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Making life better, the cooperative way®

Brighten someone's Christmas season

Are you looking for that perfect gift for someone? Maybe you're tired of giving "stuff"? Consider making this season brighter for those you love by giving a Blue Grass Energy gift certificate.

It's easy. Call or come into your local BGEnergy office. Make a payment on the account, which will be credited immediately.

Then, you will be given the BGEnergy gift certificate to give to the recipient.

This is a great gift for all ages, from the young adult just starting out to the grandparent who has everything. These certificates are available for purchase any time of the year.



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A gift in the amount of \$ _____ has been credited to your account.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The cooperative spirit of giving

December is the traditional season of giving, and nowhere is this more apparent than right here in our communities. Regularly, I witness expressions of generosity and caring that make me proud to call this area my home.

I hope you recognize the same spirit of giving in your cooperative. Showing “concern for community” is an operating principle we honor all year long while delivering safe, reliable, affordable energy. We also express our dedication through special programs and initiatives meant to make life better for our members.

I’d like to conclude 2022 by highlighting just a few of the ways we worked to continue meeting the needs of our members this year.

- We returned over \$2 million in capital credits to our members. That is money that positively impacted our local economies.
- Programs such as Cooperative Solar and envirowatts continued to give members renewable energy options.
- We enhanced our website and outage map to provide an easy-to-use resource. With just a few clicks, members have access to more information than ever.
- Employees continued to support our corporate charity. They have been fundraising this year to support Kentucky CancerLink, which helps Kentuckians suffering from the terrible disease of cancer.
- \$15,000 in scholarships were awarded to students within our service area, aiding our youngest members in continuing their education after high school.
- We again sponsored and volunteered with events like Honor Flight, Kentucky’s Special Olympics Summer Games, Washington Youth Tour, and local school and community programs.
- We partnered with our members in our Pennies for Purpose program to donate more than \$5,000 to charitable organizations that make life better for our communities.

When you gather with family and friends this holiday season, I hope you’ll count your membership in Blue Grass Energy, and the value it brings, among the things you are thankful for. Because we are certainly thankful for each of you.

From all of us at your cooperative, we wish you a safe and merry Christmas.

*By President/CEO
Michael I. Williams*



We are here to help you manage your energy

We all have our favorite season. Some people love crisp, cool weather and bundling up under a favorite blanket, while others prefer the warm temperatures summer brings and all the fun outdoor activities that go with it.

But there's one thing we can all agree on: High winter bills are never fun. Blue Grass Energy is here to help you find ways to manage your home energy use and keep winter bills in check.

Here are three tips to help increase your home's energy efficiency this winter:

1. **Mind the thermostat.** This is one of the easiest ways to manage your home energy use. We recommend setting your thermostat to 68 degrees (or lower) when you're home. When you're sleeping or away for an extended period of time, try setting it between 58 and 62 degrees; there's no need to heat your home when you're away or sleeping and less active. When you raise the temperature, be sure to do it 1-2 degrees at a time. A rapid increase may actually cost you more.



Photo: Mark Gilliland/Pioneer Utility Resources

2. **Button up your home.** The Department of Energy estimates that air leaks account for 24%-40% of the energy used for heating and cooling a home. Caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors are simple, cost-effective ways to increase comfort and save energy. If you feel drafts while standing near a window or door, it likely needs to be sealed.
3. **Use window coverings wisely.** Open blinds, drapes or other window coverings during the day to allow natural sunlight in to warm your home. Close them at night to

keep the cold, drafty air out. If you feel cold air around windows, consider hanging curtains or drapes in a thicker material; heavier window coverings can make a significant difference in blocking cold outdoor air.



Turning your blinds the correct way can have a big impact. Turn them up in the summer and down in the winter. Photo: Roy Honican

If you have questions concerning your bills, scan the QR codes below to take advantage of our free online home energy assessment and our energy-saving tips. Blue Grass Energy's experts can also help identify areas that impact your home energy use and recommend next steps for savings.

Winter months often bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. By being proactive about saving energy, you can increase the comfort of your home and help manage monthly bills.





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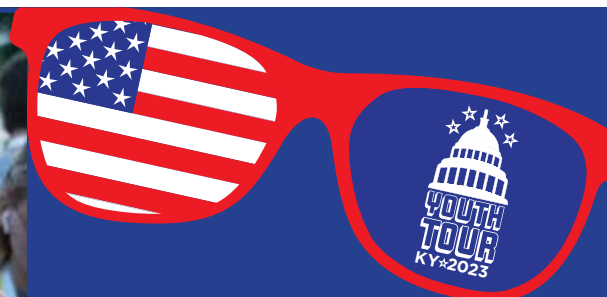
KENTUCKY CANCERLINK (KCL)

From Dec. 1 through Dec. 16—the first 12 business days in December—help us support Kentucky CancerLink in their fight to reduce barriers to screening, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer.

We will be collecting fuel station gift cards that can be used to purchase gas for KCL patients to help offset their travel costs for treatment.

You can make a difference by 1) dropping off gift cards at your local office, 2) mailing them with your payment, 3) by phone, or 4) scan the QR code to the right and type Blue Grass Energy in the note section.

Thank you for helping us help others.



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