



# TRI-COUNTY Electric Cooperative, Inc.

" A Commitment to Service and Savings "

## Will Your Home Be Ready for Colder Weather?



Blowers make the job easier and are available at most home centers selling blown insulation. You will need help loading the hopper with material or you will have to make several trips up and down the ladder.

Attic insulation is one of the best ways to reduce heating and cooling costs and dollar for dollar nothing is more effective. According to the Department of Energy, homes in north central Texas should have attic insulation with an R-Value of at least 39. The most common blown materials are fiberglass, mineral wool and cellulose. If you are not sure what the R-value is of your existing blown insulation, the following information will allow you to make a close estimate.

Fiberglass Insulation will provide an R-value of 2.1 per inch of material. Material is commonly pink, white or yellow.

Mineral Wool insulation will provide an R-value of 2.9 per inch of material. This material is normally charcoal gray in color.

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Cellulose insulation will provide an R-value of 3.7 per inch of material. Cellulose is a light gray in color.

These values are approximate and will vary depending on the manufacturer. Use a tape measure to check the amount of attic insulation you presently have and multiply the number of inches times the value shown for the material in your attic.

If your attic comes up short on R-value, you need to decide if you want to hire a professional or attempt the improvement yourself. Either way, once it is properly done the savings will start adding up through reduced energy consumption. And with cooler weather, the attic is not such an unbearable place to work. Take advantage of the opportunity to check it out and upgrade if necessary.

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### TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. NOTICE OF PROCEEDING TO CONSIDER PURPA EISA 2007 STANDARDS AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS IN PROJECT NO. 2008-TX101-0001

On Sept. 16, 2008, Tri-County Electric Cooperative (co-op) adopted a resolution initiating a rulemaking project to consider and determine whether to implement federal standards under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), as amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA), Public Law No. 110-140, 121 STAT. 1492 (2007) to: 1) integrate energy efficiency into the co-op's integrated resource plans and establish cost-effective energy efficiency as a priority resource; 2) establish electric rates to align utility incentives with the delivery of cost effective energy efficiency and to promote energy efficiency investments; and 3) give co-op members direct written or electronic access and other interested persons limited access to information on time-based electricity prices at wholesale and retail, prices and usage on at least a daily basis, and sources of power provided by the co-op. The proceeding has been designated Project No. 2008-TX101-0001, *Proceeding to Consider and Determine Whether to Implement the Federal Standards for Integrated Resource Planning, Rate Design Modifications to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments, and Access to Smart Grid Information pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(16),(17) and (17) as amended by Public Law No. 110-140, 121 STAT. 1492 (2007)*. Persons interested in the proceeding are invited to notify the co-op of their intent to participate in the project and to submit comments, data, views, arguments, and other evidence on the standards being considered. Responses and any comments, data, views, arguments, and other evidence must include the person's name, contact information, and relationship to the person's name, contact information, and relationship to the cooperative at 600 N.W. Parkway, Azle, TX 76020 or by e-mail to [eisa.standards.comment@tcectexas.com](mailto:eisa.standards.comment@tcectexas.com) **no later than December 5, 2008**. A public hearing on this project will be convened to give interested participants an opportunity to comment and ask questions about whether the co-op should implement the PURPA EISA Standards. Questions about this notice or project may be directed to David Moore, System Engineer, at (817) 444-3201 or by e-mail at [dmoore@tcectexas.com](mailto:dmoore@tcectexas.com). **All further information about this project, including the resolution, all comments received, and the date, time, and location of the hearing will be posted on the co-op's web site at [www.tcectexas.com](http://www.tcectexas.com).**

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# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

**Play It Safe  
On Halloween  
Night By  
Following A  
Few Simple  
Rules That  
Will Make  
Halloween  
Fun For  
Everyone!**



- I. Wear costumes that are flame retardant.
- II. Make sure visibility is unrestricted by masks.
- III. Use high visibility colors or reflective tape.
- IV. Make sure that all trick-or-treaters have a good flashlight to carry with them.
- V. Watch out for animals, a dog fenced in a back yard can be dangerous, never climb fences or enter backyards without permission.
- VI. Remind kids that candy should not be eaten until each piece is inspected at home.

**It's Time to Fall Back  
On November 2,  
2008 & Don't Forget  
to Change the  
Battery in Your  
Smoke & Carbon  
Monoxide  
Detectors! Family  
Safety Should  
Always Be A Top  
Priority.**



Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors save lives but require periodic maintenance and testing. Do your part to keep the family safe and replace batteries and test units.

## It Pays To Stay Informed!

Find your account number in our Member Information Bulletin and you will receive a \$20.00 credit on your electric bill. Simply contact one of the offices listed below and make them aware of your discovery.

**It pays to stay informed!**

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## From The Cooperative Kitchen



This month's recipe was provided by Wanda Barkley from Azle. She will receive a 60 Years of Home Cooking Cookbook, compliments of TCEC.



## HAWAIIAN SUNSET CAKE

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### Cake Ingredients:

- 1 - Box Orange Supreme Cake Mix
- 1 - Small Box of Orange Gelatin
- 1 - Small Box Vanilla Pudding
- 4 - Eggs
- 1/2 - Cup of Cooking Oil
- 1 1/2 - Cups of Milk

### Filling and Icing Ingredients:

- 1 - 8 Oz. Container of Sour Cream
- 1 - Cup of Sugar
- 1 - Cup of Shredded Coconut
- 1 - 15 Oz. Can of Crushed Pineapple (Drained)
- 1 - 8 Oz. Container of Cool Whip

### Directions:

Combine cake ingredients and mix well. Pour batter into three round greased and floured cake pans.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until done.

For filling, combine sour cream, sugar coconut and pineapple. Mix well and separate out one cup of mixture.

Spread remaining filling between cake layers.

Combine reserved filling and cool whip.

Ice top and sides of cake with the cool whip mixture.

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Place in refrigerator until chilled, serve and enjoy!