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All Kenergy
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Monday,
February 17th.

Three DIY Efficiency Projects to Tackle This Year

A new year brings new opportunities to save energy--and money. You may think energy efficiency upgrades require a great deal of time and expense, but that's not always the case.

If you're interested in making your home more efficient but don't want to break the bank, there are several DIY projects you can tackle to increase energy savings. Let's take a look at three inexpensive efficiency upgrades that can help you save energy throughout the year.

Trim Dryer Vent

Level of difficulty: easy. **Supplies needed:** tin snips, gloves, measuring tape and masking tape. **Estimated Cost:** about \$25 depending on the supplies you already have.

If your dryer vent hose is too long, your dryer is working harder than it has to, using more energy than necessary. The vent hose should be long enough for you to pull the dryer out a couple feet from the wall, but the shape of the hose should form a line--it should not have a lot of slack, with twists and curves. A shorter, unobstructed vent hose increases the efficiency of your dryer, dries clothing faster and reduces lint buildup, which can create potential fire hazards.



Simply measure, mark and trim the hose to the desired length, then reattach the hose to your dryer and exterior vent. If you're unsure about the hose length, check out YouTube for a quick video tutorial.

Seal Air Leaks

Level of difficulty: moderate. **Supplies needed:** caulk and caulk gun, weather stripping, gloves, putty knife, paper towels. **Estimated Cost:** \$25 to \$50 depending on the materials you purchase.

Sealing air leaks in your home can help you save 10% to 20% on heating and cooling bills. Apply caulk around windows, doors, electrical wiring and plumbing to seal in conditioned air. You should also weather strip exterior doors, which can keep out drafts and help you control energy costs. Types of caulking and weather stripping

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Employee Recognition

Kenergy would like to recognize and honor the following employees for their dedicated years of service to our electric cooperative. The following employees will reach a service milestone from January through June of 2020.

5 Years of Service



Jonathan Carrier



Haleigh Emerson



Jay Wright

10 Years of Service



Audrey Chambers



Lisa Hewgley



Nancy Johnson

15 Years of Service



Tony Miller



Garrett Addington



Tracy Benson

20 Years of Service



Sandy Belt



Keith Ellis



Tricia Phelps

25 Years of Service



Scott Heath



Gary Murphy

30 Years of Service



Fred Reinhard



Randy Crabtree



Mike Hagan



Rob Stumph

35 Years of Service



Tommy Payne



Mike Jeffries



Pam Welden

Thank you to Kenergy employee, Nancy Johnson for her soup recipe sure to keep you warm this winter!

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 onion**, chopped
- 1/2 cup** celery, chopped
- 1 pound** hot sausage
- 2 cans** black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup** rice
- 4 cups** water
- 4 cubes** chicken bouillon

Directions

1. Place the sausage, onion and celery in a large pan over medium heat. Cook and stir until sausage is browned, about 10 minutes.
2. Into the sausage mixture, add black-eyed peas, water and bouillon cubes. Bring to a boil.
3. Stir in rice, cover and cook until rice is tender, about 20 minutes.
4. Enjoy!

Picture courtesy of Pioneer Woman.

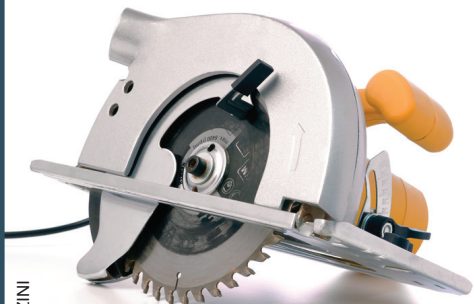


POWER TOOL SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Electric power tools can take a small project and turn it into a big problem if the right safety measures aren't taken.

7 steps to staying safe while using electric power tools:

- 1 Keep floors dry and clean to avoid slipping while working with or around dangerous power tools.
- 2 Ensure cords aren't a tripping hazard.
- 3 Examine tools and cords for damage before use.
- 4 Do not exceed the design limitation of the tool.
- 5 Do not use electric tools in wet conditions unless they are approved for that use.
- 6 Use double-insulated tools or tools with cords that are three-pronged and plugged into a grounded receptacle.
- 7 Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) or an assured grounding program.



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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Let the sunshine in! For additional warmth, open drapes over windows that receive sunlight during the day. Close them at night, which can reduce heat loss from a warm room up to 10%.

Source: energy.gov



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materials vary, but ask your local hardware or home store for assistance if you're unsure about the supplies you need. For more information, the Department of Energy provides step-by-step instructions for caulking and weather stripping: <https://bit.ly/2Kesu6W>

Insulate Attic Stairs Opening

Level of difficulty: moderate. Supplies needed (if you build the box yourself): rigid foam board, faced blanket insulation, tape for foam board, measuring tape, utility knife, caulk and caulk gun, plywood. Estimated Cost: \$50 to \$100.

A properly insulated attic is one of the best ways to optimize energy savings and comfort in your home, but many homeowners don't consider insulating the attic stairs, or the opening to your attic space. Even a well-insulated attic can leak air through the stair opening, but luckily, there's an easy fix.

An insulated cover box can seal and insulate the attic stairs opening. You can build your own insulated cover box or purchase a pre-built box or kit from a local home improvement store like Home Depot or Lowe's for about \$60. If you decide to build your own, check out these step-by-step instructions from the Department of Energy: <https://bit.ly/36YNCYQ>. It should also be noted, if your attic opening is located in a garage that you do not heat and cool, this upgrade will not be as effective.

Saving energy doesn't have to be hard. With a little time and effort, you can maximize energy savings and increase the comfort of your home.

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NEW DISCOUNT OFFER

New China Buffet

10% Off Monday - Thursday

4678 Frederica Street, Owensboro

Campbell Jeweler

\$1 Off Watch Battery

122 N. Main Street, Henderson

Lance & Company Jewelers

\$2 Off Watch Batteries, Free Jewelry Cleaning

20% off everything in store (Excludes MiMoneda, Tissot, Tavannes)

2730 Frederica Street, Owensboro

A & B Florist & Gifts

5% Discount

160 Main Cross Street, Hawesville

Bowtanicals Florist & Gifts

10% Off Total Purchase

202 S. Main, Marion

144 E. Main, Salem

Buds & Bows

20% Off Total Purchase

1380 Island Ford Road, Madisonville

J'Petals

10% Off Purchase

131 First Street, Henderson

Louise's Flowers

10% Discount Cash 'n' Carry

121 N. Main Street, Marion

Welborn Floral

10% Off Regular Priced Merchandise

(Does not include Welborn Event)

920 East 4th Street, Owensboro

Whitesville Florist

5% Off Minimum \$30 Purchase

10100 Main Street, Whitesville

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