

Get Your Home Ready Now For The Coming Winter...

Fall is just around the corner and you should start thinking about getting your home ready for the upcoming winter season. Weatherizing your home is an important step to get the best energy performance you can and make it a more comfortable place to live. Here are a few ways you can prepare your home for energy efficiency in colder weather:



- Be sure your home has adequate insulation. In our area, the standard is to use R-30 or R-38 for attics and R-19 for floors.
- Caulk and weather-strip windows and doors. Don't forget door thresholds—where the door meets the sill.
- Make sure your attic is properly ventilated.
- Have your heating system checked to insure that it is in proper working condition. If you heat your home with a furnace, make sure you have it cleaned and maintained annually.
- Check the filter on a forced air system regularly.
- Check with your local building inspector or fire marshal on how to properly seal around high temperature areas like chimneys, flues, pipes, and recessed light fixtures.
- Keep the fireplace damper closed when not in use.

Want to make your home more energy efficient...

An energy audit from Jones-Onslow could be the ticket. Cooperative personnel will come to your home, perform a free walk-through examination, and suggest ways to improve the efficiency of your home. Improvements can range from adding insulation or storm/thermal pane windows to installing a new heat pump.

For more information about a free energy audit on your home, call us at (910) 353-1940 or (800) 682-1515.



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Your Values, Your Business.

Caring for Others

Cooperatives valued citizens and communities long before social responsibility was the “cool” thing to do. In fact, one of the cooperative seven principles speaks to concern for community. Cooperatives strive toward community sustainability through policies their members approve.

Cooperatives also employ and serve people who live in the community and they return the fruits of the enterprise to the community.

That's what we mean when we say “cooperatives turn values into good business.”



Energy Star Tax-Free Weekend And Cooperative Rebate Can Help You Save on New Appliances

If you are in the market for new appliances and other energy-efficiency items, you can save by purchasing them during North Carolina's sales tax holiday November 6-8.

Clothes washers, freezers, refrigerators, central air conditioners, room air conditioners, air-source heat pumps, geothermal heat pumps, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers and programmable thermostats will be exempt from the state's 7.75 percent sales tax on that weekend provided they carry the “Energy Star” label.

Items purchased for use in a trade or business and for rentals are not covered by the exemption. Purchases of qualifying “Energy Star” products by contractors who will install the products in structures for customers are subject to the tax even when purchased during the holiday.

For details, visit N.C. Department of Revenue's Web site at www.dorn.com.



Details About The Rebate...

In addition, Jones-Onslow customers who purchase an Energy Star appliance that qualifies for the sales tax exemption during the weekend of November 6-8 will also be eligible to receive a one-time credit of \$50 on their electric bill from Jones-Onslow.

To qualify for the rebate/credit, customers must complete a form, attach a copy of the sales receipt, and mail or bring the paperwork to either the Jacksonville or Sneads Ferry office. The form that must be completed can be download at www.joemc.com or picked up at one of the offices starting November 1, 2009. All rebate/credit requests must be received by December 31, 2009.

Cooperative customers who participate in Jones-Onslow's Energy Star Rebate/Credit Program are eligible for only one \$50 rebate/credit per member.