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Three smart home technologies to help you save energy

Smart technologies make our homes more comfortable, convenient and energy efficient. By connecting to your home Wi-Fi network, smart devices automate everyday tasks like lighting, heating, cooling and home security—they can even communicate with other smart devices in the home.

While not all smart home products are specifically designed with energy savings in mind, there are several smart technologies that can help you lower home energy use. Here are the top three smart home devices to help you save—not only during the summer months, but year-round.

Smart thermostats

Smart or not, your thermostat is the most effective tool for controlling energy use, as heating and cooling typically account for the largest portion of energy bills. Smart thermostats allow you to adjust the indoor temperature through an app, giving you full control from anywhere on the go. Many smart thermostats include learning capabilities and will adjust the thermostat based on previous behavior and patterns.

According to the Department of Energy, smart thermostats can reduce heating and cooling bills by more than



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8% annually, and with models as low as \$65, they typically pay for themselves in one year.

Smart lighting

Smart LED bulbs use less electricity than traditional bulbs and can be scheduled or turned off (or on) remotely through a smart phone app. Smart bulbs are available in a range of shapes, brightness levels, colors and more, so shop for the products that work best for your home lighting needs.

Many smart bulbs include motion sensors that turn on or off based on room activity, further optimizing home energy use. If you're new to smart lighting, try a home starter kit. Prices for kits range from \$70 to \$300+ depending on how many bulbs you need.

Smart plugs

Smart plugs are inexpensive gadgets that can help you save energy. Many electronic devices consume power even when they are turned off (known as “phantom load”), which can take a toll on your energy bills. Smart plugs are simply plugged into an electrical outlet and connected to your Wi-Fi network. When set up, the smart plug can cut power (or return power) to non-smart devices, like coffee makers, phone chargers and other items that draw phantom load.

Many smart plugs can be paired with popular smart hubs, like Alexa or Google Nest, or controlled through the plug's associated app. Smart plugs are simple to use and a set of four can be purchased for as little as \$25.

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Back to school

An electric co-op quiz

It's back-to-school time across Kentucky. For our youngest students, the first weeks of August might be a flurry of buying supplies, filling backpacks and looking forward to the year ahead. Others might be heading off to college, beginning a new certification program or working on an advanced degree. Some of us haven't been in school for quite some time—but the back-to-school rush is still an invitation to celebrate lifelong learning.

In that spirit, I want to offer you an electric cooperative quiz. No grades or homework—just a quick refresher on what sets electric cooperatives apart.

Q: What is an electric cooperative?

A: Electric cooperatives are utilities that are built by and belong to the communities they serve. They are also not-for-profit, which means they don't send money to outside shareholders. Like all co-ops, Jackson Energy exists to provide safe, reliable energy at the cost of service and to improve the quality of life in our communities.

Q: How are electric cooperatives different from other utilities?

A: Electric co-ops are guided by seven cooperative principles, including "Democratic Member Control" and "Concern for Community." We are governed by the members we serve, which means decisions are made locally, by people who live and work in the communities we power.

Q: Who does my cooperative serve?

A: Jackson Energy serves more than 53,500 members in 15 counties. Unlike investor-owned utilities, which maximize profits for shareholders, our purpose is to serve our local communities. We were built by our members, and we're proud to work for you.

Q: Who owns my cooperative?

A: You do! You're not just a member of Jackson Energy—you're a part-owner as well. As a member, you can vote in elections to choose the board members who guide co-op decisions, or you can run for a board seat yourself. You can also stay informed about co-op business as we communicate regularly through our website, social media and *Kentucky Living*.

Learning doesn't stop when we leave the classroom. This back-to-school season, I encourage you to stay curious and to be engaged. The more you know about Jackson Energy and the work we do, the better equipped you are to participate, ask questions and shape the future of the communities we serve.

By President & CEO
Carol Wright



Making summer special

Cooperatives support Special Olympics State Summer Games

More than 1,200 athletes and hundreds of coaches and family members participated in competitions during the 2025 Special Olympics State Summer Games at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

Jackson Energy and other Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives again proudly sponsored the games, which took place June 6-8.

The Summer Games included competitions in track and field, soccer, bocce and rhythmic gymnastics.

Cooperatives provided more than 120 volunteers to help events go smoothly. Athletes were treated to tethered hot air balloon rides, courtesy of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives during the morning.

"We are proud to help make the Special Olympics State Summer Games possible and to make it an unforgettable day for the athletes," says Carol Wright,

president and CEO. "We are inspired by their courage and compassion, and we are proud to support them and the communities we serve."

This was the 13th year of partnership between Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives and Special Olympics Kentucky.

"We appreciate so much everything that Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives does to make our State Summer Games so special for our athletes and their families," says Angie Cruse-Tinch, president/CEO of Special Olympics Kentucky. "Everybody looks forward to seeing their team members at the track each year and the work they do to make our awards process there go smoothly is incredible."



Jackson Energy employees and guests volunteered at the Special Olympics Summer Games in Richmond. Shown above, from left front, are Lindsay Russell, Lisa Baker, Jessica Grimes, Brooke Bengé, Taylor Moore, Megan Baker; back, Jacob Baker, April Renner and Renita Fox. Photo: Linda Perry

The State Summer Games are Special Olympics Kentucky's largest competition of the year. This was the 30th year of competition at Eastern Kentucky University. Each athlete qualifies through participation at a regional or area-level event.

Showing our appreciation

Member Appreciation event dates/locations

Sept. 16, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Estill County

Meade's Do-It Center
Irvine

Lee County

Jackson Energy's Beattyville District Office

Rockcastle County

Renfro Valley-Mount Vernon

Sept. 17, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Clay County

Jackson Energy's Manchester Office

Laurel County

Jackson Energy's London District Office

Owsley County

United Methodist Church Life Center
Booneville

Sept. 18, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Jackson County*

Jackson Energy's McKee District Office



Members are invited to stop by and register for our member appreciation event and collect your free bucket and LED bulb.

Drive-thru registration: Members will be able to register without getting out of their vehicle.

*Held in conjunction with Jackson Energy's Annual Business Meeting

2025 Annual Business Meeting

**September 18
Noon**

McKee District Office
103 Mildred Road
McKee, Kentucky

- Drive-up business meeting.
- Business meeting will be broadcast over radio.
- Members stay in their vehicles.
- Must be present to win cash prizes; cash prize winners will be announced at the end of the business meeting.
- Register for the business meeting and collect your free bucket and LED bulb.

2025 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OFFICIAL NOTICE



DISTRICT 2
Jim Hays III



DISTRICT 4
Teresa Dawes



DISTRICT 6
Landis Cornett

Members:

The annual business meeting of the members of the Jackson Energy Cooperative will be held at the Co-op Farm, 6.5 miles south of McKee, Kentucky, on September 18, 2025 at noon.

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the activities of your cooperative. The agenda of the business session will be as follows:

1. Report on the number of members present in person in order to determine the existence of a quorum.
2. Appoint a Secretary for the meeting.
3. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
4. Reading or waiver of reading, and approval of the unapproved minutes of the previous meeting(s) of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
5. Presentation and consideration of, and action upon, reports of officers and directors.
6. Election of Directors.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Adjournment.

In connection with the election of directors scheduled for this meeting, the following members have been nominated to serve as director pursuant to the official bylaws: District 2—Jim Hays III, 540 Hwy 587, McKee, KY 40447; District 4—Teresa Dawes, 198 Strong Lane, Irvine, KY 40336; District 6—Landis Cornett, 11697 N. Hwy 421, Manchester, KY 40962.

Teresa Dawes Secretary, Jackson Energy Cooperative



Power outages are never convenient for anyone, but they do occur.

Though it's often obvious why there might be an outage—usually because of the weather—sometimes we might be left in the dark, literally and figuratively, while the power's out.

HERE ARE SOME COMMON REASONS:

- **Weather:** Ice, snow, wind, and lightning can damage poles, lines and other equipment, leading to widespread outages.
- **Trees:** Storms can cause limbs or whole trees to fall onto lines, disrupting power.
- **Accidents:** Car crashes involving utility poles can break lines and cut power.
- **Animals:** Birds and small animals climbing on equipment can cause shorts.
- **Planned outages:** Power may be temporarily shut off for scheduled maintenance or system upgrades, with advance notice when possible.