

Sun River Electric Cooperative

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Changing Usage Patterns - Part 3

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This is the third and final article discussing usage patterns and options to change usage. In previous articles I have discussed energy efficiency and demand; this information will center on energy conservation.

Energy conservation is the act of not using as much as was used previously. What are some ways of accomplishing that?

Examples of conservation would be replacing incandescent light bulbs with light-emitting diode (LED) lighting. You still get comparable light, but with less electricity usage. EnergyStar appliances allow for the same function or performance of work but use less energy. Hanging clothes on a clothes line versus using a clothes dryer during months that allow it will conserve electricity. Plugging electronic equipment (i.e. computers, receivers, TVs, cell-phone chargers etc.) on plug-in-strips that can be shut down when not in use will reduce what is called a phantom

load (anything with an LED light that shows up at night). Reducing the length of showers will reduce the amount of time the water heater will run, as well as conserve water. Using a lamp in a room instead of a bank of ceiling can lights will still allow for the room to be lit, but with less wattage.

All of these ideas will lead to conservation of electricity. Some will require a little shift in our thought processes, but all are doable for not much input costs to accomplish the savings.

So when you hear people talk about energy efficiency, demand or conservation, you do not have to fear the results. Our lives will go on and we will be ok, it is just that the changes presented may mean an adjustment to the living style that has been our accustomed lifestyle. Once the adjustments become new habits, you will probably agree that the change was not as bad as the world news would have us believe. We are in this together in helping to keep costs of electricity affordable. If any of the articles offered have created questions or a desire to get more information,

please call one of our service representatives at 467-2526 to get more information on energy savings.

LED Lifetime Characteristics

Compare and contrast the lifespan and power consumption for the available light bulb options.

*Source: energy.gov



	Incandescent	LED	CFL	Halogen
Lifespan (hours)	750-2,000	35,000-50,000	8,000-10,000	3,000-4,000
Power Consumption	100 W 75 W 60 W 40 W	16-20 W 9-13 W 12 W 8-9 W	23-26 W 18-20 W 13-15 W 10-11 W	70-72 W 53 W 43 W 28-29 W

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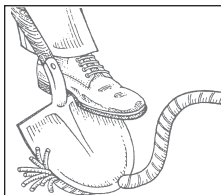
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Washington Youth Tour

Plans are under-way for the 2017 Youth to Washington Tour and Essay Contest. The tour is scheduled for June 10-16, 2017, with an orientation meeting in Great Falls on June 9. Airfare from Great Falls to Washington, D.C., is paid, along with lodging, meals and admission to events.

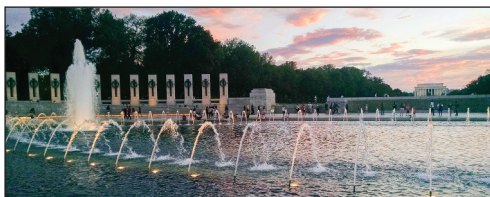


Photo courtesy of Riley Slivka, Fergus Electric Youth Tour representative.

Contest rules are:

- The student must be a junior or senior in high school in the fall of 2017.
- The student cannot be a prior winner of the Youth Tour.
- The student and/or parent or guardian must be served by a rural electric cooperative that is a member of the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association.
- The student must write an essay of 400 words or less (double-spaced) on the topic: "Why should I be chosen to represent Sun River Electric Cooperative on the 2017 Youth to

Washington, D.C. tour?" Essays should include a cover page with the student's name, address, telephone number and the cooperative's name. Essays and applications are due December 2, 2016. Mail them to: Youth Tour Essay Contest, Sun River Electric Cooperative, Box 309, Fairfield, MT 59436-0309.

An application form must accompany the essay. It is available on the MECA website at www.mtco-ops.com under the Youth Tour link.

The Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association headquartered in Great Falls selects a statewide winner, and Sun River Electric also sponsors a student.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ross at SREC at 467-2526 or 1-800-452-7516.

Trivia

How many substations does SREC have? a: 1 b: 5 c: 15
(Correct Answer is upside down on the bottom of this page)

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FOR SALE: Gemeinhardt flute for advanced student, recently serviced/pads, in case, \$350 obo; heirloom Hohner button accordion, black with gold decals, 31 treble, 12 bass, A/D reeds, excellent condition, bellows perfect, gorgeous sweet sound, new soft case & unattached straps, \$750. BJ Buckley, 467-2986.

FOR SALE: Horse trailer, 2-horse, slant/bumper-pull with tack room, 2005 Trails West, excellent condition, \$5,800; wood-burning stove, Lopi Answer, has technolo-

gy that re-burns ashes, smoke & fan, very efficient, 21"x23-1/2". Glenda Hanna, 264-5845.

FOR SALE: 2013 16FB, Coachmen Clipper travel-trailer, ultra-light travel-trailer with rear wardrobe, rear corner bath, including 36" tub/shower & toilet, pantry, 2-burner range, 32"x72" booth dinette, front double bed with under-bed storage access from outside and inside, hot-water heater, awning; overhead storage all around, like-new condition, asking \$10,000. Ray Jones, 452-2503.

FOR SALE: 1902 Hallet Davis & Co. upright piano, #52853, \$1,000. Debby Perry, 627-2369.

FOR SALE: 1/2 HP submersible well pump 8-gal., 220-volt, 2 yrs. old, \$75, Carl Lesmeister, 406-467-2198

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