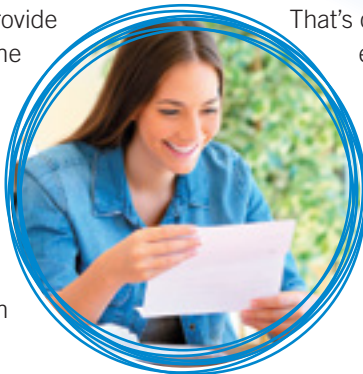


All Your Energy On One Bill

Did you know Walton EMC can provide your electric and gas service on the same bill?

If you're a Walton EMC customer-owner and choose Walton Gas for your natural gas service, say goodbye to an additional gas bill. Both your electric and gas service appear on one consolidated statement.



That's one less check to write, one less envelope to stamp and mail, or one less credit card transaction to worry about.

Call us today for a great rate and exceptional service. Ask about our sign-up incentives for new customers.

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HAPPENING NOV. 4 AND 12

Holiday Programs Just Around the Corner

Walton EMC's Holiday Programs are scheduled for 2019!

Back again is Dean Pannell, a Georgia master florist, who will focus on practical Christmas decorating ideas. You'll enjoy his interactive instruction style that's peppered with humorous stories and anecdotes.

Pannell, a 23-year floral business veteran, decorated the sets of "Passions" and "Guiding Light" soap operas. The recipient of numerous design awards, Dean and his ideas have been featured in many popular magazines.

Along with Pannell, Denise Beacham will present fix and forget recipes that will destress your holiday meal and snack preparation.

No pre-registration is required. Programs begin at 7 p.m.



NOV. 4 –
Oconee Civic Center

NOV. 12 –
Loganville Rock Gym
and Convention Center

**special
drawing!**

Bring a new or gently used children's book to donate to our Operation Bookworm project, and you'll be entered in a special drawing to win one of Dean's beautiful Christmas wreaths.



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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.

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Power Outages and Emergencies > 24/7

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PREPARATION = convenience, comfort and safety

IT'S SIMPLE TO GET READY FOR EXTENDED POWER OUTAGES

With now being the middle of hurricane season and the doorstep to winter storm season, you should be ready in case of extended power outages.

"With just a little preparation, you can stay a lot more comfortable during a long outage," says Greg Brooks, Walton EMC's community and public relations director. "It can also help keep life more normal and may even save you money."

Focus on these areas when preparing for extended power outages:

SAFETY

Have a first aid kit and adequate supply of prescription medicine. If you use a fireplace, space heater or generator, have a carbon monoxide detector and fire extinguisher nearby. Do not run generators near or in dwellings. "Don't use charcoal grills inside," reminds Brooks.



MEDICALLY FRAGILE PATIENTS

You must have a contingency plan in place – get a free plan template at bit.ly/wemc_med_guide. Determine an alternate location for housing the patient during the outage and have extra medical supplies on hand. Consider a stand-by generator to run medical equipment.

FOOD

Have a supply of non-perishable foods. If you want hot food, go outdoors to heat food on a grill or camp stove. Don't forget a manual can opener. Prior to the storm, freeze gallon containers of water to aid in keeping the freezer and refrigerator cold.



POWER

Get a power pack for charging your cell phone. You can also charge your phone and laptop in a car. "Charging a laptop in the car requires a power inverter," says Brooks. "These devices can also run other small electronics and appliances."

Stock extra batteries. Investigate investing in a properly installed generator.

LIGHT

Have light sources that don't require flames, like battery-powered lanterns and flashlights. Choose LEDs rather than traditional bulbs for much longer battery life.

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Besides being much safer than light sources that require flames, LED lighting is also tops when it comes to battery life. **Get one free when you sign up with Walton Gas!**



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INFORMATION

Use the Walton EMC app or go to waltonemc.com for outage information. “Using our website or app is the most efficient way to report your outage,” says Brooks. “You don’t gain any advantage by reporting your outage over the phone.”

During a major storm, you can also get updates on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Have a battery-powered radio in case the internet is out. Having a weather radio is also a great idea.

WARMTH (for winter storms)

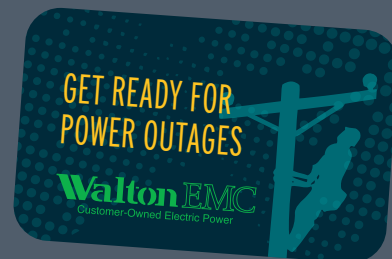
Keep outside door openings to a minimum. Stay in one room and cover windows and doors with blankets. Wear extra clothing and make use of blankets and sleeping bags.

WATER (for those on a well)

Before the storm, fill bathtubs for household use. “You can still operate flush toilets by filling the tank manually,” says Brooks. Fill jugs, pitchers or water coolers for drinking or buy bottled water.

MONEY

Have some extra cash on hand in case ATMs aren’t working.



Come by our office for your free storm guide.

GOOD STORM FOODS

Peanut butter

Crackers

Bread

Canned fruits, vegetables, soups, chicken, tuna

Cereal

Nuts and trail mixes

Granola and power bars

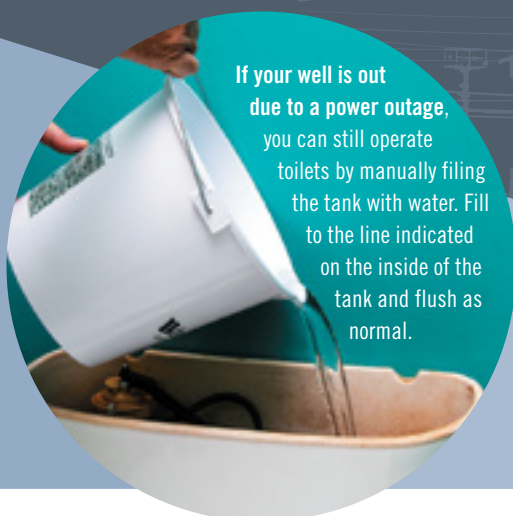
Dried fruits

Apples, oranges

Sports drinks

Bottled water

Avoid junk foods; they're loaded with salt and hasten dehydration.



If your well is out due to a power outage, you can still operate toilets by manually filling the tank with water. Fill to the line indicated on the inside of the tank and flush as normal.

See our storm prep video at bit.ly/wemc_storm_prep_vid

We Were ‘Crowded’ Before It Was Cool

OCTOBER IS COOPERATIVE MONTH

Today’s news is filled with stories about business ventures financed through crowdfunding. And most of us are familiar with Yelp and Waze, crowdsourcing apps that help us choose restaurants or avoid traffic jams.

Community-driven collaboration is what drives the success of these “innovations.” This method of getting things done hits very close to home here at Walton EMC.

Walton EMC was established and continues to operate by a business model that resembles these “new” community collaborations. Borrowing a line from an old country song, our co-op was crowded before crowded was cool.

October is National Co-op Month, a time to celebrate our customer-owned electric co-op. From the very beginning right up to today, Walton EMC has thrived thanks to people joining together.

Crowdfunded since 1936

Crowdfunding is the sourcing of money from a community of backers in exchange for rewards. For example, inventors have used Kickstarter, a crowdfunding app, to gain financial support from those who could enjoy or benefit from their creation.

Walton EMC was formed through crowdfunding. In 1936, rural residents in Walton County each paid a few dollars to establish a consumer-owned company to provide electricity to unserved areas.

We’re still crowdfunding today. New co-op members still pay a small fee to join the crowd.

And Walton EMC’s customer-owners are still earning rewards beyond reliable electricity. When Walton EMC’s revenues exceed expenses, the excess is refunded to its customer-owners in relation to the amount of electricity they purchased.



In November 2018, the cooperative’s board of directors approved the return of a \$6 million capital credit refund. That latest refund brings the total returned to the co-op’s customer-owners to just over \$99.5 million.

Operation Round Up is another example of successful crowdfunding done the co-op way.

Crowding – co-op style

Crowdsourcing – drawing on the knowledge, ideas and information of the community – borrows from the cooperative business model, too. The co-op’s member-elected directors are people who know the challenges and rewards of living and working in this area. They apply this knowledge when making decisions that are in the best interest of Walton EMC’s customer-owners.

They didn’t call it innovative, but those who founded Walton EMC understood the power of a crowd. This truth has successfully propelled our customer-owned electric company forward through the decades. Now, it’s nice to see that the non-cooperative world is catching on. Bring on the crowd!

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Operation Round Up Helps Those In Need

Generous Walton EMC customer-owners who allow their electric bill to be rounded up to the next dollar come to the aid of our communities every month.

It only costs them an average of 50 cents a month. But when tens of thousands of customer-owners participate, it adds up to big dollars.

Here are the latest Operation Round Up grants:

Angel House of Georgia – \$4,000 for their Angel Fund to help women with substance abuse. *All Walton EMC counties.*

Burn Foundation of America – \$5,000 for direct patient services. *All Walton EMC counties.*

Camp Kudzu – \$5,000 for their camp that serves children with diabetes. *All Walton EMC counties.*

Diamond Ministries – \$1,000 for educational literature to combat domestic abuse and violence. *Barrow, Clarke, Green, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Walton.*

FOCUS and Fragile Kids – \$985 to purchase a medical chair for a teen client. *Walton.*

For Her Glory – \$4,000 to help cancer patients when insurance and personal funds are exhausted. *Barrow, Gwinnett, Clarke.*

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia – \$4,600 for recruitment, membership and supplies. *All Walton EMC counties.*

Lekotek of Georgia – \$3,600 for scholarships to fund play/learning sessions for children with disabilities. *Barrow, DeKalb, Clarke, Gwinnett, Morgan, Oconee, Newton, Rockdale, Walton.*

Area Churches Serving Together, Cancer Foundation – \$16,000 to provide emergency food, shelter and medical needs. *All Walton EMC counties.*

Want to participate in Operation Round Up?

Go to the “Community” tab at waltonemc.com and click on the Operation Round Up link.