

News Briefs

Clear a Path, Help a Meter Reader

Deep winter snow makes for slow going for Co-op meter readers. You can help by clearing a path to your meter. Timely meter reading saves the Co-op and its members money and avoids the need for estimated readings. If you're able to clear a path to your meter or have already done so – thank you.

Board of Directors Meetings

The Co-op Board of Directors meets the second to last Tuesday of each month at Co-op headquarters in Plymouth, unless otherwise noted. The Board is scheduled to meet on February 15, 2005 and March 22, 2005. For more information, contact Sharon Yeaton at (603) 536-8801, or e-mail nhechq@nhec.com.

Child I.D. Kits Available

The Co-op is distributing 10,000 child identification kits free of charge to members. The kits, produced by the National Child Identification Program, allow parents to collect specific information by recording DNA and fingerprints of their children on identification cards that are kept at home by the parent or guardian. If ever needed, this kit will give authorities vital information to assist their efforts to locate a missing child. Kits are available on a first-come first-served basis and can be picked up at the following town police departments: Alton, Colebrook, Conway, Lincoln, Meredith, Newport, Plymouth, and Raymond. Kits are also available at the NHEC headquarters building on Tenney Mountain Highway in Plymouth.

KISS THAT OLD FLAME GOODBYE!

Take 50% Off Marathon Water Heaters

Is that oil or propane water heater leaving you cold? Valentine's Day is the perfect time to kiss that old flame goodbye.



Co-op members who convert from an oil or propane fired water heater can save 50% on the cost of an electric Marathon water heater. That's half-off the most energy-efficient electric water heater on the market.

Marathon water heaters feature a technologically advanced plastic inner and outer tank design that, unlike steel water heaters, will never rust or corrode. And Marathon stands behind every water heater with a lifetime warranty.

If you're building a new home anywhere in Co-op territory or switching to the efficiency and cleanliness of electricity, you'll want to take advantage of this great offer. This half-price offer also applies to Co-op members building new homes in Co-op service territory. Buy a Marathon for your new home and save 50%. Convert from oil or propane and save 50%. Either way, you're getting the best product on the market.

Marathon water heaters come in a variety of sizes – from 15 to 105 gallons – and can be purchased directly from your Co-op. Tap into our network of plumbers for professional installation, too. Plus, we'll arrange for delivery of your Marathon to one of our 11 convenient locations throughout the state.

For more information, pricing, or to order your Marathon water heater for half-price, call Co-op Member Solutions at 1-800-698-2007. Want more information about the Marathon Advantage? Visit our website at www.nhec.coop/marathonwaterheater.



High School Juniors Win a Free Trip to Washington D.C.

High school juniors who are the children of Co-op members or attend a school served by the Co-op are eligible to win a free five-day trip to Washington D.C. as part of the 2005 National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

To enter, students must write a formal letter, approximately 400 to 500 words, to an elected official voicing their personal opinions to their elected officials on any issue, problem or success. In the letter, the topic of concern should be stated and thoroughly discussed. If appropriate, students should also suggest a course of action they wish the elected official to take. The letter should be addressed to the respective local, state or federal official in formal letter format.

Letters will be judged on originality, persuasiveness, neatness, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Students should send their letters to their intended recipients and send a copy to the Co-op for entry in the Youth Tour contest. All entries should include student's name and school. Finalists will be selected based on the letters, and personal interviews will be conducted to select the winners. The deadline for submitting contest entries is Friday, March 25, 2005. The 2005 Youth Tour is scheduled for June 17-24 and will feature extensive sightseeing, visits with New Hampshire Congressional representatives, a dinner cruise on the Potomac River and an interactive Town Hall meeting that features nationally known speakers.

Send contest entries to:
Seth Wheeler, Youth Tour Director
579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, NH 03264
Or e-mail: wheelers@nhec.com

Dollars for Scholars



Applications are now being accepted for scholarships being awarded in 2005 by the New Hampshire Electric Co-op Chapter of Dollars for Scholars.

Now in its third year, the Co-op's scholarship program will be offering four \$1,500 scholarships.

Scholarships are available to current high school seniors planning to enroll in college and current and non-traditional students at accredited schools.

Applicants must be Co-op members or reside with a parent or legal guardian that is a member of the NH Electric Co-op. Scholarship winners will be chosen based on a 500- to 1000-word essay written by the applicants about their contributions to the community and personal accomplishments and goals, as well as a personal interview conducted by the Co-op. Academic performance will also be considered.

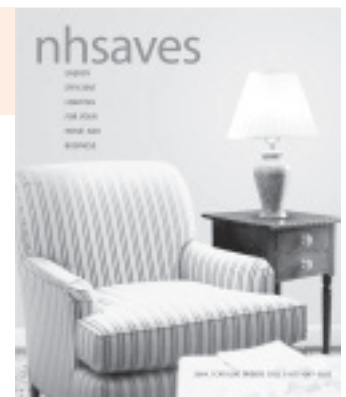
Applications are due by Friday, March 11, 2005 and are available for downloading at www.nhec.coop, or by calling the Co-op at 1-800-698-2007. The winning candidates will be recognized at the Co-op's Annual Meeting in June 2005.

The Co-op is proud to have granted \$8,000 in scholarship aid – all raised by donations and fundraisers - to members since 2002. We look forward to expanding the number and quantity of grants to be awarded in the future. For more information about the NHEC Chapter of Dollars for Scholars, or to make a tax-deductible donation, please contact Judy Gove at 603-536-8666, or govej@nhec.com.

nhsaves Lighting Catalog

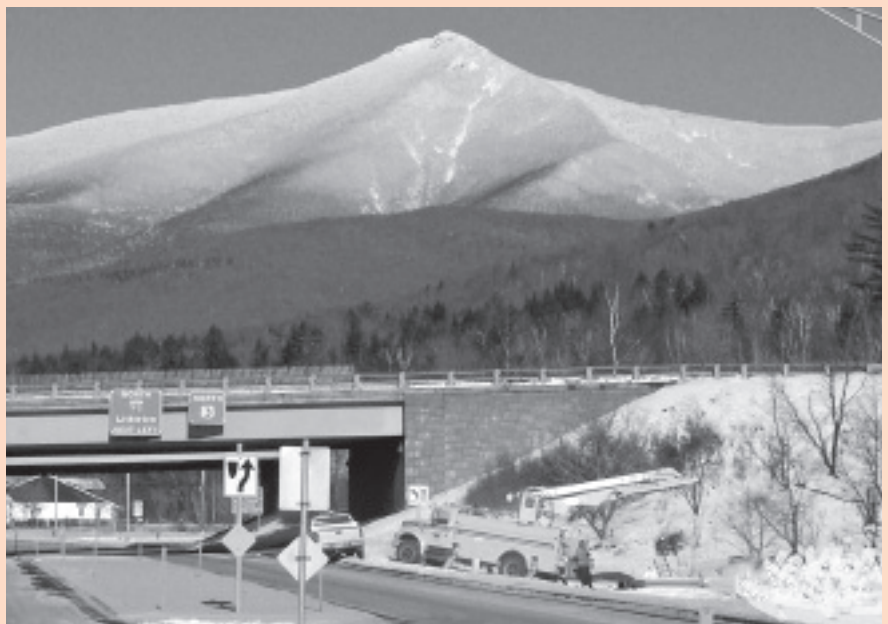
Now Available Online

The Co-op is pleased to offer a new and convenient way to shop for energy efficient lighting for your home or business. The nhsaves lighting catalog, featuring ENERGY STAR® and other energy-efficient lighting products, can now be viewed online at the Co-op website.



This catalog, a collaborative effort of the state's four electric utilities, makes it easier for you to purchase safe, stylish and affordable products without sacrificing comfort and convenience. You can save as much as \$2 on compact fluorescent light bulbs, \$10 on efficient exterior lighting and \$15 on interior light fixtures and torchiere floor lamps.

A line of new products will be added to the catalog with the debut of the 2005 nhsaves lighting catalog in March. To view the catalog online now, visit our website at www.nhec.coop and look for the link on the home page. To request a catalog by mail, call Co-op Member Solutions at 1-800-698-2007.



Life Lines

The Co-op has completed a major system improvement project that will greatly enhance electric service in the North Lincoln area.

Work was completed at the end of last year with the replacement of direct-buried cables that had served areas of North Lincoln since the mid 1970's. Though the lines hadn't failed recently, the prospect of a lengthy outage if they did made the line replacement a priority for the Co-op.

The project required more than 1,500 feet of trenching under bridge abutments near Interstate 93 in the Exit 33 area. The four newly installed distribution conductors, each installed in its own conduit, greatly improve electric service reliability for the members served in this area.

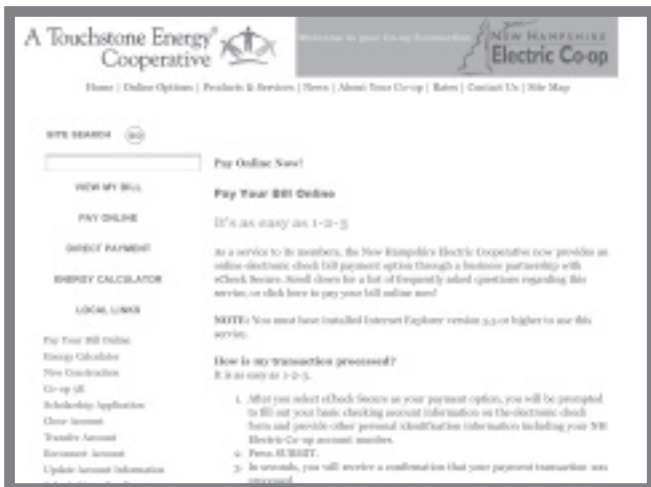
Your Co-op... At Your Fingertips

Check out the many member services available online at www.nhec.coop

Direct Payment

Set It and Forget It

Why bother with the check, the stamp and the envelope every month? Set up a monthly payment schedule that automatically deducts the amount of your bill from your checking or statement savings account. Once you've signed up for Direct Payment you'll never have to worry about late or lost payments. You'll still receive a monthly bill stating the date that the total due is deducted from your checking or statement savings account (approximately 20 days later). At the bottom of the bill you'll see the amount of your bill and the date it will be drafted from your account. Simply log the bill amount and draft date into your checkbook. Your bank account statements will reflect your electronic payment activity.



Pay Online

Pay What You Want, When You Want

Click "Pay Online" to send an electronic check to the Co-op. Our secure registration form will log your banking information and in seconds you'll be ready to pay any amount you choose towards your account balance. You can use Pay Online with confidence – a multi-level server system with the latest in encryption technology is used to ensure the highest level of security for your sensitive data. Within seconds of paying online, you'll receive a confirmation that your payment transaction was processed. It's a safe and easy way to skip the check and the stamp.

View My Bill

See It Before You Get It

Click "View My Bill" to see an electronic copy of your bill on the same day it's posted. When you register for this member service, you'll create a password you can use to access the secure portion of our site. Once you're in, you'll be able to view an electronic copy of your bill, exactly as it appears in your mailbox. And because you can view your bill several days before it arrives at your home, you'll be able to plan ahead when you're budgeting that month's expenses.



Energy Calculator

Put the Power in Your Hands

Ever wonder how much it costs to run that home appliance? The Energy Calculator can tell you down to the penny. This powerful tool has two features – a Single Appliance calculator which allows you to see the monthly cost of operating close to 100 different household appliances; and an Entire Household calculator which lets you estimate the monthly cost to operate all the appliances in your home. The Energy Calculator is updated periodically to reflect current rates so it always gives you an accurate look at your household's electric use.

FOR SALE

Vintage snowmobile & Japanese motorcycle parts, good used, Skidoo, Matoski, Arctic Cat, SnoJet, Yamaha, Kawasaki, Honda, proj sleds parts in storage big inventory. 934-4623.

Snow blower, Ariens 7.5 HP 724 6 fwd/2 reverse, 2003 used 2x, cost \$779 asking \$650. Carport new 20"x6 1/2" mfg Canada cost \$550, asking \$400 745-2649.

Guild professional guitar model F47 RCE, acoustic/electric w/hard-shell case, used only a few times in perfect condition. \$1100. 735-5198.

Quadra-Fire woodstove fireplace insert model #5100-1. 4 seasons old & comes complete w/27' of stainless steel chimney liner \$1,500 BO 253-6250.

Framed scenic photos of the White Mountains \$60 & up. Unique gifts! White Mt. Photography. 3425 White Mt. Hwy, N. Conway, NH. View at gallery or www.whitemountainphoto.com 374-6050.

Kayaks used or blemished, Old Town kayaks excellent condition, start @ \$279. Touring models & canoes. Andover NH, 735-5000 or info@kayakcountry.com.

Natural NH stone sculpture rockery/fireplace stone, landscaping projects, patio & walks, random lengths & sizes, boulders or slabs. 764-9897.

Piano & French lessons, award winning local certified Teacher w/ Bachelor's & Master's degrees, 463-5926.

Fly fishing gear, tying materials, casting lessons. FFF Certified Instructor. Pond on-site in Raymond, NH. 895-3500 or www.mountainroadfly.com.

Fly fishing lessons given on private trout pond in a beautiful mountain setting. FFF certified casting instructor. Gift cert. available. Call Kathy 356-6240 www.mountainviewflyfishing.com.

Tubes, power supplies, oscilloscopes, test equip., wire mold conduit parts & pipe. Let me know what you want. 673-4706 or treadbar6@aol.com.

Moose Antlers for sale, also items made w/deer & moose antlers. Three-door antique icebox shaker pegboard from 1793 building. 279-8250.

2000 Utility trailer 4'X8' w/roof racks, white. \$1,500. 279-1197.

Piano, spinet w/bench, beautiful shiny wood, "Winter" brand. Pd \$1250, looking for \$800 OBO. Can be seen in Haverhill, MA 978-373-1891.

IBM Net Vista P3 PC 40 GB HD. 500 MB mem. XP w/ XP office. 15" NEC flat panel, excellent cond., \$400. 781-599-0533.

Ski lift chairs - original Wildcat Mt Lynx chairs, \$250. Refinished w/legs as a bench \$375. Very limited. 356-7877.

3'X5' Drafting/art table. Includes universal drafting machine & florescent lamp, \$75. 286-8895.

Bedroom set - 10pc Cherry Sleigh, dresser, mirror, chest, 2 nightstands, 12" pillow top mattress set, never opened, \$1950. Can deliver, 968-8366.

Dining room, 10pc cherry, neutral upholstered chairs, lighted china hutch/buffet, new in boxes, \$1750. 968-8366.

Mattress, queen/king pillow top mattress set new in plastic. Queen \$350, King \$495, also have twin & full. Can deliver. 968-8366.

Hot tub, 2004 model, 6 person, 31 jets, isolator, 5HP, redwood cabinet, waterfall, new in pkg. Includes 5" cover, \$3950. Can deliver, 968-8366.

Snow tires p185/65x14, 5 lug Chrys. rims used 1 winter, \$75 pair. Electronic Organ - Yamaha SK-100 console w/bench, call for features. \$300. 463-8886.

FOR SALE

Tan Bucket seats, \$100. Jotul woodstove, \$100. Nordic Track Pro, \$200. Weslo easy glide, \$20. Sears exercise cycle, \$20. Weslo treadmill, \$25. Shark steamer, \$50. Electric scooter, \$75. 356-3601.

1969 Antique Bombardier snow mobile, Olympic 12/3. Has not had a great deal of use. May be seen in Acworth, NH. Please phone days 617-373-4569, eve. 781-899-5531.

Thule box evolution 1800, \$300 firm. Great shape, 383-9683.

Wood/coal stove, Citation, glass doors & blower. Works great \$200, 476-6674.

Store fixtures, slat wall accessories, antique cash counter, glass top show case, 3 tier display tables, earring cases, 4 & 2-way racks, wood hangers, marking gun & more, 476-6674.

Vintage coal/wood stove. Upright w/brown enamel finish. Relined. Great camp stove. Best offer. Call Robin 968-3121 & leave message.

Maytag washer & dryer, \$150 both. GE electric range & hood, \$150 both. Teel 1/2 HP SS submersible sump pump, never used - paid \$170, sell for \$85. Steele ext. door w/window, \$50. 483-9814.

Delta 10" compound miter saw (model 36-225) \$100 BO. Complete with carbide blade, manual and all accessories. Nearly new, 638-4334.

Temper visco Swedish memory foam mattress set, queen \$745, King \$965, new in plastic. Can deliver. 968-8366.

Leather living rm set, 4pcs, tan colored, \$1,685. Fabric & micro fiber couch & love seat, \$1285, all new in packages, can deliver. 968-8366.

Roofing contractor, looking for estimates for spring job on two residential roofs - now asphalt shingles. Alton, call Don 875-3988.

60Ft Rohn 250 radio tower. In place now, you remove. 522-3486.

Curtis 6' hydraulic angle snowplow. This is a tractor loader snow blade. Excellent condition. Was \$1,475 sell for \$790. 942-8320.

Shed 8'x12' w/front & side doors for easy access & storage. Well built, solid as can be. Must be removed from current location in Alton. Have built a garage in its place, \$1,000. 362-8466.

Consignors/antique dealers for Baileys consignment gallery, 328 NH Rte 25, Warren NH. Used dining, living & other decor; quality condition. No appliances or clothing. 764-9910.

Buffet table, early Dutch American, 3 drawers, 2 cabinets, nice condition, all wood, \$100 or BO. 463-5525.

Xerox 5009R/E copier, \$75. 279-8363.

Music Lessons, piano/organ/keyboard/voice and theory by professional musician/entertainer/author, in your home or in Lakeside Studios. 859-7873.

Loren Percy painting, BO. 2 Annalee limited edition dolls in original glass cases, Robin Hood & Johnny Apple Seed. In perfect condition. 875-3442.

Asthma/Allergies? Need people who desire relief to evaluate a new compact hi-tech home air purification system at no cost or obligation, 800-536-8447.

Clearance sale, both items like new - NordicTrack Aerobic Exerciser TM computer, \$300. Sierra 3400C Electric Typewriter w/extras, \$100. 356-7962.

WANTED

Old musical drums, cymbals, catalogs, etc. Preferably from the 1960s & earlier, from the US or Europe (including Turkey). I pay cash & will travel to you. John 781-405-4477.

Hammond organs, B-2, C-3, A-100, Leslie speakers only. We pay cash. Call Dave 679-2703.

Lionel & American Flyer elec. Trains, any amount or cond. 1 piece or collection. Turn your unused trains into cash! 978-922-2485. E-mail bkrsdoz@comcast.net.

Old Oriental rugs - will purchase any size & almost any condition. 356-2309.

Old magazines & books - adult, women, men, life, etc. Postcards, sheet music, diaries, letters, scrapbooks, playbills, posters, & photos. Frank 1-800-225-9019.

Old swords & bayonets. Fraternal, military, Civil War, Japanese, etc. If it has a blade I'm interested. Frank 1-800-225-9019.

Old books, diaries, scrap books, postcards, photo albums, letters, pin-up calendars, posters, lobby cards, magazines: adult, movie, women, men. 1-800-225-9019.

Old Fraternal swords, hunting knives, bayonets, military swords, uniforms, photos, books, medals, helmets. Frank 1-800-255-9019.

Old fishing creels, fly rods, tackle boxes, old wood working tools, gouges, chisels, spoke shaves, bits, drills, tool chests, catalogs, downriggers, etc. Frank 1-800-225-9019.

Lange woodstove, 34" high, in working condition. 787-808-3523 or 835-6154.

Want to Buy an Ad?

How about 11 for \$50!

Co-op newsletter classifieds are a great way to buy and sell everything from moose antlers to motorboats. And at just \$5 per ad, it's a real bargain, too. Got an ad that you want to run for a year? Take \$5 off the monthly price and pay just \$50 for your ad to appear in all 11 issues of the Co-op Consumer Report (newsletter does not publish in May). With a circulation of 78,000 members, the Co-op newsletter has a potential audience of more than 160,000 people. That's a lot of exposure for \$50! The best part - all proceeds benefit the NHEC chapter of Dollars for Scholars.

If you're a Co-op member and you want to buy an ad, send the text of your ad and a check made payable to NHEC to:

**N.H. Electric Co-op
Classified ads
579 Tenney Mountain Highway
Plymouth, NH 03264**

Ads specs: max. 150 characters, no ads accepted for real estate, cars, firearms, ammunition. No personal ads accepted.