

## Focus on the fridge



Americans open their refrigerators 33 times a day on average. This common habit helps contribute to the fridge being one of your home's hardest working appliances, typically making up 13.7% of residential energy usage, according to the Department of Energy.

Limiting the time the refrigerator door is kept open is one way to save on power. But if the appliance is 15 years old or more, you can reduce its energy consumption as much as 40% by upgrading to a newer, Energy Star-certified model that has energy-efficient features.

Some energy-saving and convenience features worth checking out:

- Glass doors or internal cameras that let you see what's inside without opening the door and consuming energy.
- Wi-Fi connectivity, which sends alerts if fridge door is left open or unit isn't working properly.
- Touch screen for setting temperatures or looking inside the fridge.

The best time to get a deal on an energy-efficient refrigerator is during holiday events such as Labor Day. Manufacturers typically release their new models in September, October and January.



## 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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## Vogtle 3 producing electricity

Walton EMC members now receive safe, reliable, emission-free nuclear energy from Plant Vogtle Unit 3.

On July 31, Unit 3 reached commercial operation, making it the first advanced nuclear project in over three decades. The site is located in southeast Georgia in Waynesboro and can generate electricity at full power 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

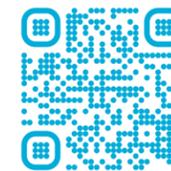
Nuclear plants like Vogtle create energy by controlling the breakdown of uranium to produce heat that makes steam to turn turbines that generate electricity.

Clean nuclear energy is powered by tiny uranium fuel pellets about the size of a pencil eraser – and just ten pellets can power a typical household's electricity needs for a year.

The existing units at Plant Vogtle, Units 1 and 2, have been providing safe, clean energy for Georgians for more than 34 years. Vogtle Unit 4 is expected to reach commercial operations in March 2024 and provide power for the next 70 years. Walton EMC will use electricity from the output of all four units.

Our cooperative strives for fuel diversity and price stability on your behalf. The staff is constantly researching additional generation assets to ensure you have an adequate supply of electricity when you need it.

Watch to learn more about the project here.



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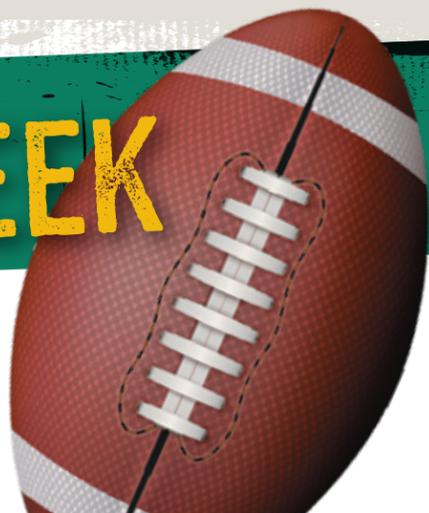
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## LINEMAN OF THE WEEK

Walton EMC will present **Lineman of the Week** (LOTW) awards in high schools across our service territory during September and October. Look for LOTW billboards at Epps Bridge Parkway in Athens and on Hwy 124 in Snellville.



CELEBRATING  
**25**  
YEARS

**EMC Security**  
a Jackson/Walton/GreyStone EMC Service



Greg & Robin Brooks

In 1998, EMC Security signed their first customer, Greg Brooks of Watkinsville, former communications director at Walton EMC. That was 25 years ago, and he has been with EMC Security ever since.

Over the years, EMC Security has kept Brooks' home secure and updated with the latest technology. "When we got rid of our landline phone, EMC Security installed a cellular communication," said Brooks. "If the power is out, I'm still protected, and I can take advantage of the EMC Security mobile app to control the system when away from the house."

Since he signed up over two decades ago, EMC Security has impressed Brooks with their quick follow-up time. "When we accidentally trip our system, it seems like the monitoring center calls to check on us before I can even get it off," he said. "It amazes me how quickly they respond. It's a good feeling knowing EMC Security is watching out for you."

When you sign up with EMC Security, you can choose to have professional installation or to do it yourself with their easy self-install security options.



## Harvest electricity savings with easy fall projects



Autumn officially arrives on Sept. 23, meaning lower temperatures and shorter days – and the higher electric bills that come with them – will be here before you know it.

Now's the time to tackle a few home improvement projects that can improve your home's energy efficiency. Walton EMC's energy advisors offer this list of easy fall maintenance projects.

### 1 Break up with old bulbs

Is remaining true to your outdated incandescent light bulbs worth what it's costing you in energy bills, especially when days are shorter and lights remain on longer? Make the switch to LED lights, which use at least 75% less energy, and last up to 25 times longer.

### 2 Make a date

Schedule a tune-up with an HVAC service technician to ensure your heating system is operating efficiently.

### 3 Check the ducts

In a typical house, about 20%–30% of the air moving through the air duct system is lost due to leaks, holes and poorly connected ducts. Use mastic sealant or metal tape to seal leaks on ducts in attics, crawlspaces, unfinished basements and garages. Also, make sure the connections at vents and registers are tightly sealed.

### 4 Dodge the drafts

Keeping drafts at bay can cut 10% from the average electric bill. Warm air can escape through fireplaces, eaves, ridge vents, electrical outlets, light fixtures, floors, walls, ceilings, plumbing penetrations, doors, windows, fans and vents. Use caulk and weatherstripping to close gaps.

### 5 Dress the heater

Outfitting your water heater with an insulation jacket could save about 7%–16% in water heating costs.

### 6 Get smart

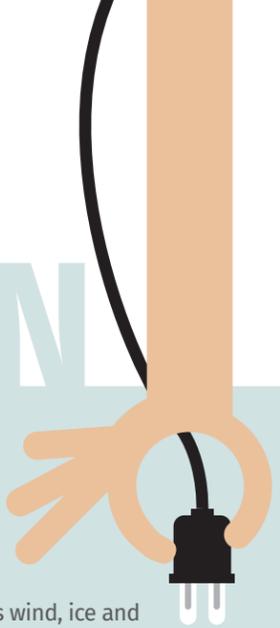
There are smart thermostats for every budget and style, but all allow for more in-depth, automatic temperature management that can save an average 12% on heating costs.

Set aside a little time this autumn to make energy-efficient upgrades. Several small improvements can add up to big energy savings when temperatures cool down.

## Attention residents of Gwinnett County...

One of our contractors, HB Next, will be conducting work in the Stone Mountain vicinity for Walton EMC. They will be servicing approximately 20,000 meters from now until the end of the year.

# PLUGGED IN



## Q: Who is responsible for maintaining/repairing the individual electric service line to my home?

A: Getting electricity to your home or business is a partnership. In short, Walton EMC supplies the wires that connect to your building and you're responsible for maintaining/repairing the components that bring the power inside. Those components, collectively known as the "service entrance," can be seen on the roof of any building receiving electricity through an overhead service line.

The diagram below shows the parts of an overhead service entrance. Walton EMC customer-owners are responsible for repairs to the weather head, mast, meter base, wires inside these devices or wires inside the building.

Falling trees, as well as wind, ice and fire can damage these components. Keeping your power flowing is our number one priority, but we cannot supply electricity to a damaged service entrance. A qualified person must make repairs before your electric service can be restored.

Repairing service entrance components is NOT a DIY job and should never be attempted by anyone other than a qualified professional. Components may be energized and therefore very dangerous. Your electrician will coordinate with the co-op to safely make the necessary repairs and restore power.

## Electrical Repair/Maintenance Responsibility

