



How do I dispose of old electronics?

Did Santa grant your wish for the latest mobile phone or laptop? Has a new microwave or blender been added to your kitchen lineup in recent weeks? If so, about now is when you're looking at the old electronics that were pushed into a corner to make way for the newly acquired goodies.

Most of us know that old TVs or computers shouldn't be tossed into the trash along with paper and ribbons. Electronic waste contains toxins that can be harmful to the environment and humans. So, instead, we shove them into the basement or attic, which is already full of old appliances and electric devices we never plan to use again.

There are smarter tactics for getting rid of unwanted electronics. Walton EMC has compiled a comprehensive list of resources located throughout our service area to help you make a plan to recycle, donate or sell personal electronics, batteries and appliances.

Get the list here:
waltonemc.com/blog

Take Control of Your Energy Costs

Take these easy steps to be the master over your power bill:

VIEW YOUR ENERGY USE ONLINE.

Did you know as a Walton EMC customer-owner, you have access to detailed data about your energy use?

Our MyWaltonEMC.com portal gives you the information you need to see when and how much electricity you use, even down to the hour.

You can also overlay climate data, like high and low temperatures, on power use graphs to see how the weather affects your electric bill. Check MyWaltonEMC.com to keep track of your power use and avoid unexpected increases.

WATCH OUR HOME ENERGY EVALUATION VIDEO.

This fast-paced, easy-to-follow video goes through a typical home and shows you how to save money and increase comfort. View it now at bit.ly/WEMC_energy_eval

COMPLETE THE HOME ENERGY EVALUATION CHECKLIST.

The companion to the Home Energy Evaluation video, our downloadable checklist guides you step-by-step to make sure you've taken advantage of every energy saving opportunity. Download it at bit.ly/WEMC_energy_eval

SIGN UP FOR LEVELIZED BILLING.

This program removes the month-to-month fluctuations in your power bill caused by weather, changing energy use and other factors.

Your payment totals are spread throughout the year. The amount won't be exactly the same each month, but it won't vary by more than a few dollars. Contact us at 770-267-2505 to sign up now.

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NO MORE DOWNTIME

Standby generator partnership provides backup power solution

Reliably delivering electricity to your home is a priority for Walton EMC. But sometimes the co-op is no match for Mother Nature. Severe weather events can disrupt power here in northern Georgia, depriving our homes of the electricity we depend on.

An extended electric outage is more than an inconvenience these days. More people are working and schooling from home, and those activities often demand electricity-powered technology. In the event of an extended outage, are you protected with a backup power solution?

"On those rare occasions when storms damage our distribution system and cause an extended electrical outage, a standby generator can guarantee that you have the power you need to remain comfortable and productive at home," said Greg Brooks, community and public relations director.

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WHEN WE'RE AVAILABLE

Power Outages and Emergencies > 24/7

Contact Center > M-F, 7A-7P

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Our subsidiaries supply natural gas and security services.

NO MORE DOWNTIME

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A PERFECT PARTNERSHIP

Walton EMC has teamed with its own materials supply cooperative, GRESO, and another Georgia-based electrical solutions company, Anderson Power Services, to make it easy for customer-owners to purchase and install a quality home standby generator at a competitive price. In addition, the co-op's HomePlus Loan is available to finance any generator purchase for qualified EMC customer-owners.

ADDRESSING THE NEW NORMAL

The co-op's offering is timely since there are more people working from home than ever before. Locally, there has been a "significant uptick" in standby generator demand, particularly by those working from home offices, said GRESO's Mark Dennis.



"Whether you run your own business, you're self-employed or you're a home-based employee, you need to know your work is safe and secure," he said. "Plus, if you don't have a standby generator, you could lose hours of work time and have upset customers."

Investing in a whole-house standby generator to protect your business is smart and may even be a tax deduction. Check with your tax advisor.

STANDBY GENERATOR 101

A whole-house standby generator runs on natural gas or propane. It is permanently installed outside the home (similar to a central air conditioning unit).

It continuously senses utility power and, if an outage is detected, comes on automatically. When it activates, it cuts off the home's electrical system from the grid and takes over until it isn't needed anymore. At that point, it seamlessly switches back to the grid.

A whole-house standby generator can power all the appliances your family is accustomed to using. It can power everything in your home at once, including critical hard-wired systems like air conditioning, heat, sump pumps, well pumps, security systems and large appliances.

Through GRESO and Anderson Power Services, Walton EMC customer-owners can purchase a market-leading Generac

home standby generator. The core product offering is a Generac 22KW Response Series, ideal for the average 2,500-square-foot home in Georgia. The unit is competitively priced and comes with a seven-year warranty on parts and labor.

The Generac unit is also distinguished by its remote monitoring feature. It can be monitored via phone, tablet or computer.

A home standby unit is a significant investment — locally averaging \$9,000 to \$10,000 total for the unit and installation at existing homes with natural gas service. Where natural gas is not available, Walton EMC customer-owners can expect to pay an average \$1,000 to \$2,000 additional for a propane fuel installation.

An optimum time to install a whole-house generator is when your home is under construction. Wires and gas lines are easier and less expensive to run before walls, floors and ceilings are covered. Plus, rolling the cost of the generator into the mortgage is almost insignificant when it comes to monthly payments.

GETTING STARTED

Walton EMC customer-owners can schedule a free, no-obligation site survey by calling Anderson Power Services at 770-796-0047. A professional from Anderson will survey your home to review your power needs and provide a quote for a generator unit and installation.

Because GRESO works directly with Generac to keep 22KW units stocked here in Georgia, the time between getting a quote and installation is short. Most units can be installed by Anderson Power Services in less than three weeks.



Vehicle Sale

Walton EMC is offering the vehicles below for sale by sealed bid during February. You can see these vehicles behind the Monroe office building at Walton EMC's headquarters, 842 Highway 78, about five miles east of Monroe. Bid sheets will be available in the mailbox adjacent to the vehicles.

All vehicles are on an as-is basis. All bids must be postmarked on or before Feb. 26, 2021. The highest bidder will be contacted as soon as possible. Walton EMC reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Viewing is for one week only beginning Monday, Feb. 22, and ending Friday, Feb. 26, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

VEHICLE #	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	APPROX. MILEAGE
33	2008	Belshe Trailer, 12,000 lbs.	
42	1999	Ditch Witch Trailer, 4T200ED	
46	2000	Ditch Witch Trailer, 7T500ED	
1051	2007	Ford E-250 Van	163,955
1351	2006	International 4400 Digger/Derrick	109,993
1401	2013	International 4300 Service Bucket	274,005
1661	2002	Ford F-250 Pickup	146,521
1711	2007	Ford F-150 Supercab Pickup	146,497
2371	2001	International 4700 Digger/Derrick	90,277
2615	2001	Ford F-150 Pickup	174,251
2811	2006	Ford Ranger Supercab	102,288



Send bids to:
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Attn: Tim Morris-Vehicle Bid
P.O. Box 260
Monroe, GA 30655
or drop off at our drive-through window. Sales tax will be added.

Youth Tour Again Canceled Due to COVID

Chances are some of you have been waiting for this issue of Realite to get details on entering the 2021 Washington Youth Tour contest.

Unfortunately, we have bad news. The national organization that coordinates the event has canceled it for the second time due to the pandemic.

The purpose of the annual tour is to provide leadership training and give young people an



appreciation of our nation's capital and what it stands for. Walton EMC has participated in the event since 1965.

Walton EMC usually sends four local high school students on the tour each June.

"The safety of our students takes precedence above all else," said WEMC's Greg Brooks. "Our fingers are crossed that the virus won't prevent this valuable experience in 2022."

Not only will you get expert installation of your Generac generator, the professionals at Anderson Power Services can also maintain the system. That way, backup power is truly worry-free and ready when you need it.

Learn more at gresco.com/gresco-home-generator-program