

Featured Article:

'Cut the Carbon' Kits Available at Local Libraries



Cut the Carbon kits arrived at the State Library in Concord bound for libraries across the state. On hand were representatives of the NH Public Utilities Commission, Public Service of NH, State Library and NHEC.

Energy efficiency help for homeowners is on the way as hundreds of "Cut the Carbon" kits arrive this month in public libraries across New Hampshire.

Provided by NHSaves, the collaborative effort of the state's four largest electric utilities, the kits feature a Kill A Watt™ energy detector that homeowners can use to assess the efficiency of their appliances and make changes to lower their energy usage.

Each kit includes instructions on the proper use of the Kill A Watt detector, as well as a simple worksheet that allows electricity customers to calculate the energy costs associated with each device in their home. Energy efficiency advice and tips are also included.

Thanks to a partnership with the NH State Library in Concord, kits are being loaned out to residents at no cost from any one of the 235 public libraries across the state. Residents of the 19 communities in New Hampshire that are not presently served by local public libraries will be able to borrow Kill A Watt detectors directly through the NH State Library.

Approved by Governor John Lynch and the Executive Council in August of 2009, the Cut the Carbon program is one of the first initiatives to be supported by the state's Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) fund.

Visit NHSaves.com and shop online for energy efficient lighting and fixtures, plus innovative products designed to save you energy and money.

C-Man, NHEC Foundation Team Up for NH Food Bank

The Common Man family of restaurants in New Hampshire celebrated receiving a national humanitarian award by joining with local businesses, including the NHEC Foundation, in donating more than \$45,000 to five Granite State charities.

Common Man Owner Alex Ray, who recently won a Cornerstone Humanitarian Award from the National Restaurant Association, announced the donation of \$15,345 to the New Hampshire Food Bank of Manchester. That donation was matched in full by the NHEC Foundation, bringing the total gifted to \$30,690.



Common Man owner Alex Ray, left, with NHEC Foundation Director Judy Gove and NH Governor John Lynch, makes a donation to New Hampshire Food Bank.

Food Bank Executive Director Melanie Gosselin said her organization was able to meet the need for Thanksgiving meals as a result of the generosity of the Common Man and the Co-op members who donate to the NHEC Foundation.

More information about the NHEC Foundation and the good it is doing in Co-op service territory is available online at nhec.coop/community_nhecfoundation.

Take the Whole House Approach to Energy Savings

If you're considering making improvements to your home to lower energy bills or fix comfort problems, you should learn about Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®.

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR is a comprehensive whole house approach to improving energy efficiency and comfort at home, while helping to protect the environment and fight global warming.

Rather than focusing on a single problem, like an old heating or cooling system, not enough insulation, or leaky windows, Home Performance with ENERGY STAR looks at how improvements throughout your home can work together to give you the best results.

If you qualify, you may be eligible to receive up to \$4,000 towards the cost of recommended energy efficiency improvements. To see if you qualify, visit www.nhec.coop/homeperformance, or contact your NHEC Member Solutions Representative at 1-800-698-2007.

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Win \$1,500 Scholarship

Dollars for Scholars

The NHEC Chapter of Dollars for Scholars is now accepting applications for six \$1,500 scholarships that will be awarded in 2010.

Applicants must be at least a senior in high school at the time application is made; and must be a Co-op member, the child of a Co-op member, or attend a school served by the Co-op. College and non-traditional students are eligible and welcome to apply.

The deadline for applications to be received at the Co-op is March 22, 2010. Complete requirements and application are available online at nhec.coop/community_nhecdollarsforscholars.



Watts Happening

Seeking Candidates

Four seats on the 11-member Co-op Board of Directors will be up for election to three-year terms in 2010. In a cooperative, the members themselves elect candidates they feel will best represent them on the Board of Directors. Voting takes place by mail ballot in May 2010 with board members installed at the June annual meeting. The Co-op seeks broad representation from a diverse group of individuals and encourages all qualified members to consider running for one of the open seats. You must be a Co-op member in order to run for a position on the Board. For more information about how to get your name on next year's ballot, contact Sharon Yeaton at 603-536-8801, or nhechq@nhec.com.

Board of Directors Meetings

The NHEC board of directors regularly meets on the last Tuesday of each month at the cooperative's headquarters in Plymouth. Please check the Board of Directors page on the Co-op website at www.nhec.coop, or call Sharon Yeaton at (603) 536-8801 to confirm the current month's meeting time and location.

Clear a Path, Help a Meter Reader

You can help us save time and money – plus avoid the need for estimated meter reads – by clearing a path to your electric meter. If you are able, please keep the path to your meter shoveled and free of obstacles that may prevent our readers from doing their jobs. Thank you!

Bill Payment Options

Online: Choose from two options at nhec.coop – a one-time payment of any amount at any time; or Recurring Payment that automatically drafts your balance due two days before each due date. Both options allow you to pay via credit/debit card, checking or statement savings account.

By Phone: Call our automated phone payment system at 1-800-698-2007 anytime.

By Mail: Send payment to: NHEC, PO Box 9615, Manchester, NH 03108.

In Person: Walk-in hours at our Plymouth Headquarters are 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday, except holidays). Or, pay your bill at any one of the more than 50 New Hampshire payment locations listed on our website.

Low Temperature Heat Pump Rebates

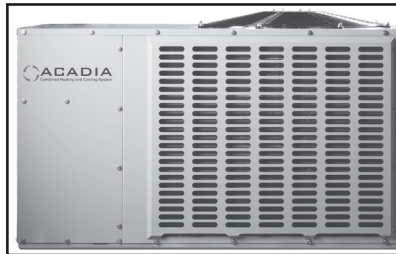
Get Up to \$4,000!

Install an ultra-efficient low temperature heat pump and get up to \$4,000 back in Co-op rebates!

Unlike conventional heat pumps that switch over to resistance heat at temperatures of around 30°F degrees or lower, low temperature heat pumps meet or exceed their rated capacity at 0°F. Some can maintain efficiencies of over 100% even at -30°F!

In normal conditions, low temperature heat pumps operate at efficiencies of 200% - 300%. By comparison, the typical fossil fuel system runs at 70 - 95% efficiency. You'll also get air conditioning in summer with a low temperature heat pump. The result – homeowners can save up to 70% on their heating and cooling costs.

Make the break from fossil fuels. Heat pumps require no on-site fuel storage and provide extremely efficient heating and cooling with no combustion or emissions. For a rebate application and complete program information, please click the Renewable Energy Rebates link at nhec.coop.



Put the FreezeAlarm On Duty

FreezeAlarm is an innovative temperature alarm and power outage notification product that protects your primary or seasonal home against frozen pipes, water damage, and temperature dips due to heating system failures or power outages. It even offers the ability to check on your home or adjust the temperature from anywhere in the world with a simple phone call.

Rest easy knowing that the FreezeAlarm is monitoring the temperature and power in your home. If the temperature drops too low or rises too high, FreezeAlarm will call up to three pre-programmed phone numbers to alert you or your caretaker that there is a problem. For complete details, see our web site or call Co-op Member Solutions at 1-800-698-2007.



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