

# The Sawnee Highliner



## Commercial Rebates

**Calling all Commercial Consumers!** Sawnee EMC has rebates available just for you. If you haven't heard about them, please keep reading...you may find out you are eligible for an extra payday from Sawnee.

Sawnee EMC offers its commercial consumers the following rebates for energy efficient upgrades made at their business:

- **Purchasing Energy Efficient Office Equipment**
- **Installing Programmable Thermostats**
- **Making Lighting Upgrades**
- **Installing Solar Film Window Tinting**
- **Making Production Equipment Upgrades**
- **Installing Energy Management System**

These rebates were designed with you, our commercial consumers, in mind. By making one or more of these upgrades, you can save on your monthly electric bill.

For additional information, please visit our Commercial Energy Center online at [www.sawnee.com/commercialcenter](http://www.sawnee.com/commercialcenter) or contact Scott Sewell, Commercial Marketing Representative at (678) 455-1357 or via email at [scott.sewell@sawnee.com](mailto:scott.sewell@sawnee.com). **Start saving today!**

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## Programmable Thermostats

Programmable thermostats are a good energy-saving idea for all seasons! They are generally low cost, quick and easy to install and, overall, a simple way to cut both your heating and cooling costs. Programmable thermostats allow you to activate the heating or air conditioning system according to your schedule. Programming the thermostat to either lower or raise the temperature (depending on the season) allows your HVAC equipment to operate less, thus reducing energy usage and saving you money! If you are interested in purchasing a programmable thermostat this year, consider the following shopping tips:



- Search for one that's easy to program, with a clock that's easy to set.
- Make sure the digital display is easy to read and understand. It should be easy to read the current time and temperature at a glance.
- If you're replacing an existing thermostat, consider hiring a heating/cooling professional, unless you're comfortable working with the low voltage wiring.

Remember, by installing a programmable thermostat at your home or business, you could be eligible for one of our many energy rebates (more information about rebates is at our Web site – [www.sawnee.com](http://www.sawnee.com)). That's right, Sawnee EMC offers a rebate for making this energy efficient upgrade to your home or business! If you currently have a manual thermostat and replace it with a programmable one during 2008, Sawnee EMC will give you ½ of the cost, to a maximum of \$25.

Get saving today...programmable thermostats are a great way to lower your electric bill, even when you're asleep, at work or on vacation! Questions? Contact our Energy Services Department at (678) 455-1579 or via email at [marketing@sawnee.com](mailto:marketing@sawnee.com).

## Does Your Account Need a Priority Health Code?

Do you, or a member of your household, have a unique or serious medical condition that is dependent on electricity? If so, please let us know so that your electric account can be identified accordingly. This type of identification on your account alerts our staff of a "medical priority", such as life support, in case of a major outage or a planned event when service might be interrupted.

In order to notify Sawnee EMC of a medical priority at your home, please submit a physician's letter stating the nature of the medical condition. This letter can be faxed to (678) 513-8106 or mailed to Sawnee EMC, Attention Energy Services, 543 Atlanta Highway, Cumming, Georgia 30040.



The staff of Sawnee EMC is committed to providing the highest level of reliability to you, our member, in a variety of extreme weather conditions, as well as everyday events. Please remember that we cannot guarantee that your service will always be quickly restored in case of extreme weather or events. Certain events such as widespread natural disasters (e.g. hurricanes or tornados) and other activities are beyond our control and may impact our ability to meet your special needs in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or concerns, or to find out if a priority medical code already exists on your account, please contact our Customer Call Center at (770) 887-2363.



## Our Mission

Sawnee Electric Membership Corporation exists to serve the changing needs of members by enhancing the quality of life by actively supporting community developments and identifying and serving the members' energy needs.

### Quotable Quote

"More than any other major personality trait, optimism is a matter of practice."

Kathleen McGowan

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# Electrical Safety Tips

Remember to play it safe this summer. Whether you are outdoors working in the yard or watching the kids play, keep these outdoor electrical safety tips in mind:

- **Select the correct tool for the job:** Power tools should be double insulated or have three-way grounded plugs. Keep power saw, drill and trimmer supply cords where they can't be cut by these items. When possible, use a ground fault interrupting (GFI) receptacle when working outside.
- **Keep your distance:** When carrying and using ladders and other long tools, keep them at least ten (10) feet away from all overhead power lines.
- **Work and play safely around trees:** Contact Sawnee EMC before trimming trees near an overhead power line. Don't let kids climb trees near power lines or use toys in these areas.
- **Stay away from electrical equipment:** This is a rule for all seasons. Do not play on or tamper with SEMC's above ground equipment. If you discover a cabinet or enclosure open or unlocked, call us immediately.



Have fun this summer...just remember to be aware of these electrical safety tips.

## Time To Do Laundry?

No one likes it, but everyone has to do it. That's right...you guessed it...the laundry. Next time you prepare to do a load of laundry, consider these tips to save energy and lower your electric bill.

- Use cold water whenever possible.
- Wash and dry only full loads. Remember to change the water-level setting when you wash a small load.
- Don't over dry clothes. Select the setting that is right for the type of clothes you are drying.
- Dry towels and heavier cottons in a separate load from lighter weight clothes.
- Use the cool-down cycle to allow clothes to finish drying with the residual heat in the dryer.
- Clean the lint filter in the dryer after every load to improve the air circulation and the efficiency of your dryer.



By following these few simple and easy tips, you will not only save money on your energy bill this summer, but you can also reduce the wear and tear on your washer and dryer.

### Here's Watts Cookin'

#### Pineapple Cream Cake

- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 1 - 8 oz. package cream cheese, cut into pieces
- 1 - 3 1/2 oz. package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 cup milk
- 1 - 20 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 - 12 oz. container whipped topping
- 1 - 4 oz. package shredded coconut

Prepare cake mix according to package. Bake in two (2) round cake pans. Cool cake completely. In a bowl, beat pudding mix, milk and cut up cream cheese. Mix until smooth. Spread entire pudding mixture over one of the cakes. Drop pineapple pieces over pudding mixture. Top with second cake. Cover with whipped topping and sprinkle coconut on top. Chill before serving.



**Note:** If you have extra pudding mixture, put it on top of cake and then cover with whipped topping.

Thanks to Karen Armstrong. Send us your recipe – if we print it, we'll credit your account \$5.00.