

# Member Information Bulletin

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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

**“Taking Care of Our Member-Owners”**



**OUTAGE TEXTING**

Text **“OUTAGE”**  
to **25069**  
to report your outage

For more info visit [tcectexas.com/outage-texting](https://tcectexas.com/outage-texting)



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## A New Way to Pay

**CheckOut brings a convenient way to pay your electric bill in cash**

Tri-County Electric Co-op members now have a new way to pay: CheckOut. Members who wish to pay their bill in cash can visit one of 2,500 participating locations, including Dollar General, Family Dollar and CVS. Members can still pay using autodraft, online through the member portal or TCEC Connect, by phone, in person and by mail. 800666171

Andrea McCleese, director of Member Service, says CheckOut offers members who want to pay their bill in cash a more convenient option. 8000861501

“The billing statement has a barcode printed on the back that can be scanned by a cashier at one of those stores,” she said. “They accept the payment, and it posts to the member’s account in real time. For people who like to take care of this in cash, in person, this may offer a better opportunity, with longer hours.” 9852001

The website on the back of your bill lists local merchants participating in the program, and if they accept print or electronic barcodes. Learn more about CheckOut at [tcectexas.com/ways-to-pay](https://tcectexas.com/ways-to-pay).

## Pay Where You Shop



All CheckOut payments are cash only

## Member Notice

Tri-County Electric Co-op constantly strives to keep our members informed. The Electric Load Shed and Critical Load Designation informational document is provided to members under Senate Bill 3 passed by the Texas State Legislature during the 2021 legislative session. The document is available on our website at <https://www.tcectexas.com/sites/default/files/Documents/ElectricLoadShedAndCriticalLoadDesignation.pdf>.

# Poppy Seed Bread

Martha Crosby of Cool

## BREAD

- 3 cups flour
- 1 1/3 cup Crisco oil
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 1 1/2 tbsp. poppy seeds
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cup milk

## GLAZE

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Mix all ingredients together and pour into greased loaf pans. This will make two large loaves or eight mini loaves.

Bake at 350°F for 1 hour and 15 minutes for large loaves or 55 minutes for mini loaves.

To make the glaze, heat and stir all ingredients in a sauce pan until sugar dissolves. Pour over bread while glaze and bread are hot.

Enjoy!



## Lineman Appreciation Day

Monday, April 11



### It Pays to Stay Informed!

Find your account number in our Member Information Bulletin or the *Texas Co-op Power* and you will receive a \$20 credit on your electric bill! **Simply contact our Member Services team at 817-444-3201 to claim your credit.**



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## Share your Favorite Recipe!

**Please submit your favorite recipe and this form to the Communications Department.**

The recipe submission is a free and voluntary service provided by Tri-County Electric Cooperative. As we have more than 100,000 member-owners, we may receive high volumes of submissions. Recipes must be submitted before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to be considered for the next Member Bulletin or issue of the *Texas Co-op Power* (i.e., April 20<sup>th</sup> for the June issue). We reserve the right to refuse any recipe. Please submit recipes through the postal service or email and not on the back of your payment stub. These stubs are processed automatically because we receive hundreds daily. 800610804

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipe Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: Please include the above information with your recipe and send to [pr@tsectexas.com](mailto:pr@tsectexas.com)

Online:  
[tsectexas.com/recipe-submission](http://tsectexas.com/recipe-submission)

Postal service: Please detach and submit this form with your recipe and mail to

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