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Advantages of Electric Water Heaters



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Across The President's Desk

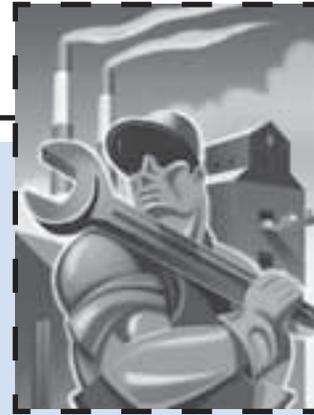
Monroe County Electric is a dealer for Marathon Electric Water Heaters. Marathon Water Heaters have a lifetime warranty on the tank not to leak for as long as the member owns his home. There is a six year warranty on parts and labor. Normally the warranty covers these items for one year. If the member is replacing a gas water heater, they are eligible for a \$100 rebate. Installation is the member's responsibility.

Advantages of electric water heaters:

- Heating water with electricity is seven times safer than gas. A study by the National Fire

Protection Agency has found that gas water heaters cause seven times as many home fires as electric water heaters.

- Electric water heaters require no flue or vent. They can be placed virtually anywhere.
- Electric water heaters do not use air for combustion. Indoor air quality is not compromised and there is no danger of explosion.
- Electric water heaters require less maintenance. There is no pilot light, no vent, no flue or heat exchanger to corrode.
- Electric water heaters have more insulation. They can be insulated on all sides, including top and bottom.
- Electric water heaters are more efficient. The heating elements are in direct contact with the water so they are nearly 100 percent efficient. A gas water heater loses 40 to 60 percent of its heat energy up the flue.



Office Closing
Our office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

I DON'T LEAVE THE TV ON FOR THE COFFEE TABLE. WHY COOL AN EMPTY HOUSE?

It only makes sense. My house shouldn't have to work so hard when I'm taking it easy on vacation. So now I adjust my thermostat, turn off my water heater and unplug as much as I can. Those simple acts save me money I can spend on things like vacations. Find out how the little changes add up at

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Let the light shine in: Safe lighting in the workplace

Proper light in the workplace is more than a matter of standing on a chair and shouting, “Let there be light!” Too little light, or too much, or the wrong kind, can be a safety hazard for your workforce, causing eyestrain, headaches, and physical injury (if people can’t see obstacles clearly, for example). Take an illuminating look these good lighting guidelines:

- **Look around.** Check your workplace often for light bulbs that need replacing and any areas that need increased visibility.
- **Keep it clean.** Dust off your lighting fixtures so their illumination doesn’t get blocked.
- **Lighten up surrounding areas.** Walls should be painted or papered in light tones that reflect light easily but don’t produce glare.
- **Mix it up.** Provide a combination of natural light that’s healthy and easy on the eyes, and artificial light that can be easily controlled by employees for their needs.
- **Shade employees’ eyes.** Outfit windows with shades and blinds so employees can adjust the amount of natural light that falls across their workspaces.
- **Shift as necessary.** Employees shouldn’t face a light source or window directly (where glare can be distracting and damaging) or sit with their backs to the light (casting shadows across their work). Position computers, desks, and people at right angles to light sources for safety and quality.
- **Suit the light to the task.** Task lighting can provide the illumination needed for detail work. Give employees lamps and other options so they can get the light they need.

Unless you have too much money, beware these mistakes

Unless you’re incredibly rich, you probably worry about money. That’s natural, but you don’t have to let your worries ruin your life. You’ll feel better about your financial situation if you avoid these basic money mistakes:

- **Not tracking your spending.** Pay attention to where your money goes. Your credit card statement will help you do this, but don’t forget all the incidentals you pay cash for. With this data, you’ll find it easier to stick to your budget. And speaking of budgets . . .
- **Not setting up a budget (and sticking to it).** This advice may seem elementary, but many smart people don’t take it seriously. Determine how much money you realistically need to pay bills and buy needed supplies for a week or month, and don’t go over it.
- **No emergency fund.** Set aside some money for emergencies, and don’t touch it for any other reason. Ten or 20 dollars a month can

add up, especially if it’s drawing interest.

- **Not shopping around.** Take the time to look for the best prices, and avoid buying on impulse. Stock up on essentials on sale, and always look for opportunities to negotiate a better deal.
- **Borrowing too much money.** Don’t put more on your credit card than you can pay off at the end of the month. Resist the urge to buy more house than you can afford, and don’t be seduced by reward programs that entice you to buy extravagances in order to get bonus points.
- **Not watching your credit rating.** You should be aware of

your overall credit score to avoid problems when you really need to borrow money. Make sure all the information is correct, and watch out for signs that your identity has been lifted by con artists.



Attention!! Owners of PureWater Reverse Osmosis Systems

Monroe County Electric Cooperative (MCEC) will no longer sell or promote its PureWater Reverse Osmosis (R/O) systems. We do have a few replacement filters in stock and will sell those until we are out, but will not be reordering any in the future.

If members would like to purchase a new R/O system, please contact Culligan/Schaefer Water Center in Millstadt at 476-9414. MCEC will give the member a \$100 rebate on a new R/O system (at least \$1000 in cost) and Culligan/Schaefer will match that with a \$100 discount on an R/O system purchase, to MCEC members only.

Contact the Member Services Dept. at 939-7171 or 1-800-757-7433, ext. 115 for further information.



MCEC Line Outages - July 2012

Time Off	Duration	# Out	Location	Cause Desc	Sub
07/03/12	5:21	22	Allscheid Subdivision	Other, Deterioration	N. Waterloo
07/08/12	1:57	5	Crook Rd	Lightning	Poe
07/08/12	1:23	9	Kern Rd	Lightning	Poe
07/08/12	2:47	4	Kopp Rd	Lightning	Waterloo
07/08/12	2:39	10	Quail Ridge Ln	Lightning	Waterloo
07/08/12	5:33	4	Wetzler Rd	Trees, Other	Fults
07/11/12	6:24	19	Lake Lucille Ct	Other, Deterioration	N. Waterloo
07/17/12	0:50	889	Smithton Area	Power Supplier	Smithton
07/22/12	2:28	924	Waterloo Area	Vehicles Or Machinery	Waterloo
07/22/12	2:28	1096	Red Bud Area	Vehicles Or Machinery	Poe
07/22/12	2:25	526	Fults Area	Vehicles Or Machinery	Fults
07/23/12	1:13	23	Hawthorne Estates	Electrical Overload	Columbia
07/29/12	1:39	163	Wartburg Area	Trees, Other	Waterloo

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