



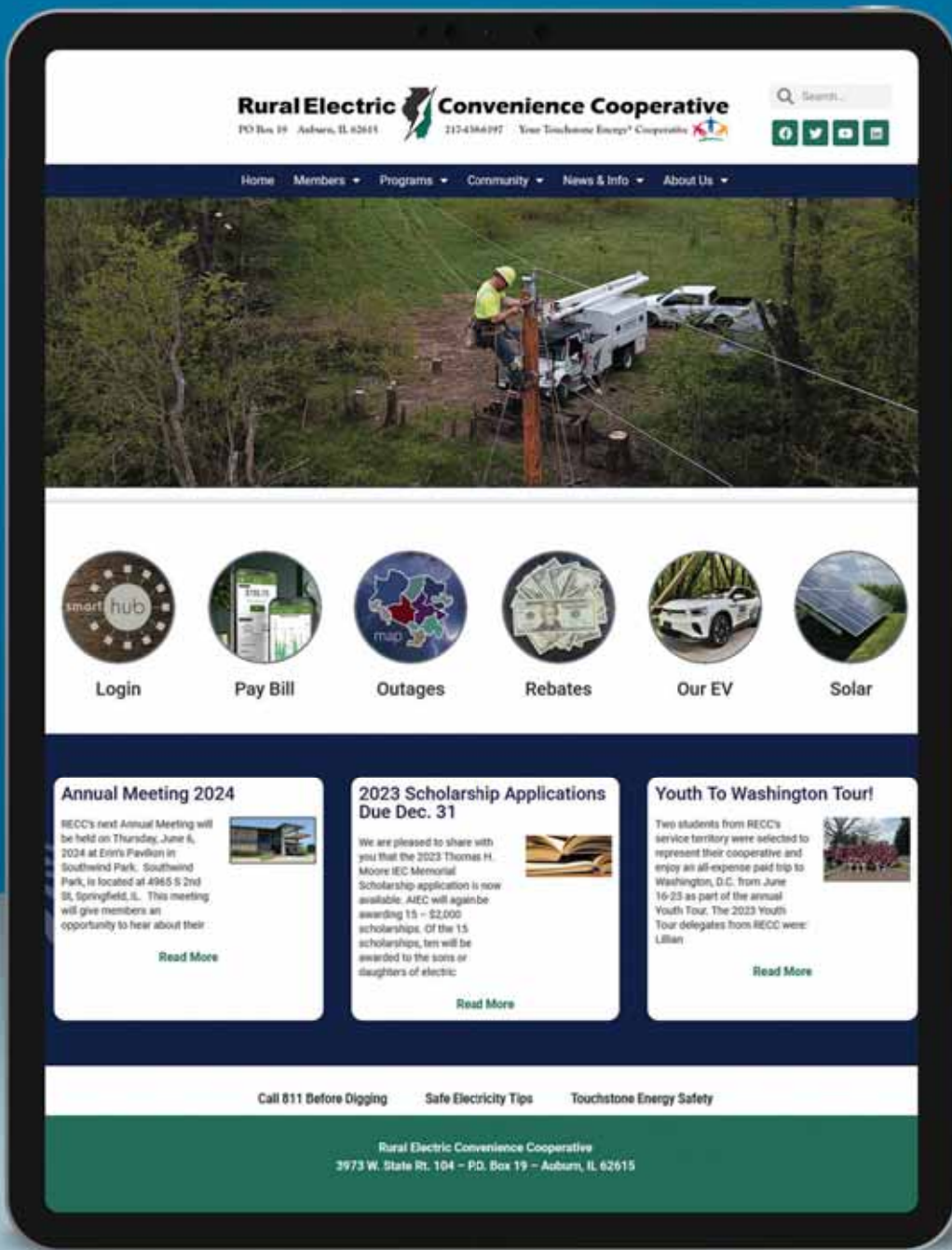
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Local News from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative

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Stove Types

Residential stoves are pretty simple, no-nonsense appliances, but they've been making headlines lately with a public debate over gas vs. electric models. The three primary types of cooktops—gas, electric and induction—are all adept at their primary purpose: delivering heat to pots or pans. They also have unique pluses and minuses in how they're constructed, how they work and the side effects they may create.

Gas

How it works:

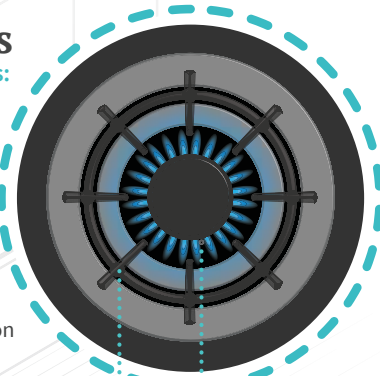
Flammable gas is ignited and transfers heat to cookware.

Pluses

- High heat output
- Works even when the power is out

Minuses

- Harder to clean
- May contribute to indoor air pollution



Cooking grate
Igniter

Electric

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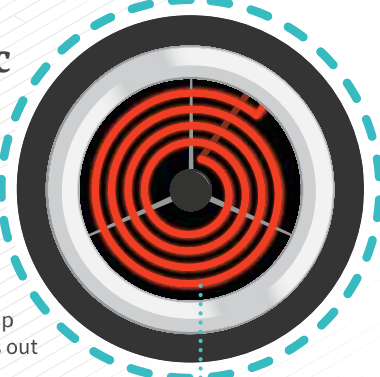
Electricity is run through resistive metal coils, which heat up based on the amount of current.

Pluses

- Less ambient heat released
- Less expensive to buy and run

Minuses

- Can be slow to heat up
- Won't work when power is out



Heating element

Induction

How it works:

A metal coil generates an electromagnetic current that excites particles in specialized steel or iron cookware.

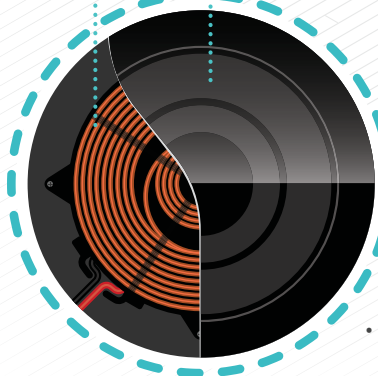
Pluses

- Safer – no residual heat
- More precise temperature control

Minuses

- Won't work if power is out
- More expensive to buy

Copper induction coil
Ceramic cooktop



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Co-op retiree passes away



Bill Carter of Chatham passed away at the age of 77. He was RECC's accountant for 24 years before retiring in 2002. Most notable for Bill was his experience with the great ice storm in April 1978, which occurred within his first four months on the job. Bill said he was put in charge of finding lodging for the extra line crews that came in from Illinois and out-of-state co-ops, with as many as 140 linemen at one time. He said it was difficult to find hotels in the area that had power. RECC sends its condolences to the Carter family.

Co-op rebates available in 2024

Electric clothes dryer	Rebate	\$50
Electric range and oven	Rebate	\$50
Electric water heater	Rebate	\$250
Geothermal system	Rebate	\$250
Heat pump with electric backup heat	Rebate	\$250
Heat pump with gas or propane furnace	Rebate	\$100

Go to www.recc.coop to apply or call our office for more information.

Safety precautions for space heaters

- Maintain a minimum clearance of 3 feet.
- Do not use in doorways or high-traffic areas.
- Always place the heater on a flat, safe surface.
- Consider using one with built-in safety features.
- Do not plug the heater into an extension cord.
- Never leave a space heater unattended.
- When not in use, unplug it and put it away.



Go to safeelectricity.org to see additional electrical safety tips.