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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC CO-OP

# Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

## Power-Gram



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### THANKSGIVING

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving,  
But I just couldn't sleep.  
I tried counting backwards,  
I tried counting sheep.  
The leftovers beckoned,  
The dark meat and white.  
But I fought the temptation,  
With all of my might.  
Tossing and turning,  
with anticipation.  
The thought of a snack  
became infatuation.  
So I raced to the kitchen,  
Flung open the door,  
And gazed at the fridge,  
Full of goodies galore.  
I gobbled up turkey,  
And buttered potatoes,  
Pickles and carrots,  
Beans and tomatoes.  
I felt myself swelling,  
So plump and so round.  
'til all of a sudden,  
I rose off the ground.  
I crashed through the ceiling,  
Floating into the sky,  
With a mouthful of pudding,  
And a handful of pie.  
But I managed to yell  
As I soared past the trees  
Happy eating to all,  
Pass the cranberries, please!!  
May your stuffing be tasty  
May your turkey be plump.  
May your potatoes and gravy  
Have nary a lump.  
May your yams be delicious,  
May your pies take the prize  
And May your Thanksgiving dinner  
Stay off of your thighs!  
by Lauren

### HOLIDAY HOURS

OCEC Offices will be closed on  
**Thursday & Friday,  
November 25 & 26**  
to allow our staff to celebrate the  
Thanksgiving Holiday with their  
families.

Should you have an emergency  
during this time, please call

**1-800-548-4660**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



### TURKEY FRYER SAFETY

The latest trend in preparing a Turkey is Deep Frying. However, if you don't take precautions, you may end up with an injury or fire. Deep Fryers can be dangerous because:

- Many units easily tip over, spilling the hot oil within the cooking pot.
- If the cooking pot is overfilled, the oil may spill out of the unit when the turkey is placed into the cooking pot. Oil may hit the burner/flames causing a fire to engulf the entire unit.
- Partially frozen turkeys placed into the fryer can cause a spillover effect. This too, may result in an extensive fire.

#### Safety Tips:

- Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors a safe distance from buildings and any other material that can burn.
- Never use turkey fryers on wooden decks or in garages.
- Make sure the fryers are used on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you don't watch the fryer carefully, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer when in use. Even after use, never allow children or pets near the turkey fryer. The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot, hours after use.
- To avoid oil spillover, do not overfill the fryer.

# ENLIGHTENING COMPARISONS

Here's a simple comparison for two types of bulbs giving off the same amount of light and burning for four hours per day for three years (4,380 hours). You'll go through six incandescent bulbs during this period, while the compact fluorescent will still have another 3.8 years of life left.

## INCANDESCENT vs. COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULB

Bulb Type	100 Watt Incandescent	23 Watt Compact Fluorescent
Purchase Price	\$0.75	\$4.00
Life of the Bulb	750 hours	10,000 hours
Number of Hours Burned per Day	4 hours	4 hours
Number of Bulbs Needed	about 6 over 3 years	1 over 6.8 years
Total Cost of Bulbs	\$4.50	\$4.00
Lumens	1,690	1,500
Total Cost of Electricity (8 cents/kilowatt-hour)	\$35.04	\$8.06
<b>Your Total Cost over 3 years</b>	<b>\$39.54</b>	<b>\$12.06</b>



**Total Saving over 3 years with the Compact Fluorescent: \$27.48**

Source: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration

- The light output of a light bulb is measured in lumens. The electricity usage is measured in watts. The efficiency of a light bulb is measured in lumens of light produced divided by the watts of electricity used.
- For example, a typical 25-watt light bulb produces only 210 lumens of light. A 100-watt light bulb produces 1600 lumens of light. It requires about eight 25-watt bulbs (200 total watts of electricity used) to produce as much light as one 100-watt bulb. Therefore, a 100-watt bulb is twice as efficient as a 25-watt bulb.
- For comparison, a 60-watt bulb produces 820 lumens of light and a 75 watt bulb produces 1170 lumens of light. Don't be confused by three-way bulbs. They are actually two lower wattage elements inside one bulb. A true 150-watt (single level) bulb will produce more light than a 150-watt three-way bulb.



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- Lobby hours are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. If service is interrupted, check your fuses and circuit breakers. If all your service is off, check with your neighbors.
- Report promptly if you think the trouble is on Otero County Electric Cooperative, Incorporated lines.
- When problem is on consumer's side of the meter, the consumer will be charged for a false call for service.
- Please examine this bill carefully as it will be considered correct if we are not notified within 30 days.
- The statement enclosed does not include payments made after billing date.
- If you desire information on the use of electricity for any job, large or small, do not hesitate to call your Cooperative, come by the office, or write for information at any time.
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