

# CURRENTS

*JNEC's February 2024 Newsletter*

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## Why Is My Electric Bill More Than My Neighbor's?



You have a TV, microwave, electric range, cooktop, refrigerator, heat pump, and computer. So does your next-door neighbor. So why is your electric bill almost twice as high every month?

Consider: How well are your walls insulated compared to your neighbor's? Do you take longer, hotter showers? Are you cooking complicated meals or baking from scratch while your neighbor opts to microwave? Does the TV keep you company even when you're not watching it?

Just as no two families are alike, no two electric bills are alike. Comparing your monthly statement to anyone else's would be like comparing your weekly grocery tabs. It's unlikely that any two families will spend the same amount on food because tastes and habits differ.

Think about the conveniences you might be willing to pay for that your neighbor isn't. Are you more comfortable sleeping in an extra-cool house on summer nights? Maybe your neighbor's thermostat setting is a few degrees warmer at bedtime.

The best way to lower your electric costs is to use energy more efficiently before the bill comes. If your neighbor's bill is lower than yours, ask for some tips about how to save money by conserving energy around the house.

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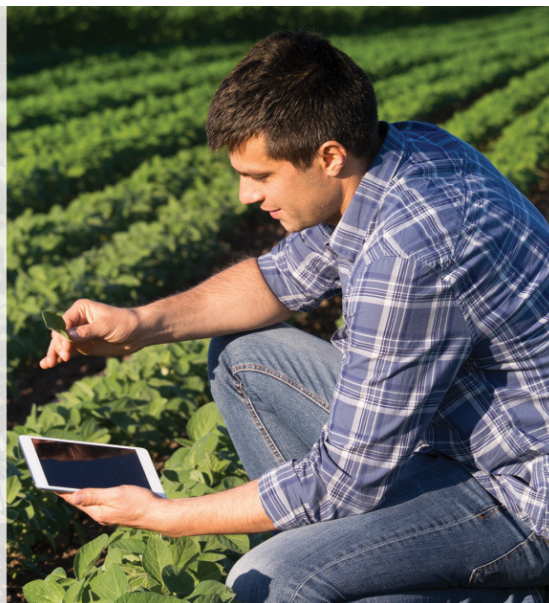
### JNEC Encourages Members to Keep Their Contact Information Updated.

**Please call 409-423-2241 or 800-231-9340.**

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

Energy Star-rated appliances have saved consumers \$450 million since 1992. Look for the Energy Star logo to save money and energy.

# Operation Round Up

## A Successful Membership Program in 2023

To Join Operation Round Up call JNEC at 409-423-2241 or 800-231-9340 and tell our Member Service Representative that you want to be in Operation Round Up!

Operation Round Up is an innovative community service fundraising program. Beginning in January 2002, a voluntary and exciting member-funded program supporting worthwhile projects in our communities was implemented at Jasper-Newton Electric Cooperative, Inc. (JNEC). Operation Round Up funds are spent locally. An Operation Round Up committee consisting of members representing each district in JNEC's service area decides how donations are distributed.

Operation Round Up is successful with over \$82,750.00 distributed in 2023. Since 2002, JNEC members have contributed over \$1,586,623 to their local communities. Every month, your additional pennies, nickels, and dimes are added to this special fund that helped in 2023. The following local community activities and projects throughout JNEC's service area:

BUNA PUBLIC LIBRARY	EVADALE LITTLE LEAGUE
NEWTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	BUNA LITTLE LEAGUE
BUNA FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	TROUT CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
DEWEYVILLE 4H CLUB	BON WIER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
JASPER HS OPERATION GRADUATION 2023	JASPER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
FRIENDS OF THE KIRBYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	BURKEVILLE 4H
DEWEYVILLE 4H & FFA ALUMNI	THE RENEWAL PROJECT
DEWEYVILLE PROJECT GRADUATION 2023	ROGANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
EVADALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	NEWTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
DEWEYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	NEWTON FAIR BUYERS COMMITTEE
KIRBYVILLE WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB	JASPER COUNTY JR LIVESTOCK FOUNDATION
GREATER JASPER SHARE	EAST TEXAS PREGNANCY HELP CENTER
KIRBYVILLE LITTLE DRIBBLERS	BEECH GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
NEWTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SANTA'S TOY BRIGADE
WILDCAT 4H	BUNA LITTLE DRIBBLERS
DEWEYVILLE YOUTH BASKETBALL	CHAMPION OAKS RANCH
NEWTON FOOD SHARE	EAST TEXAS MUTUAL AID
EVADALE OPERATION GRADUATION 2023	SOUTHEAST TEXAS FIRST RESPONDERS
HUGHES CENTER OUTREACH	KIRBYVILLE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
BUNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	JASPER COUNTY TRI-COMMUNITY VFD
	MASA HOPE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Area rugs are an easy, cost-effective solution to cold floors. Adding area rugs to hard-surface flooring can add warmth to any room and keep your feet cozy on cold winter days.

Choose rugs made from wool or other natural fibers and plush or high-pile textures for the most insulation. Place rugs in areas where you need additional warmth, like the foot of a bed or under a coffee table. Area rugs can enhance the aesthetic of your home and keep you cozier.