

Snapping Shoals EMC Illuminator

A Monthly Newsletter for Snapping Shoals EMC Members

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New Year, New Savings

With the new year comes the chance for making changes to improve your way of life and save some money! Snapping Shoals EMC is here to help you make your home more efficient in 2023 with our new rebates. **Rebates will become effective on February 1, 2023.**

HVAC/Heat Pump (\$50-\$375)

- Replace your current heat pump/HVAC system with a new 16 SEER or higher unit and receive \$50 per ton up to \$250.
- Replace your current gas system with a 16 SEER or higher electric heat pump and receive \$75 per ton up to \$375.

**Dual fuel heat pumps are excluded.*

Water Heater (\$200-\$350)

- Replace your gas water heater with a 50-gallon or larger electric water heater and receive a \$200 rebate.
- Replace your gas or electric water heater with a 50-gallon or larger heat pump water heater and receive \$350.

Electric Vehicle (\$250 and \$360 in SSEMC bill credits)

- Receive a \$30 SSEMC bill credit for 12 months if you purchase or lease a electric vehicle (EV).
- Receive a \$250 rebate when you purchase a Level 2 EV charger and have it installed at your home. (Charger must be UL rated. NEMA 14-50 adapters do not qualify.)

Smart Thermostat (up to \$75)

- Receive a rebate up to 50 percent of the cost when you purchase a Honeywell, Nest or Ecobee smart home thermostat. Maximum rebate is \$75 and the thermostat must have wi-fi capability. 4440543

Insulation Upgrade (up to \$400)

- Receive a rebate of 50 percent of the cost of upgrading your home's insulation if your home was built before 2016. The maximum rebate is \$400. Rebate requires bringing the R-value in your attic up to R-38 and R-19 in the crawl space. "Before" and "after" photos must be provided in order to qualify for the Insulation Upgrade rebate.

Proof of installation is required and all items must have been purchased within 90 days to receive any rebates from SSEMC. Rebate programs may end or change at any time, and all programs are subject to verification from SSEMC. For more details and to find out if you qualify, call our Member Services Department at 770-385-2875. Be sure to visit www.energystar.gov for energy efficiency federal tax credits.

Scholarship and Youth Tour Deadlines Approaching

Applications are available for the 2023 J.E. Robinson Memorial Scholarships and Bradley K. Thomas Scholarships. Each scholarship is worth \$2,500.

Applications are also available for the Washington Youth Tour. Three winners from Snapping Shoals EMC will join more than 1,400 other students from across the county in visiting our nation's capital this summer. Winners also receive a \$500 scholarship.

All forms are available at www.ssemc.com. Full details, deadlines and eligibility requirements are included with the application forms. 4636241

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Heating your home is critical for winter comfort, but it's also the biggest energy user in homes nationwide. A lot of households have some bad habits when it comes to heating and energy use, according to a recent U.S. Department of Energy survey. The survey found that:

- 40 percent of U.S. households set the thermostat at one temperature and leave it there. 4667192
- Only 26 percent of households adjust temperatures at night or when no one is at home.
- 38 percent of households use a secondary heat source, such as an electric space heater.
- More than 41 million U.S. households still use non-programmable thermostats.
- Only 4 percent of households use a smart or Internet-connected thermostat.

According to the survey, 70°F is the average daytime temperature setting for households when someone is at home. It was also found that 40 percent of households set the thermostat at 70°F or higher at night. 4632585

Save energy while staying comfortable
If you're one of those households with a few bad heating habits, here are some simple things you can do to reduce energy costs and still stay cozy:

- Adjust the thermostat before you go to

bed and when your house is empty. Lowering the temperature just a few degrees on a daily basis can add up to big savings on your monthly energy bills.

- Lower the temperature when you are at home and dress for comfort. If you set the thermostat at 68°F instead of 70°F and wear a sweatshirt, you'll see savings you can really warm up to.
- Install a programmable thermostat and use it to optimize savings and comfort. Connected smart models provide advanced features, such as remote control and self programming.
- Look for and seal gaps around windows and exterior doors with caulk or weatherstripping.
- Change your furnace filter regularly according to manufacturer's instructions to ensure efficient performance.
- Make sure your heating system is cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional. If your system is older or in need of repair, upgrade to a new ENERGY STAR®-certified model. ENERGY STAR heating systems use less energy than standard units while still providing the performance and comfort you expect. 4094546

See the front page of this newsletter for more information about how Snapping Shoals EMC can help you improve your home's energy efficiency.



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