

# fall energy savings

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The news you need to know in 5 minutes!

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## Priority List

Want to make your existing home more energy efficient? Consider these cost versus benefit priorities...

### 1. TAKE CARE OF YOUR AIR CONDITIONER

Change the filter regularly and have the system serviced on a regular basis.

### 2. WEATHERSTRIPPING, CAULKING AND SEALING

Sealing cracks in your home's siding and around windows and doors won't cost that much, but the benefits are huge.

**3. LIGHTING** Changing traditional incandescent bulbs to LEDs or compact fluorescents is another low-cost strategy that saves money for years to come. The newer technology bulbs have much longer lifespans.

**4. SEAL DUCTWORK** Did you know that leaky ductwork can waste 35 percent or more of the heating or cooling your system produces? Make sure ductwork joints are properly sealed with mastic made for that purpose.

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**5. ATTIC INSULATION** Ceilings under attics are big energy losers in both the summer and winter. Although the cost is more significant than caulking and sealing, you'll stop large amounts of both energy and money from going through the roof.

**6. STORM WINDOWS** Next, add storm windows to any single pane windows on your home. Today's storm window frames come in a variety of colors with screens on tracks that can also raise.

**7. CRAWLSPACE INSULATION** If your home has a crawlspace, the floor above should be insulated. Although probably not as expensive as adding attic insulation, crawlspaces don't lose as much energy as attics. That's why it falls below attic insulation on our list.

**8. REPLACEMENT WINDOWS** Do your homework before deciding to purchase replacement windows. Unless your windows are in disrepair, many times the upfront cost does not justify the resulting energy savings.

THE Rundown } **inside:** medical alert, scholarship winner, agriculture hall of famer  
**on the back:** energy saving priority list, sales tax holiday

## LOCATION INSPECTION UNDERWAY

Over the next three years, you may see a new contractor inspecting Walton EMC facilities around your home. It's part of a project to increase the accuracy, reliability and safety of your electric service.



Your co-op is partnering with HB Next Corporation of Lawrenceville for this system-wide undertaking. HB Next specializes in utility services and has been in business since 1999.

"The inspection program will help us find issues before they become problems," said Ron Marshall, Walton EMC senior vice president of operations and engineering. "The result is better service for our residential customer-owners."

Contact us if you have questions about HB Next or any of our contractors. See photos of contractors working for Walton EMC at [waltonemc.com/index.php/about/contractor-vehicles/](http://waltonemc.com/index.php/about/contractor-vehicles/)

### EVALUATION AREAS:

- ✓ meters
- ✓ meter enclosures
- ✓ electrical services
- ✓ security lights and associated poles

When an HB Next technician visits your home, they'll attempt to make contact at your door. If no one is home, they'll leave a door card letting you know they were on your property.

Generally, inspections should take less than 15 minutes.

## ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday Oct. 2-4

Need a new appliance or plumbing fixture? The first weekend in October may be the time to buy. That's because Georgia is holding its annual tax holiday on the first weekend of next month.

These items are exempt from sales tax if they have the ENERGY STAR label and have a purchase price of less than \$1,500:



- air conditioners
- ceiling fans
- clothes washers
- dehumidifiers
- dishwashers
- refrigerators
- fluorescent light bulbs
- doors
- windows

These items are exempt from sales tax if they have the WaterSense label and have a purchase price of less than \$1,500:



- bathroom sink faucets
- faucet accessories
- high efficiency toilets
- showerheads

**REMEMBER!** When you save hot water, you also save energy. Water heating is the second largest energy user in your home.

For more Information visit [waltonemc.com/notax](http://waltonemc.com/notax)

## QUICK GUIDE

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[waltonemc.com](http://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.  
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# peace of mind

## REAL Medical Alert Stories

### EMC Security's Medical Alert is your constant companion

Living by yourself doesn't mean you have to be alone. Our security company, EMC Security, offers peace of mind with a medical alert system to fit every need and budget. These systems stand ready 24 hours a day to lend a hand when you need it. That also gives peace of mind to your loved ones.

#### HOME SYSTEM

- perfect if you stay mostly at home
- communicate through base station centrally located in your home
- pendant can still signal emergency to monitoring center up to 600 feet away from base
- water resistant (can be used in shower)
- monthly monitoring only \$16.95\*

#### HOME AND YARD SYSTEM

- perfect if you garden, check mail, visit neighbors or walk pets
- communicate through smallest, most powerful two-way voice pendant available
- talk through pendant to the monitoring center up to 600 feet away from base
- water resistant (can be used in shower)
- monthly monitoring only \$21.95\*

Don't worry if you no longer have a landline phone. EMC Security has a solution so you can still have a medical alert system.

*\*Requires purchase of equipment.*



EMC Security offers two medical alert systems, so there's one to fit your budget and lifestyle.

**Special for Walton EMC customer-owners**  
 Order a medical alert system before October 31 and receive two months' free monitoring!  
 More Information: 770-963-0305 emcsecurity.com

### 6:21 PM, Loganville

Betty's daughter activates her mother's medical alert system and tells the emergency response operator that she found her mother slumped in her chair. Her mother can't talk or move. She verifies that her mother is breathing and can blink her eyes. The operator dispatches emergency medical services and talks to Betty's daughter until help arrives.

### 12:13 AM, Snellville

Dixie, who is 92 years old and lives alone, activates her medical alert system and tells the emergency response operator that someone is trying to break in her front door. The operator hears pounding in the background and advises Dixie to lock herself in her bathroom. She dispatches the police and stays on the line until they arrive.

Carol activates her medical alert system and tells the emergency response operator that she is having chest pain with high blood pressure. EMC Security dispatches emergency medical services and stays on the line until help arrives.

### 8:24 PM, Loganville



### Walton EMC Youth Wins State Scholarship

Monroe Area High School graduate Tori Mitchell has been named a Walter Harrison Scholarship recipient by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation (GEMC).

Mitchell held leadership positions and won many awards in organizations including the Technology Student Association, Anchor Club and National Honor Society. She was also named an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction and plans a career in biomedical robotics.



GEMC is the statewide trade association for electric cooperatives. It created the Walter Harrison Scholarship in memory of Walter Harrison, a Georgia and national electric cooperative pioneer.

### First Board President Named to Georgia Agriculture Hall of Fame

The late Thomas R. Breedlove, Sr., founding board member and first president of Walton EMC, will be inducted into the Georgia Agriculture Hall of Fame this month at a ceremony in Athens.

Breedlove, a pioneering dairy farmer, was one of seven Walton County citizens who each contributed \$1 to form the cooperative, then called the Walton Electrical Association.



Besides his work in establishing Walton EMC, Breedlove was also instrumental in getting programs vital to agriculture off the ground.

He was the first and longest-serving executive director of Georgia's Agriculture Adjustment Administration that evolved into today's USDA Farm Service Agency. He also represented nine Southeastern states as regional director of the field service branch of the Federal Production Marketing Agency and served as the founding vice president of the United Georgia Farmers, now known as the Georgia Farm Bureau.

Former U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss will also be inducted at the ceremony, which is coordinated by the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

The Georgia Agriculture Hall of Fame was established in 1972 to recognize individuals who made extraordinary contributions to Georgia agriculture and agribusiness.



### 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.

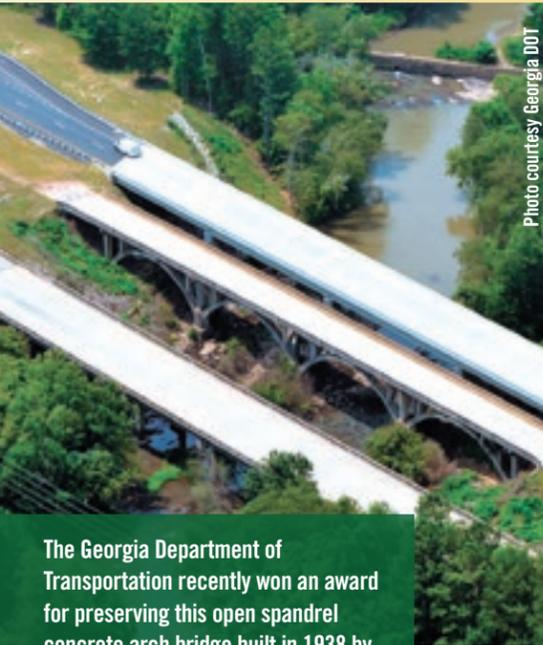


Photo courtesy Georgia DOT

The Georgia Department of Transportation recently won an award for preserving this open spandrel concrete arch bridge built in 1938 by the Works Progress Administration. Where is it?

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

**LAST MONTH'S LANDMARK:** This statue is located in the Moore family grave plot on Bobby Boss Drive in Loganville and is catalogued by the Smithsonian.

**JULY WINNER:** John Armistead of Good Hope.