

Protect Those Expensive New Toys

It doesn't make sense to leave electronics worth thousands of dollars exposed to lightning strikes and surges when it costs so little to protect them.

For as little as \$22, you can make sure electronics – like your new home theatre – are safe from damage. We offer surge protectors to fit almost any need, including laptops, small appliances and more.

All protectors carry insurance if your properly connected device is damaged. Call or come by today for expert assistance.



MODEL / PRICE	101 / \$15	126 / \$26	136 / \$22	137 / \$71
AC OUTLETS	2	3	6	6
USB CHARGING PORTS	No	2	No	No
POWER PROTECTION	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PHONE PROTECTION	No	No	Yes	Yes
TV PROTECTION	No	No	Yes	Yes
MAXIMUM LIFETIME INSURANCE	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$250,000

Get Your Georgia Proud Cutting Board

Our exclusive Walton Gas Georgia Proud premium bamboo cutting board is available for only \$15. Just stop by our Snellville, Monroe or Watkinsville office and pick one up today.

GREAT FOR HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING OR GIFTS!

Or, we'll mail it to you for an extra \$5 to cover shipping and handling. All proceeds from cutting board sales benefit our charity projects.

I would like to purchase a Georgia Proud cutting board and have it shipped to me.

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

_____ Cutting Boards x \$20 = \$ _____ Total

Please mail this form and check made out to: Walton Gas
Attn: Georgia Proud
P.O. Box 260
Monroe, GA 30655

Notifications? You Decide.



Billing notifications can be added or modified at any time by visiting waltonemc.com and logging into your account.

Choose to receive a text message, email or both about:

- Due Date
- Past Due Date
- Account Profile Change
- Returned Check
- Payment Confirmation

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IF YOUR POWER IS OUT

770.267.2505
waltonemc.com > Report an Outage

FIND US

Phone 770.267.2505

In person Monroe – 842 US Hwy. 78



Snellville – 3645 Lenora Church Rd.
Watkinsville – 2061-D Hog Mountain Rd.

Web waltonemc.com



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WHEN WE'RE AVAILABLE

Power Outages and Emergencies > 24/7

Call Center > M–F, 7A–7P

Business Offices > M–F, 8A–5P



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Largest Refund Ever!

\$10.2 million coming back to customer-owners

Take a close look at your bill. We're making our largest refund ever – \$10,236,000 – and chances are you're included!

NOW UNDERWAY

REFUND Q & A

Q: Will I get a refund?

A: If you had an electric account with us in any or all of these years – 1988, 1989 and 2014 – you'll be getting part of the more than \$10.2 million we're refunding. More than 90 percent of current customer-owners are included.

Q: How much will my refund be?

A: It depends on the amount of your electric bills – in other words, the amount of business you did with Walton EMC – during those years.

Q: How will I get my refund?

A: For most customer-owners, the refund will appear as a bill credit. Look on either your December or January bill. Distributing the refund this way saves thousands of dollars in printing and postage, which can go toward future refunds.

If your refund is \$500 or more, you'll receive a check.

Q: Why am I getting a refund?

A: If you get electrical service from a cooperative like Walton EMC, you own the company. It is self-defeating to make a profit. After paying down debt and establishing a reserve for unexpected events, we return the excess revenue.

Q: Do Georgia Power customers get capital credit refunds?

A: No.

Q: What is the total Walton EMC has refunded?

A: To date, the cooperative has returned \$81,236,000 to its customer-owners.

\$10,236,000
TOTAL REFUND AMOUNT

TIMEFRAME
Early December through early January

120,500
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF REFUNDS

\$81,236,000
ALL-TIME TOTAL REFUNDED

YEARS REFUNDED
1988, 1989 & 2014

ISSUED BY
Less than \$500, bill credit. \$500 or more, check.

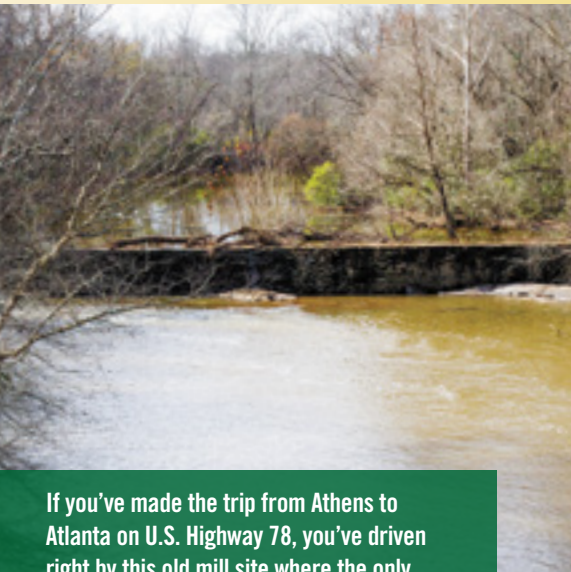
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exploring our LANDMARKS

How well do you know Walton EMC's service territory? Take a look around your co-op's 10-county area and you'll find some interesting, beautiful, historic and just plain cool spots. Some of the locations we choose may be hard to identify, but we think they're worth knowing about.

win a prize Guess the location of this scene found within Walton EMC's service territory. We'll draw from the winners of all correct guesses for a \$25 gift card.



If you've made the trip from Athens to Atlanta on U.S. Highway 78, you've driven right by this old mill site where the only thing left is the dam. At one time, this was also a town. It's located very close to a previous month's landmark contest subject.

email your guess with the subject line "DECEMBER LANDMARKS CONTEST" no later than Jan.5 to landmarkscontest@waltonemc.com for your entry to qualify.

LAST MONTH'S LANDMARK: You can see the Athens Double-Barreled Canon on the corner of City Hall at College Ave. and East Hancock Ave. It's one of the most popular attractions in the Classic City.

OCTOBER WINNER: Fran Hampton of Bostwick.



Operation Round Up Continues to Do Good Works

SOON AFTER YOUR SMALL CHANGE COMES IN TO OPERATION ROUND UP, IT GOES RIGHT BACK OUT TO THE COMMUNITY.

Here are the latest results of your kindness:

Adventure Bags, Inc. (Barrow, Clarke, Greene, Gwinnett, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Walton) – \$10,000 to provide backpacks filled with age-appropriate essential items to displaced children.

ALS Association of Georgia (entire service area) – \$8,000 to assist families with expenses not covered by insurance, Medicare or Medicaid.

Angel House of Georgia (Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Rockdale) – \$1,500 to fund substance abuse treatment for women.

Athens Regional Veterans Transport (Barrow, Clarke, Greene, Gwinnett, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Rockdale, Walton) – \$7,000 to provide van service to veterans for medical treatment.

Citizens Advocacy Athens (Clarke) – \$2,537 to assist people with disabilities.

The Cottage Sexual Assault and Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. (Clarke, Greene, Newton, Oconee, Walton) – \$2,000 to upgrade their client file system.

Good Samaritan Health Center of Gwinnett (Barrow, Clarke, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Rockdale, Walton) – \$2,000 for assistance in paying medical lab expenses for the poor and uninsured.

Gwinnett County Masonic Association (Gwinnett) – \$4,000 to provide Christmas dinner for needy families.

Loganville Police Department DARE (Walton) – \$3,000 for their drug abuse resistance education in schools.

New Directions Georgia (Gwinnett) – \$2,000 for roof renovation. New Directions supports adults with autism and intellectual disabilities.

Pilot Club of Oconee County (Oconee) – \$1,400 for their iPad project in support of Highland Hills Memory Care Unit.

Rainbow Community Center (DeKalb, Morgan, Newton, Rockdale, Walton) – \$3,000 for security lights. Rainbow is a homeless shelter.

Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry (Gwinnett) – \$20,000 for emergency feeding, financial assistance and children's Christmas gifts.

Special Olympics Georgia (DeKalb, Gwinnett, Rockdale, Walton) – \$1,500 for the State Special Olympics Winter Indoor Games.

Walton County Fire Rescue (Walton) – \$9,110 for recruiting, training and retaining volunteer firefighters.

Six families facing urgent needs – \$10,636.43

▶ **GET WITH THE PROGRAM! SIGN UP TODAY AT WALTONEMC.COM/ROUNDUP**

Every penny of your donation goes to worthy causes in your community. Not one single cent is used for administration or operation of the program. Walton EMC picks up all those costs.

▶ Apply Now for Walton EMC Trust Scholarships

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school senior or incoming college freshman
- 21 years old or younger
- Your home served by Walton EMC (electricity)
- Scholarship used at accredited college, university or vo-tech school
- For complete criteria, rules and instructions, download the application at waltonemc.com.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Dedication to community
- Strong work ethic
- Extracurricular involvement
- Triumph over obstacles and hardships

Up to 32
\$4,000
scholarships
will be given!
Deadline January 29



Q: Where does the money for these scholarships come from?

A: From unclaimed capital credit refunds. After all attempts to find the owners are exhausted, the money goes into a fund provided for by Georgia law. No Operation Round Up donations are used for scholarships.

Linemen Receive Life Saving Award

Three Walton EMC employees have been recognized for their quick action in rescuing a car accident victim by receiving Georgia EMC's Life Saving Award. En route to repair early morning storm damage, Line Technician Chad Wilkes, Line Crew Supervisor Keith Kirk and Line Technician Mike Beck noticed car lights in a field. They stopped and found a woman trapped in an overturned vehicle, her head pinned under her body.



Pictured L to R: Wilkes, Kirk, and Beck

The victim was in pain, bleeding and barely talking. The employees determined the only way to get the victim out was through the windshield. Kirk covered her with a blanket from the ambulance while Beck broke the windshield with a sledgehammer from the crew's truck. "It feels good to know you helped someone, but I didn't do anything that anyone else wouldn't have done in that situation," said Kirk about receiving the award.