

# 4 places to install outdoor security cameras



Security cameras are the most popular form of home security. To help you place cameras where they offer optimal protection outside your home, EMC Security shares these tips.

• **BY THE FRONT DOOR.** Whether you have a doorbell camera at eye-level or an outdoor camera mounted above the door, a security camera near the front door allows you to:

- See your kids arriving home from school;
- Identify if someone at the door is a friend, neighbor or solicitor;
- Keep an eye on packages; and,
- Prevent your dogs from barking when there's a visitor.

• **BY THE BACK DOOR.** This is important if your home is surrounded by wooded areas, that may make it easier for potential burglars to approach before being seen.

• **ON A GATE OR FENCE.** If your property is gated, or a portion of your fence isn't visible from your house, installing a camera near the gates will ensure you can see your entire fence line. Also, if there's a fallen tree on your property, you can see it quicker.

• **IN FIRST FLOOR WINDOWS.** One of the most common entrances for burglars is a ground floor window. A visible security camera in your first-floor windows will deter potential burglars.

EMC Security offers full-service home security solutions, along with a selection of security cameras.

Contact EMC Security at 770-963-0305 or [emcsecurity.com](http://emcsecurity.com). They'll help you choose the protection that's right for your home.

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## Ron Marshall named CEO

One of the primary duties of Walton EMC's board of directors is to ensure the company's day-to-day operations are guided and overseen by a qualified, competent chief executive.

After careful consideration, the board is pleased to announce Ron Marshall as Walton EMC's next president and chief executive officer.

Beginning his tenure at Walton EMC in 1989 as system engineer, Ron was named manager (now known as vice president) of engineering and operations in 1993. He was senior vice president of operations and engineering before becoming chief operating officer in 2020.

The number of accounts and miles of line on the cooperative's system have approximately doubled during Ron's career. Walton EMC has also become one of the most innovative and respected electric cooperatives in the country.

Ron succeeds Ronnie Lee, who retires after more than 43 years of outstanding service to the cooperative's members and employees.

"Ron's three decades of service in our industry have prepared him to lead Walton EMC," said Dawn Taylor, board chair. "He is member-focused, committed to our cooperative principles and knows Walton EMC's electrical system — all factors that give him a solid foundation for success in his new role."

Ron and wife, Melanie, live in Barrow County and have two daughters and four grandchildren.



Learn more about Ron Marshall's plan to continue supplying reliable and affordable electricity in future issues of the *Realite*.

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Our subsidiaries supply natural gas and security services.

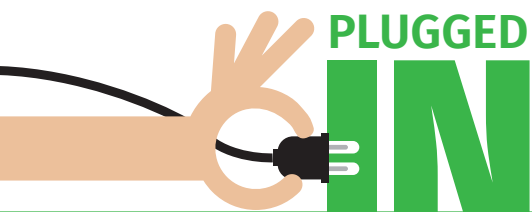
## Unclaimed Refunds

Take a look at these Walton EMC customer-owners who discontinued service. We mailed refunds of deposits and/or membership fees, but the Post Office returned them.

If you know someone on this list, please have them contact us at 770-266-2507.

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## Q: What is Quick Pay?

A: When it comes to paying your electric bill, Walton EMC gives you the power to choose. If you prefer quick and easy, no-frills online payment, our online Quick Pay is the option for you. From the [waltonemc.com](https://www.waltonemc.com) home page, click on the “Login/Pay Bill” button located in the upper right corner. Then, enter your Walton EMC account number (printed on your bill) and password to view the amount you owe and simple payment options. Pay with a credit card, debit card, or direct from your bank account. That’s it — bill payment in moments. No stamp, password or phone call required. So easy!



Answered by  
**Janie Brown**  
Customer Care Representative

## Are Energy Star appliances worth the extra expense?

You’re probably familiar with the white star and writing on a blue background that represents the Energy Star program. The label is an important tool for consumers who are in the market for energy efficient products and appliances. But did you know the symbol can mean cash in your pocket?

An array of appliances, from refrigerators and air conditioners to televisions and dishwashers, sport the Energy Star logo. The rating also applies to light bulbs, computers, windows and even buildings. Wherever it’s found, the little blue label signals potential energy and money savings.

You’ll pay slightly more for an Energy Star-rated appliance, but the cost is quickly recovered in electric bill savings.

In addition to lower electric bills, consumers who install Energy Star-rated products like insulation, water heaters, roofing and windows may be eligible for tax credits. Walton EMC also offers rebates on the purchases of some energy efficient appliances. Visit [waltonemc.com/residential/rebates](https://www.waltonemc.com/residential/rebates) for details.



### AVERAGE ENERGY SAVED WHEN SWITCHING FROM CONVENTIONAL TO ENERGY-SAVING APPLIANCE\*

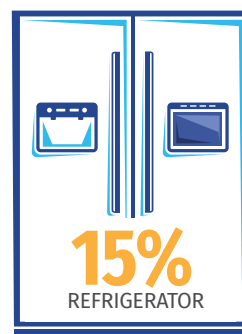
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20%

CLOTHES DRYER



15%

REFRIGERATOR



10%

DISHWASHER

\*[energystar.gov](https://www.energystar.gov) calculations

## Appreciating her appliances

“Oh, I have that!”

That was Walton EMC customer-owner Mary Berrier’s reaction when she read the *Realite* article “Appreciating Appliances” that detailed the debut dates of some of the most common small household appliances.

The Centerville resident has an avocado green Rival Crock-Pot and Sunbeam Mixmaster hand mixer that she still uses, she told friends at the co-op’s Snellville office. She and husband Steven, who passed away in 2019, received the appliances as gifts in 1971 when they married in Iowa. That year was the first the slow cooker was available in stores.

The appliances were packed and moved 10 times over five states during the course of their marriage. In 1998, the Berriers and their appliances moved to a home on Walton EMC’s lines.

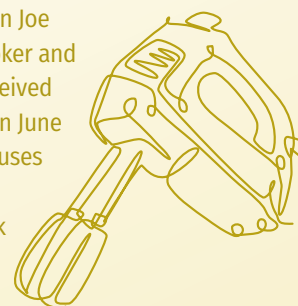
Over the years, Mary used the slow cooker and mixer to make many meals for her husband and two children. Now, her son is the chief cook in the family and is using them, too.

The homemaker marvels at the longevity of the 51-year-old gifts.

“With appliances these days, you’re lucky if they last five years,” she said. “But these have really lasted, even with a lot of use.”



Walton EMC member Mary Berrier and her son Joe display a slow cooker and mixer that she received as wedding gifts on June 19, 1971. Mary still uses both kitchen appliances to cook for her family.



# EmPOWERing high school students

## WALTON EMC GRANTS FUND COLLEGE & CAREER PREP

Students at two local high schools are finding a clearer path to the future thanks to School EmPOWERment educational grants funded by Walton EMC.

The Career, Technical and Agricultural Education program at Morgan County High School received one of the 69 grants distributed in 2022. The award purchased the tools, curriculum and training necessary to offer two new technical education certification programs from Snap-On tools.

The certification programs provide knowledge and skills that increase students’ employment potential in industries such as automotive and electrical, said Jennifer Butler, who oversees workforce development at the school. She expects 75 to 100 students to earn certifications each semester.

“I feel as though this will help me in the future. I will always have this certification available for whatever career I choose,” said Addison Smith, one of the school’s first students to earn a certification.

At South Gwinnett High School, students can explore a variety of post-graduation options in a college and career center outfitted with technology tools purchased with a grant.

“Today’s students are very tech driven, so we needed to make the center more student friendly,” said Dr. Aisha Stephen, the school’s interim college and career specialist. “Before, everything we had was on paper.”

Many of the school’s 643 seniors have taken advantage of the center’s added technology tools for college and career planning, preparing and submitting college applications and applying for financial aid.

Schools throughout Walton EMC’s 10-county service area have shared more than \$2 million in School EmPOWERment grants since the program was initiated seven years ago. Funds for the program come from unclaimed refunds to former Walton EMC members.



Thanks to a Walton EMC School EmPOWERment grant, Morgan County High School students are earning technical education certifications they can use after graduation. Students pictured with their new certifications are, from left, Tony Jacobs, Thomas Bruce and Addison Smith.



## 2023 School EmPOWERment

grants **46** / totaling **\$241,589**

See a full list grant recipients at [waltonemc.com](https://www.waltonemc.com). Grant applications for the 2024 program will be available this fall.



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