

# Sun River Electric Cooperative Ripples

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406-467-2526 or 1-800-452-7516

If calling from a local number or cell phone –  
please use: 467-2526 or 467-2527

Be sure to check your breakers before reporting outages.

MARCH 2017

## Mark Your Calendars

Annual Meeting set for  
Friday, March 31, 2017

*Fairfield Community Hall*

*Lunch: 11 a.m. • Meeting: noon*

### Nominating Committees:

Dist. 2 Kim Lapke,  
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Bruce Ruckman  
Bob Curtiss

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Jane Suberg



## Hidden numbers

If you find your account number hidden in this issue, it is worth a \$50 credit on your next statement. There is one number hidden in every issue. Give us a call if you are the lucky consumer:

406-467-2527 or 1-800-452-7516

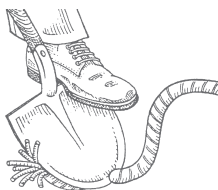
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before  
you dig**

## The benefits of choosing an electric water heater

As expected, most people don't think much about water heaters. They take for granted that they make it possible to have hot showers, clean dinner dishes and enjoy load upon load of freshly laundered linens. The lonely water heater, tucked away in the basement or a utility closet, is out of sight and out of mind.

There are times, however, when your attention turns to that most essential of appliances: when an existing water heater breaks ("Brrr. That water is cold!") or when building or renovating a home.

At those times, a homeowner will make a decision that has consequences that persist for a decade or two, maybe longer. Your water-heating choice will have implications for energy efficiency, cost of use, the environment, safety and reliability. As a trusted energy advisor, Sun River Electric Cooperative can help you make the right decision.

As a member of the cooperative, you might already know about many of the advantages and benefits of electric water heaters. First, electric water heaters are safe. There is no threat of carbon monoxide poisoning, combustion or explosion. Electric water heaters are environmentally friendly and capable of using electricity generated from solar, wind, hydro and other renewable sources.

Electric water heaters are also easy to install, requiring no expensive gas lines, exhaust flue or on-site fuel tanks. Compared to other fuels, the cost of electricity is stable.

In addition, electric water heaters are emerging as a building block of the future electric grid. These formerly mundane units are evolving into smart appliances and energy storage units that are helping the grid become more stable and more efficient. By heating water when demand for electricity is low and storing the thermal energy for later use, electric water heaters can save energy.

If you have questions about water heater options or other energy-efficiency needs, give us a call at 467-2526. At Sun River Electric Cooperative, we're here to be your trusted energy source.

Pay as you go with **prePAY**  
electricity from SREC.  
It is easy! Call SREC to get started.



monitor. pay. alert. reload.

## Trivia Question

What percentage of America's landmass do electric co-op lines cover?

A: 25% B: 50% C: 75%

(Correct Answer is upside down on the bottom of this page)

## We Have Rebates!

Don't forget that Sun River Electric Cooperative (SREC) has rebates for household appliances. SREC offers \$25 rebates on clothes washers, dishwashers, refrigerators and freezers that are Energy Star compliant. Just download and print the rebate form from SREC's website, [www.sunriverelectric.coop](http://www.sunriverelectric.coop), fill it out, attach a copy of the receipt and send it to SREC. SREC will then review the rebate form and credit your account \$25 per compliant appliance. "Energy Star" rated appliances can be found at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

Also, remember that SREC offers a \$100 rebate on electric water heaters. To be eligible, the water heater has to be at least 90 percent efficient. The water heater rebate form is also on SREC's website, download it and fill it out and send it in with a copy of the receipt to get the \$100 credit. The water heater must be at least 40-gallon capacity to be eligible.

All rebates must be submitted within 90 days of purchase.

If you have any questions about rebates, call Sun River Electric at 467-2526 or 1-800-452-7516.

*Answer to Trivia Question: 75% Source: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association*

**Reminder:** Bills not paid by the 10th of the month will be charged a \$10 late fee.

## Swap Column

**FOR SALE:** Briarwood IV pool table, crafted by Brunswick for Sears, needs new felt & bumper pads, \$250 obo. Jeff Converse, 467-2546.

**FOR SALE:** 2 black Sim Angus bulls. Gilbert Anderson, 799-2519.

**FOR SALE:** 2 ADCA registered heifers, born 3/20/2016 & 7/6/16. Asking \$1,000 for each. Dan Truman, 231-9768.

**FOR SALE:** New electric water heaters. 40 & 50 gallon — \$250. 66 gallon — \$350. Call Ross at Sun River Electric for details. 406-467-2526 or 1-800-452-7516. 235674

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Ripples Swap column, please contact Sun River Electric at 1-800-452-7516 or 467-2527, or email Kathy at [kscott@sunriverelectric.coop](mailto:kscott@sunriverelectric.coop) by the first of the month.



## ENERGY STAR Buyers Guide

Purchasing **ENERGY STAR**-certified appliances and electronics is a great way to save energy in your home. But how do you choose the right product? It depends on your energy-saving goals and how you use energy in your home.



Do you wash multiple loads of laundry each week? Investing in an ENERGY STAR-certified washer could save you around \$45 on your utility bill each year. Some of the top-rated ENERGY STAR-certified large washers come from LG and Samsung. Visit ENERGY STAR's "Most Efficient 2016" page to learn more.



Home computers can use a shocking amount of energy each year. If all computers in the U.S. were ENERGY STAR certified, we would save more than \$1 billion in energy costs per year. If you can't buy an ENERGY STAR-certified computer, consider updating the power management setting on your computer. Visit [energystar.gov/products/office\\_equipment/computers](http://energystar.gov/products/office_equipment/computers).



The larger TVs get, the more energy they use. But ENERGY STAR-certified TVs are, on average, 25% more efficient than conventional models. LG, Samsung and Vizio make the list of ENERGY STAR's most efficient 2016 TVs.

### There are many different types of ENERGY STAR-certified products, including:

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- Roof products
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