

# Protect your home with security cameras

A U.S. home is burglarized every 25.7 seconds, according to the latest FBI statistics. You can avoid becoming part of this statistic with a simple DIY project.

"During surveys of convicted burglars, 60 percent said they would not break into a house where they see video cameras," said Jennifer Kimble, marketing and communications manager for EMC Security.

Video surveillance cameras allow a homeowner to view their property any time from anywhere. It's also possible to receive alerts, view activity in real time or review recorded clips from a mobile device, television or computer.

Do-it-yourself camera installations are easy, Kimble said. EMC Security encourages economical self-installation by providing detailed instructions as well as video tutorials with every camera sale.

She offers these tips for purchasing outdoor video cameras and do-it-yourself installations.



**1 ASSESS YOUR NEEDS.** Determine your goals for having cameras and survey the area you wish to secure. This information will help you select the number of cameras and the features required for the level of security you expect. If you need help, EMC Security offers free security consultations. "As security professionals, we see things that the homeowner may not have considered," Kimble explained.

**2 PRIORITIZE THE FRONT DOOR.** If you can invest in only one camera, make it a video doorbell, suggested Kimble. "Because most burglars try the front door first, installing a video doorbell or security camera here is a great way to deter them before they try to get in," she said.

**3 PLACE STRATEGICALLY.** "Eighty-one percent of break-ins occur on the first floor of a home," Kimble said, so prioritize positioning outdoor cameras to focus on vulnerable spots, including all exterior doors, first-floor windows, garage and driveway. Mount cameras at least 10 feet above ground level.

Don't become a burglary statistic. Install video cameras to help protect your home. For more information on video surveillance cameras, visit [emcsecurity.com](http://emcsecurity.com).

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### EMPTY HOME ENERGY CHECKLIST

#### 1. Adjust the thermostat.

There's no sense cooling your home when you're away. To save energy, set your thermostat at 85 degrees. At 85 degrees, you'll prevent excessive heat and humidity buildup that can damage electronics, computers, furniture and structural components.

#### 2. Close the blinds & curtains.

Windows let in light, which creates excess heat. Closing window coverings provides an added layer of insulation and reduces strain on the AC. It also provides additional security.

#### 3. Set a timer.

Set timers on indoor and outdoor lights and to turn them on a few hours each night. This conserves energy and provides added security by creating the illusion that someone is home.

#### 4. Pull the plug.

Unplug the "energy vampires" in your home. Energy vampires are electronic appliances that use energy even when they're turned off. Even though each draws only a small amount of power, the average home has 20 to 40, so the energy use adds up. Pulling the plugs can also protect your devices from surges and reduce fire risk.

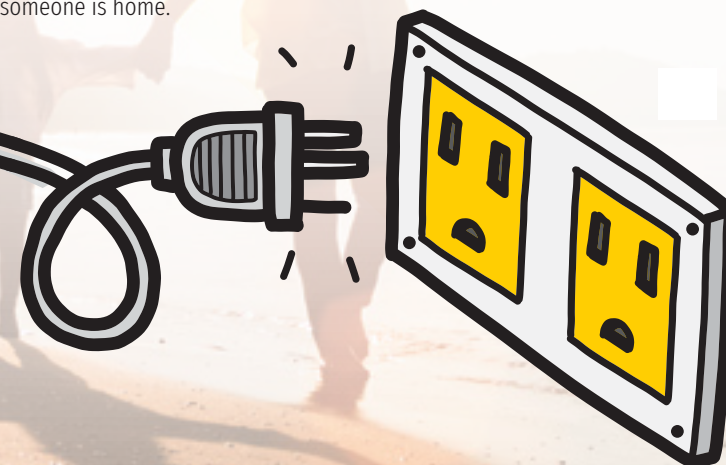
#### 5. Turn off the water heater.

A water heater can represent up to 25 percent of a home's energy bill. The unit's elements will consume electricity to keep the water in the tank hot whether you're home or not. Turn off the water heater at the circuit breaker panel when you leave. Upon returning, flip the same breaker back on.

Getting out of town for a few days?

Consumers often mistakenly think that an empty home will automatically reduce their energy bill. In fact, a home's electrical devices are consuming energy all the time, whether the house is occupied or not.

Pulling electronic appliance plugs will lower your bill and can protect your devices from surges and reduce fire risk.



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Our subsidiaries supply natural gas and security services.



# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Every June, we gather information on your cooperative to present at the business session of the Walton EMC annual meeting. Take a look at our expanded edition prepared especially for this month's newsletter.

## NOTICE OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL ASSIGNMENT FOR 2019

Margins in the amount of \$8,852,775.93 (approximately 0.17 percent of electric revenue) have been assigned to all patrons of record in 2019 on the basis of electric revenue.

Although margins earned are assigned to patrons each year, the cooperative uses these margins to repay principal on long-term debt and as capital to construct or purchase electric plant until a general refund can be made without impairing the cooperative's financial condition.

General refunds are made on a combination of first in/first out and last in/first out basis. This means a general refund will come partly from the oldest and partly from the most recent margins earned by the cooperative. The cooperative's bylaws permit the board to make special refunds to estates of deceased patrons.

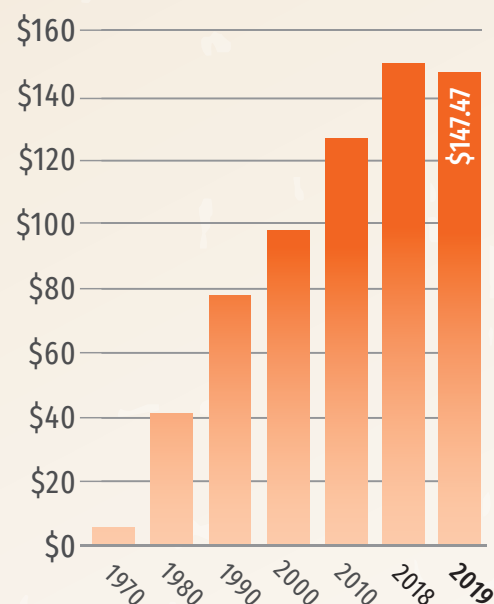
## CAPITAL CREDITS RETURNED

Capital credits are what's left over after all bills are paid. In a co-op, that's called margins. Margins are used to pay down debt, make capital improvements and prepare for emergencies. When the co-op's board determines that our reserve is more than needed, the excess is returned.

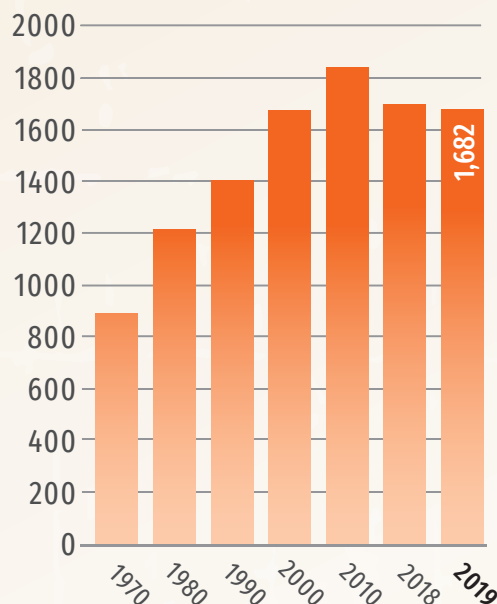
2019 **\$8,400,000**

ALL-TIME TOTAL **\$108,000,000**

## AVERAGE MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL/FARM BILL



## AVERAGE KWH PER MONTH



## 2019 GEORGIA PSC ELECTRIC RATE SURVEY WALTON EMC RANK OUT OF 94 PROVIDERS

Twice yearly, the Georgia Public Service Commission conducts a rate survey with all 94 of the state's electric utilities. The level for use of this comparison is a monthly use of 1,500 kilowatt-hours.



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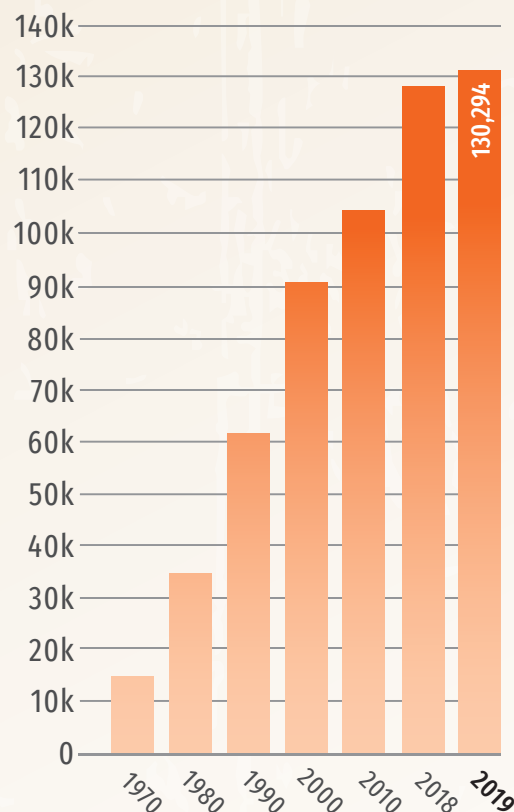


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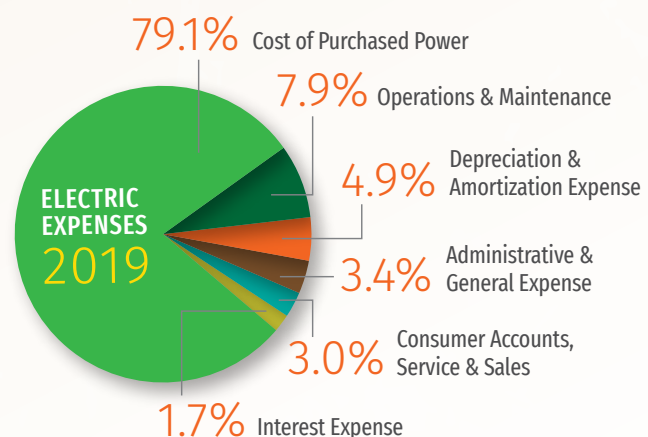
**Ronnie Lee**  
CEO

## AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS



## HOW ELECTRIC REVENUE WAS USED IN 2019

This is how we spend the money we receive. Most is used to buy power and operate the co-op. Less than 10 percent is spent on administration.



## AVERAGE MONTHLY COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL BILL

