



## Principles + Values = Cooperatives

All cooperative businesses around the world operate in accordance with these seven cooperative principles:

- 1 **Voluntary and Open Membership**
- 2 **Democratic Member Control**
- 3 **Member Economic Participation**
- 4 **Autonomy and Independence**
- 5 **Education, Training, and Information**
- 6 **Cooperation among Cooperatives**
- 7 **Concern for Community**

A lesser known fact is that cooperatives have also adopted a set of values that helps to put these principles into practice.

Cooperatives are based on the values of *self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, and solidarity*. In the tradition of their founders, cooperatives believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility, and caring for others.

These values affect us here at Central Georgia EMC. The founders of CGEMC created the cooperative to serve the members who use the electricity and other services we provide, and we continue to do that today. This embodies the values of *self-help*, taking action and doing what needs to be done. We also know we must embrace the value of *self-responsibility* and be accountable to you, our member.

Each member has one vote, no matter how much electricity he or she uses. This ensures that *democracy* is practiced the way it is intended with *equality* for all members. This is a key difference between cooperatives and investor-owned companies where the number of votes you have depends on the number of shares you own.



For cooperative members, *equity* has two meanings. We strive to treat all of our members fairly and as a member, you have *equity* (ownership) in CGEMC.

While each cooperative is autonomous, we act in *solidarity* with other cooperatives and our community. We know that we can do more for you by partnering with other cooperatives and like-minded organizations.

Your parents were right when they said, "Honesty is the best policy." As an owner, you have the right to expect us to act with openness and in a transparent manner. We welcome your active participation in our cooperative.

Cooperatives have long been identified as the original socially responsible business. We care about the impact we have on the community while ensuring we are economically viable.

We try to demonstrate our concern for the community through caring for others every single day, whether it is through our community events or Operation Round Up grants given through the Central Georgia EMC Foundation.

By using our values in support of our principles since our founding in 1937, we have been able to serve you for 78 years, and will do so long into the future.

## CUSTOMERS DUE

REFUNDS

Boyd, Wayne  
Brown, Philip D.  
Cooksey, Emily Ann  
Corey, Austin Bechworth  
Durham, Keisha  
Eason, Chester  
Farmer, Jessica Nicole  
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Jacob, Teresa  
McWright, Tasheon D.  
Phung, Thanh  
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Steele, Gerald  
Talbot, Nicholas Raphael  
Tate, Jerrica Andrea  
Webb, Gay Suzette  
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Energy Efficiency

*Tip of the Month*

Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material, not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

—Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



## Community Programs

### *Central Georgia EMC Provides Electrical Programs for Groups and Schools*

Central Georgia EMC will be happy to provide a program for your school group, civic club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or other community organizations. We offer programs on electrical safety, solar power, energy efficiency tips in your home, and value-added services offered by Central Georgia EMC.

To schedule a presentation for your school or organization, please call Central Georgia EMC's Member Services Department at 770-504-7831 or 1-800-222-4877, ext. 7831.





## If You Have A Refrigerator in the Garage ...

Many people consider having an extra refrigerator a privilege for overflow food storage during holidays and parties. However, the garage is not necessarily the best place for a refrigerator.

Unless your garage is air conditioned or insulated, a garage can get extremely hot during the summer, which can force the refrigerator to work overtime to keep the food cold. You will see the cost of that hard work on your electric bill.

If you must put a refrigerator in the garage, keep a few things in mind:

- Heat is not the only thing that stresses out a garage-based refrigerator: Manufacturers do not recommend placing one in a space where the temperature dips below 55 degrees in the winter. In an unheated garage, the refrigerator can actually warm up frozen food if the room temperature dips below freezing.
- Have an electrician upgrade the electrical circuits in your garage before you plug in a refrigerator. If the appliance overtaxes the circuit, you could wind up with spoiled food.
- Plug your refrigerator only into a grounded wall outlet.
- Avoid plugging the appliance into an outlet that is controlled by a switch. Someone could accidentally turn the switch off and cut power to the refrigerator.
- Clean a garage-based refrigerator more often than the one in the kitchen. The garage can get dirtier than the house does.
- Do not stack items around the refrigerator or lean anything against it. Like any appliance, it needs room to “breathe” or it will not operate efficiently.
- If your garage refrigerator used to be your kitchen refrigerator, it is probably pretty old and very inefficient. You are better off buying a small, new refrigerator and recycling the old one so you will not waste energy and unnecessarily run up your electric bill.



## Recipe of the Month



### Hawaiian Sweet and Sour Ribs

*From the kitchen of Mrs. Charles Sibley*

#### Ingredients:

- 3 pounds lean, spare ribs
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/4 cup green pepper, diced
- 2 small cans tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 1 32-ounce can pineapple, chunk and syrup
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- Salt and pepper, to taste

#### Directions:

Turn oven to 350 degrees. Cut every third rib about halfway through the strip. Sprinkle ribs with salt and pepper. Place in covered roaster and bake for 1 1/4 hours. Drain excess fat. While ribs are roasting, mix other ingredients and let stand to blend. Pour over baked ribs and bake 45 to 50 minutes longer, basting frequently. Makes 4 servings. Serve over rice or favorite side.



## Holiday Notice

Central Georgia EMC will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015, in observance of Labor Day. In case of a power outage, please call our 24-hour automated outage system at 770-775-7857 or 800-222-4877 for an immediate response. System operators are on duty to assist you.



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## Existing Home Rebates

To help make our customers' homes more energy efficient, Central Georgia EMC offers a number of programs and services designed to conserve electricity and save money. CGEMC offers the following rebate programs for existing residential homes serviced by Central Georgia EMC:

Measure	System Application	Rebate Amount
Air Source Heat Pump Upgrade (16 SEER or above)	Heating and Cooling	\$200
Conversion from Gas to Electric Air Source Heat Pump (16 SEER or above)	Heating and Cooling	\$350
Geothermal Heat Pump	Heating and Cooling	\$250 per ton (up to 3 tons)
ENERGY STAR Room Air Conditioner	Heating and Cooling	\$25 per system (max. 2 systems)
Heat Pump Water Heating	Water Heating	\$200
Solar Thermal Water Heater	Water Heating	\$200
Conversion from Gas to Electric Storage Water Heater (50 gallon min.)	Water Heating	\$100
Photovoltaic System	Water Heating	\$450 per kW (10 kW max.)

To download a rebate application or for more information regarding CGEMC's rebates, visit [cgemc.com/rebates](http://cgemc.com/rebates) or call us at 770-775-7857 or 800-222-4877.

All Central Georgia EMC 2015 rebates are subject to change without notice. Rebates will end on **December 18, 2015**, unless otherwise noted. Some rebates will require verification by a CGEMC Energy Services Representative.

## Maintaining Your Air Conditioner

Annual maintenance can help improve your comfort and the efficiency of your air conditioner while prolonging the life of your unit. Hire a certified professional when your unit needs more than basic maintenance.

- 1 Routinely replace or clean your air filters. This can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5-15 percent. 
- 2 Check your air conditioner's evaporator coil every year and clean it as necessary.
- 3 If your coil fins are bent, use a "fin comb" to straighten them.
- 4 If you have a split system, be sure to clean debris and leaves from the fan, compressor, and condenser. 
- 5 Occasionally pass a stiff wire through your unit's drain channels to prevent clogs.
- 6 For window air conditioners, inspect the window seals to keep cool air from escaping. 

Source: Department of Energy