

Together We Save - *How little changes add up*

Flip the switch. Lower the blinds. Insulate your attic. Lower the temperature on your thermostat. These sound like simple tasks. Take all of these steps around your home or business and you can rack up big savings.



MVEA has joined with co-ops around the nation to roll out a Touchstone Energy campaign that is an effort to motivate our members to take action to save money and energy.

TogetherWeSave.com is a web site that demonstrates how taking simple energy-saving steps leads to real dollar savings.

Our co-op members can get an idea of potential dollar savings by taking the site's virtual Home Tour. As visitors move through each room and complete the suggested actions, a digital counter keeps a running total of potential dollar savings which gives a visual representation of how simple changes make a difference. The savings calculations from each individual visit to the Home Tour are funneled into another counter that continuously aggregates national potential savings. The running national total is displayed at the top of the TogetherWeSave.com landing page.

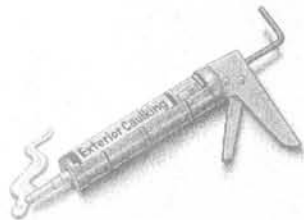
Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to lower your electric bill by going to

TogetherWeSave.com.



THE GUN OF CHOICE IN THE COLD WAR

The cold war is on again and frigid outside air is trying to find a way inside your snug, warm



home. You can stop this invasion dead in its tracks by simply caulking around windows, wall outlets and heating ducts. It's inexpensive and takes no special skills. Just load and shoot. Right away you can experience a warmer home and lower electric bills.

Quick Tips for a warm winter



During the heating season, keep draperies and shades on south facing windows open during the day and closed after sundown.

Keep your thermostat at 68 degrees or less. If leaving for more than a few hours, lower it to 55 degrees.

When not using your fireplace, close the flue tightly.

Make sure your outside dryer vent closes when the dryer is not in use.

Apply "low-e" coatings on windows to help reduce heat loss.

If your electric water heater is located in cool area, install a thermal wrap to help insulate.

Seal whole-house attic fans during the winter.