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## **Energy Savings, Plus a Rebate**

A home energy audit will show you steps you could take to reduce energy use. If you implement a recommendation, you could receive up to \$1,500 in federal stimulus rebates.

The rebates are only going to members who first have an energy audit and then implement recommendations. The rebates are on a first come, first serve basis, so call the office and get on the list. Our professionally trained auditor will schedule an appointment with you. We will start audits in late May or early June.

The audit will pinpoint where your house is losing energy: your outlets, windows, and siding; as well as the efficiency of your home's heating and cooling systems.

Improvements you make are also eligible for the co-op's 2% Energy Efficiency loan program.



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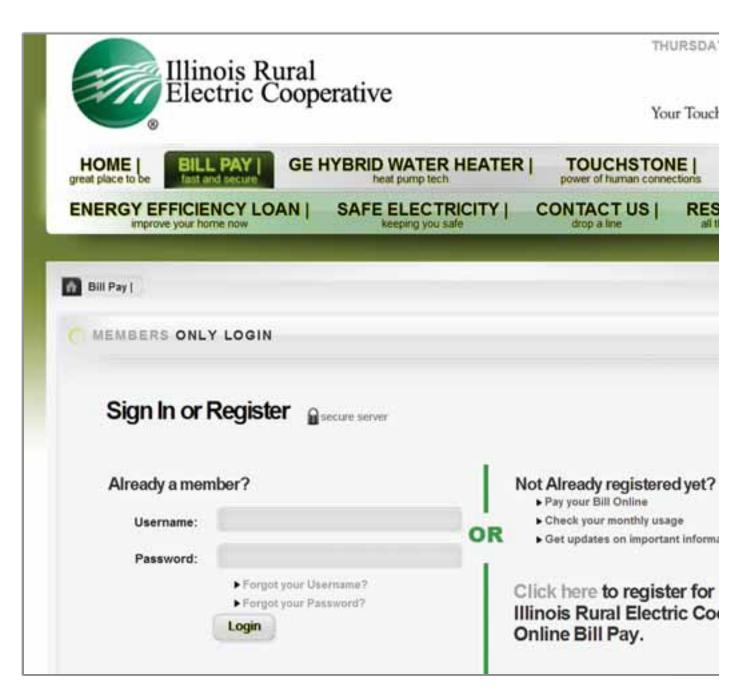
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It's a fast, easy, and secure way to pay your bill anytime. If you're running a little late or if the mail is running a little slowly, you may be able to avoid a late charge. We credit your account when you pay online.

Online bill pay allows you to review and pay your bill over the Internet. Combine the ease and convenience with security and reliability. Other great features of the online bill pay are history of usage, bill amounts for the last 14 months, and a graph of monthly usage.

Online Bill Pay is easy to use. When you sign up, you will be asked to provide some basic information about you and the bank you want to use to pay your bill. Just follow the step by step directions.

Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative never releases any information we have about you or your account without your prior written permission and directions.

The easy bill pay process is as simple as a few clicks. Login to you account and click Bill Pay. This will take you to a summary page of each account you have.

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# Pay Your Bill at e-co-op.com, the Co-op's Updated Web Site

Here, you can choose to pay part or all of an account. If you only want to pay toward your electric account today and water or internet later, select just your electric account. You can login later and pay the others. After you have chosen which account to pay toward and how much, click "Click here to Authorize your payment." You will be directed to a confirmation page that you may print and an e-mail will be sent to you.

When you are finished you may logout or look at your bill details.

Some new features in the works include:

- Access to past bills
- And more bill pay options
- Improved budget billing
- Merge multiple accounts

To sign up go to www.e-co-op.com, you will need your member number and an e-mail address.

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# 4th Annual Calhoun County Quilt & Church Tour

The Calhoun County Barn Quilt Project promotes and preserves the agricultural and rural heritage of Calhoun County. Its tour of the Barn Quilts throughout the county also shows the natural beauty and rich heritage that local residents cherish.

It began in 2008 with only 4 quilts hung that first year. Last year, 2009, there were 33 Barn Quilts. Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative helped hang many of the quilts. For tickets and information call (618) 883-2728 or (618) 232-1268.



You, the member, are encouraged to attend the 2010 Annual Members Meeting Saturday June 12th, 2010, at 10:00 AM at the Scott County Fairgrounds in Winchester, Illinois. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM.

There will be four \$500 cash prizes and twenty \$100 prizes, and there will be a \$10 credit per membership on your electric bill when you register in person.

Additionally, you can enter your favorite charity in the eleven Members' Fund drawings for a total of \$5,500 in awards.

We urge you to attend the meeting or send your proxy with a friend or neighbor if you are unable to be there.

All of us at Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative are looking forward to seeing you June 12th at what will be an enjoyable event!

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