



Your Alternative to Rooftop Solar

Cooperative Solar

Solar Energy With
None of the Hassles

The power of the sun is within your reach with Cooperative Solar. Central Georgia EMC's shared 942-acre solar facility in Hazlehurst, Ga., is now active, and our participating customer-owners will soon be receiving their share of the sun. Fortunately, there is still time for you to claim your share.

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your share.***

For \$19 a month per block, you will receive a credit on your monthly bill for kilowatt-hours (kWh) generated by your solar energy block(s). Each 1 kW block represents 1/500 of the total kWh produced by CGEMC's portion of the solar facility.

Advantages of Cooperative Solar with CGEMC

- A low-cost way to benefit from solar energy.
- No maintenance hassles.
- The perfect solution for renters who want to be involved with solar energy.
- No red tape with zoning restrictions or homeowners' associations.
- Solar energy is allocated to your electric bill on a monthly basis.
- No holes in the roof to accommodate solar panels.
- No contract or long-term commitment.

For more information, or to sign up for CGEMC's Cooperative Solar, visit our website at www.cgemc.com/cooperative-solar/ or call 770-775-7857.

Central Georgia EMC Disburses Capital Credit Checks



The Board of Directors of Central Georgia EMC announced a capital credit refund to electric consumers who received service during 1997 and 1998. The refund checks were mailed to customers on December 2, 2016.

The total amount of this refund was \$2,392,988.97, which represents the remaining margins for 1997 and a majority of the margins for 1998. The margins are used as capital until they can be returned through a general refund without impairing the cooperative's financial condition. Capital credits are a benefit of your membership.

Thank you for your patronage.

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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month



Does your home feel drafty?
Reducing the amount of air that leaks in and out of your home will help lower your heating and cooling load, making your home more comfortable.

Source: *energy.gov*

Applicants Wanted for Washington Youth Tour

Central Georgia EMC is seeking two outstanding high school students (sophomores or juniors) to represent CGEMC as delegates for the 2017 Washington Youth Tour. The winners will join other students from across Georgia on an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 8-15, 2017.



The fast-paced seven-day adventure brings history to life as delegates explore museums, monuments, and memorials. The opportunity to work as part of a team and develop leadership skills prepares delegates for future career paths. Exploring Washington, D.C., with a group of peers forms lifelong friendships.

The Washington Youth Tour is a great experience and a prestigious addition to college applications. This opportunity is truly once in a lifetime. Interested students should not hesitate to apply.



For more information, please visit our website at www.cgemc.com/washington-youth-tour/ or contact Vicki Jolley at 770-504-7861, or vjolley@cgemc.com. The deadline for application is 5 p.m. February 10, 2017.

Washington Youth Tour 2017 Tentative Itinerary



- **June 8:** Kickoff banquet, Atlanta
- **June 9:** Team-building activities; flight to Washington, D.C.

Dates TBD for the following activities

- Tour and lunch at Mount Vernon; dinner at Union Station; evening guided tour of memorials; photo op at White House
- Guided tour of Jefferson, Lincoln, Korean War, and Vietnam Veterans memorials; Arlington National Cemetery guided tour; dinner performance of "Beauty and the Beast" at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia, Md.
- All States assembly; tour Smithsonian museums; cruise on Potomac River
- Tour Supreme Court, U.S. Capitol, and Washington National Cathedral; Sunset Parade at U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)
- Meet with Georgia's congressional delegation and tour the Library of Congress; All States farewell event

- **June 15:** Return flight to Atlanta
- Note: Itinerary subject to change*

A New Look: LED Outdoor Lighting

Central Georgia EMC's new light-emitting diode (LED) outdoor lighting offers brilliant illumination for an affordable monthly rate. LED outdoor lights provide an even light distribution, and have a longer life span than traditional lighting.

LED lights are different from other lighting sources such as incandescent bulbs and CFLs. They are solid in nature and do not contain any gases or filaments. LEDs are ideal for outdoor use because they are resistant to vibrations and exposure to weather, wind, and rain. They are temperature resistant and operate well in cold outdoor temperatures that can affect the operation of other lights.

Key LED differences:

- **Light source:** Light-emitting diodes are the size of pepper flecks. A mix of red, green, and blue LEDs produces crisp white light.
- **Direction:** LEDs emit light in a specific direction, reducing the need for reflectors and diffusers that can trap light. This feature makes LEDs more efficient than other types of lighting, in which the light must be reflected in the desired direction and more than half of the light may never leave the fixture.
- **Heat:** LEDs emit very little heat. In comparison, incandescent bulbs release 90 percent of their energy as heat and CFLs release about 80 percent of their energy as heat. LEDs are safer and more efficient.
- **Life span:** Known for their longevity and efficiency, LED lights have an estimated operational life span of up to 50,000 hours. LEDs can operate continuously for 17 years, reducing long-term maintenance.

Now is the perfect time to add crisp, clear lighting to your property or business. Please visit our website, www.cgemc.com/outdoor-lighting, or call 770-775-7857 for more information.

Residential Service Rate Adjustment Now in Effect

In November, Central Georgia EMC informed you of a service charge rate revision effective with member billings that begin January 1, 2017. CGEMC's residential service charge has adjusted to \$22 per month from \$19. This moves the residential service charge closer to the true cost of service for residential customer-owners.

Currently, more than 69 percent of CGEMC's revenue goes to purchasing power. Another 13 percent covers fixed charges such as taxes, interest, and depreciation. That leaves 18 percent to cover expenses associated with the cost of service.

Even with this adjustment to the service charge, Central Georgia EMC remains one of the lowest-cost electric utilities in the state. Customer-owners may compare current residential rates online at the Georgia Public Commission website: www.psc.state.ga.us/electric/surveys/residentialrs.asp.

Recipe of the Month



Banana Oatmeal Cookies

From the kitchen of
Pat Billings



Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar (packed)
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup mashed ripe bananas
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 3 1/4 cups quick cooking oats

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix shortening, butter, sugar. Add egg, banana, and vanilla. Mix dry ingredients, flour, salt, cinnamon, and baking soda. Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients, mixing well. Fold in oats, raisins, and nuts.

Drop by teaspoon on greased baking sheet, one inch apart. Bake 12-15 minutes, removing from baking sheet immediately to cool. Yields five dozen cookies.



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