


Sour Cream Potato Salad

- 4 hard-boiled eggs
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 1 1/2 teaspoons prepared mustard (with horseradish)
- 1/2 pound cooked bacon, crumbled
- 1/3 cup green onions, chopped
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 7 cups cooked potatoes, cubed
- 1/3 cup Italian salad dressing
- salt , to taste

Cut eggs in half and remove yolks. In a small bowl, mash yolks and blend with mayonnaise, sour cream, and mustard. In a separate bowl, chop egg whites. Combine with bacon, onion, celery, potatoes, and salad dressing. Fold in mayonnaise mixture and season with salt.

Serves 8 to 10.



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FROM THE CEO'S DESK

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Nationally, electric cooperative employees are as diverse as the cooperatives that they serve, whether it be rural Iowa, suburban Atlanta or communities in southeastern North Carolina.

Touchstone Energy, the branding initiative launched a couple of years ago, is achieving success at drawing those diverse entities together—and making that collective electric cooperative voice stronger—to communicate the value of cooperatives to communities and consumers.

As a Touchstone Energy Partner, Jones-Onslow EMC is one of more than 600 local electric cooperatives, in 45 states, that have signed on so our customers can continue to receive the best possible service available, and be exposed to the latest technologies that our industry has to offer. All electric cooperatives that have signed on with Touchstone Energy are committed to providing the highest standards of service to all customers—residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural.

Let me reiterate that your cooperative continues to be a locally operated business, with employees and board of directors that live in your communities—Touchstone Energy is simply an alliance of electric cooperatives from across the country who share common goals, identity, and service philosophy.

So, the next time you see the Touchstone Energy logo (shown below) in conjunction with the familiar “JOEMC” logo, remember that nothing has changed...your cooperative is still committed to finding ways to deliver the best possible service to the communities we serve and will continue to put the needs of our customers first.

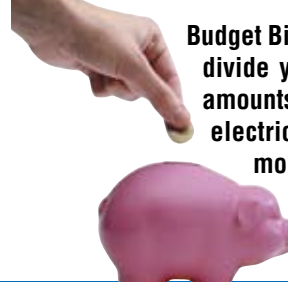


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Make Household Budgeting Easier . . .



Budget Billing is a convenient budgeting tool that lets you divide your annual electric bill into 12 equal monthly amounts. The program doesn't lower or raise our annual electric bill, it just lets you know exactly what your monthly payments will be.

For more information, call the Jones-Onslow office at (910) 353-1940 or (800) 682-1515.

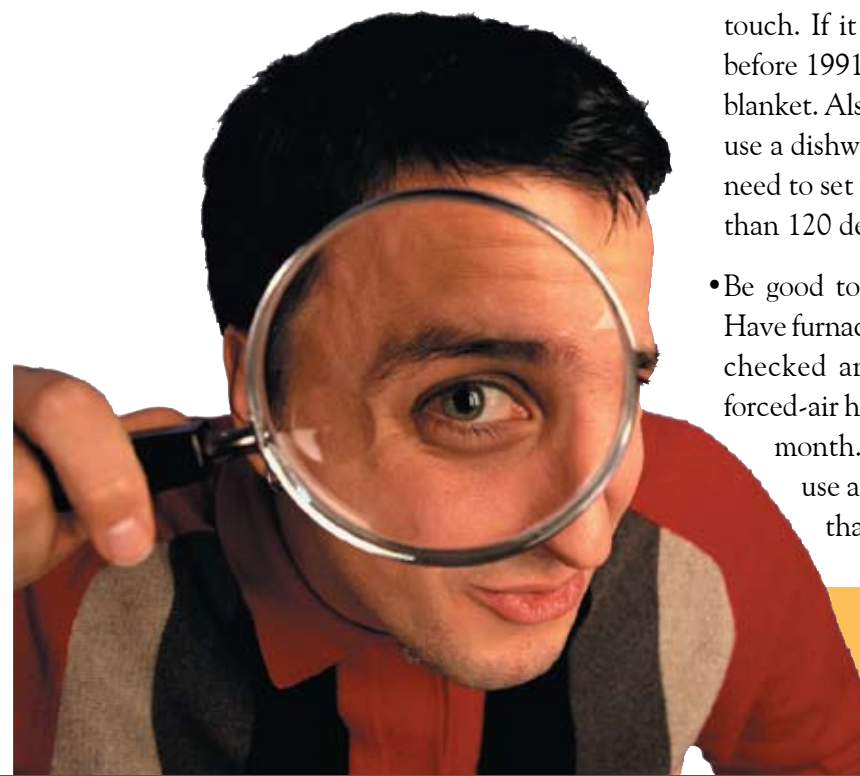


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Is It Time To Give Your Home A Quick Energy Inspection?

Does your home need an energy inspection? Taking a few minutes looking around your home now could pay off with future electric bills. Try these energy-saving tips for your home:

- Find out how much attic insulation you have by simply measuring the depth. If you have less than a foot of insulation, you may need more. The DOE recommends about 12 inches of fiberglass blanket insulation for most U.S. homes.
- On the next windy day, light a candle and hold it near any place where air can get inside—around windows and doors, plumbing fixtures, electrical panels, attic doors and cable and phone outlets. When the flame flickers, you have a draft. Seal it with caulking or weatherstripping.
- Trade in those incandescent light bulbs for energy-saving compact fluorescents.
- Find out if your water heater feels warm to the touch. If it does, and especially if it was made before 1991, you may need to add an insulation blanket. Also check the thermostat setting. If you use a dishwasher that preheats water, you don't need to set your water heater thermostat higher than 120 degrees.
- Be good to your heating and cooling systems. Have furnaces and air-conditioners professionally checked and serviced annually. If you use a forced-air heating system, change the filter every month. A properly maintained system can use around 10% less energy than a system that's not in top condition.



Go to Jones-Onslow's website at www.joemc.com for more energy-saving tips.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

Want To Visit Our Nation's Capital?

Attention high school juniors! Are you ready to spend a week this June in the nation's capital with kids from across North Carolina and the United States? Then check out the 2007 Rural Electric Youth Tour sponsored by Jones-Onslow EMC.

Each year, Jones-Onslow sponsors four rising high school seniors on the youth tour. Why? Because the program helps young people learn about cooperatives and the cooperative



way of doing business. It also allows the youth to grow in ways we hope will benefit our community in the future.

Many of Jones-Onslow's past youth tour participants have used their experiences to provide leadership when they returned to their schools and communities.

Youth Tour representatives will be chosen through an essay contest with a pre-selected topic concerning electricity. If you're interested in this year's youth tour, contact your high school guidance counselor or call the cooperative office at (910) 353-1940 or (800) 682-1515 and speak with Jones-Onslow's youth tour coordinator Paula Redick.



Appliance Safety Around Children...

Parents who plug protective covers into their home's outlets are taking the first step towards keeping their children safe from an electric mishap. But if your youngsters watch you plug those covers in, don't be surprised when they figure out how to pull them out!

We advise parents to limit their children's access to electrical appliances—even ones that seem harmless. Children love to mimic their parents' activities. Keep that in mind whenever you're using a heated electric appliance such as an iron, or one with blades or other sharp objects like a blender or can opener. Ironing, for example, can look fun to a child. But left unattended, a little homemaker-in-the-making can suffer a severe burn or even start a fire.

Jones-Onslow offers some tips for parents:

- Try to operate appliances when children are not around.
- If you do operate appliances around children, use them in a safe manner and teach youngsters how to use them safely.
- Store heated and sharp devices out of your children's reach.
- Search for appliances with child-proof "on" switches.
- Unplug sewing machines and other appliances when you're not using them.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 2007 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS...

Friday, March 30
American Legion Building
Onslow Co. Fairgrounds
Registration 5:30pm
Business Meeting 7:00pm



If Your Lights Go Out...

- **Check your home's fuses or breakers.**
- **Check, if possible, to see if your neighbor's power is also off.**
- **Call the Outage Report System at (910) 353-7117 or (800) 681-4146 to report the problem.**

Jones-Onslow Seeks Customer Comments On New PURPA Standards

On August 8, 2005 the Energy Policy Act of 2005 was signed into law. Among the many provisions of this federal legislation are five proposed standards having to do with energy conservation and consumer-driven rate management. These proposals were included as amendments to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA).

The five proposed standards include: (1) Net Metering, (2) Time-Based Metering and Communications, (3) Diversity of Fuel Sources, (4) Fossil Fuel Generation Efficiency and (5) Distributed Generation Interconnection.

Your cooperative is not required to adopt any of these standards; rather, it must consider whether or not to implement them. The Jones-Onslow board of directors will consider if these proposed standards are in the best interests of our customers, and would appreciate input from you.

Please note that the procedure for receiving comments is a formal process. It is being managed on our behalf by our statewide trade association, NC Association of Electric Cooperatives. More information about the process and the new PURPA standards is available at www.ncemcs.com/purpa/purpadefault.htm or by mail [ATTN: PURPA Coordinator, P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, NC 27611-7306], or by email at purpa@ncemcs.com. A hard copy will be provided at cost.