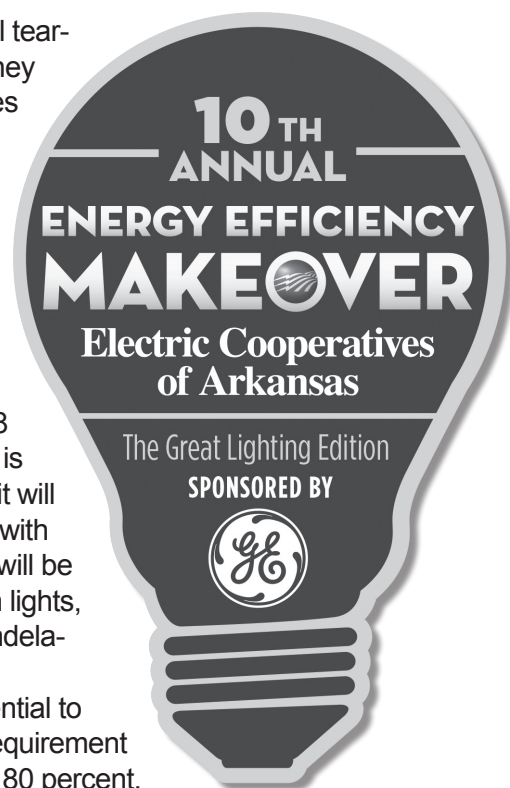
Winners will be selected from official tear-out entry form/business reply cards. They are included in the June and July issues of *Arkansas Living* magazine and are available at NAEC's Salem, Mountain Home and Ash Flat offices. Co-op members can enter online by visiting www.echomemakeover.com. The deadline for entries is July 15. Winners will be announced by Aug. 4.

Contest winners will receive a residential lighting kit that includes up to 58 GE energy-efficient LED lamps, which is enough to retrofit most homes. Each kit will include general purpose LEDs for use with lamps and light fixtures. Also included will be LEDs for use with indoor recessed can lights, outdoor flood lights and decorative candelabras.

"Winners of these kits have the potential to reduce their homes' lighting-wattage requirement by up to approximately 3,000 watts, or 80 percent, when they exchange existing incandescent bulbs with the GE LEDs," said Bret Curry, manager of residential energy marketing for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas.

LEDs require a fraction of the power to emit the same number of lumens as incandescent bulbs and have an estimated life expectancy of approximately 17 years.

"Another important feature of LEDs is that they emit far less heat, which is beneficial in the summer and lowers the cost for air conditioning," Curry said. "What's the last thing you want in your home on a hot summer day? More heat! LEDs help reduce unwanted summer heat through their efficient operation."



Efficiency Tip of the Month



Let the sun work for you! Consider solar lights for outdoor lighting.

Solar cells convert sunlight into electricity that can be stored in a battery and tapped at night to make light.

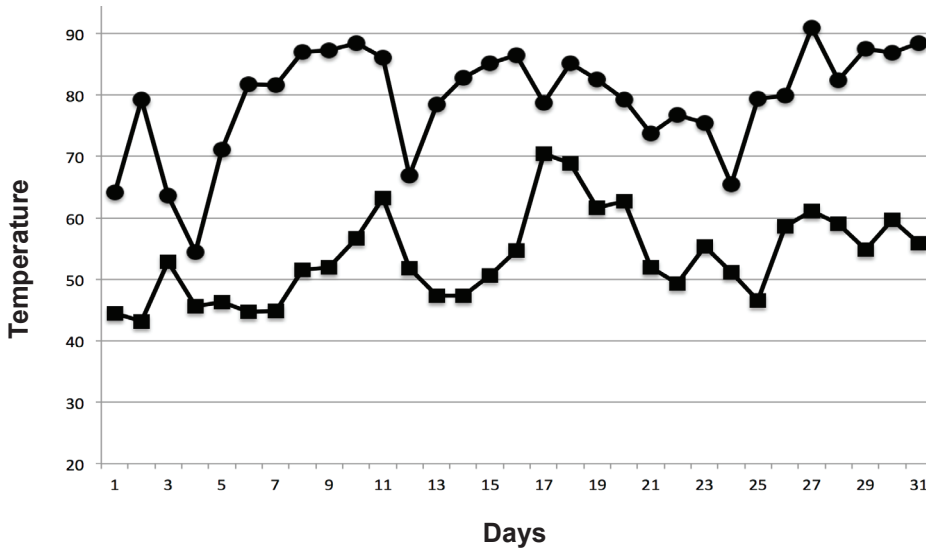
Check manufacturers' instructions to make sure your solar lights are situated to receive sufficient sunlight to recharge.

— U.S. Department of Energy

Right-of-Way

West Tree Trim Crews:
Lakeview and Midway areas

Daily Highs & Lows — May 2017



Average Daily High:
79.3 compared to 78 in 2016

Average Daily Low:
53.7 compared to 54 in 2016

Total Rainfall Amount:
6.78" compared to 5.71" in 2016

Warmest Day:
May 27, 90.9 degrees at 2 p.m.

Coollest Day:
May 2, 43.2 degrees at 2 a.m.

Bids on four tracts due to NAEC by July 28

NAEC is offering for bid the following tracts of land, which consist of a total of 130 acres more or less, all located in S20, T20N, R8W, laying approximately three miles west of Salem in Fulton County. These tracts will be offered for sealed bid and will be offered as individual tracts or collectively, in any combination, with all appurtenances (such as right of way) thereunto belonging to the buyer. NAEC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and will make this decision based on the best interest of the cooperative and our membership. Use the bid form below and send in an envelope marked "BID" to NAEC; P.O. Box 1000; Salem, AR 72576. All bids must be received by 1 p.m. Friday, July 28, 2017. For more information, including satellite images, contact the engineering department at 870-895-6213 or visit the Salem office.

TRACT 1

The SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the S 3/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 20 North, Range 08 West, Fulton County, Arkansas being subject to easements of record and usage. Tract contains 40 acres more or less in SW SW and 30 acres more or less in SE SW for an aggregate of 70 acres more or less.

Minimum Bid: \$80,000

Bid: _____

TRACT 2

The S 3/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 20, Township 20 North, Range 08 West, Fulton County, Arkansas being subject to easements of record and usage. Tract contains 30 acres more or less.

Minimum Bid: \$43,000

Bid: _____

TRACT 3

The E 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4, less and except the N 1/2 of the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, also less and except the S 3/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 all in Section 20, Township 20 North, Range 08 West, Fulton County, Arkansas being subject to a fifty (50) feet ingress/egress easement reserved along the east side of tract granted as well as easements of record and usage. Tract contains 15 acres more or less in NW SE and 5 acres more or less in SW SE for an aggregate of 20 acres more or less.

Minimum Bid: \$24,000

Bid: _____

TRACT 4

The N 1/2 of the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, of Section 20, Township 20 North, Range 08 West, Fulton County, Arkansas being subject to easements of record and usage. Tract contains 10 acres more or less.

Minimum Bid: \$13,300

Bid: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____