

# COLUMBUS CURRENTS

## CEC Board Approves 2024

### Rebates for Members

Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc., in conjunction with its power supplier, Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, will continue to partner to offer members rebate programs for 2024!

As a result, the following rebate programs are available to our members:

**Appliance Rebates-** Includes clothes dryers, induction cooktops, and smart thermostats. You can also get a rebate for recycling your old refrigerator or freezer too!

**Electric Motor Rebates-** Commercial Motors, Industrial Motors and Variable Speed Drive Retrofit with horsepower from 25 on up.

**Heat Pumps, Whole House Fans, Split System Air-Conditioners and Evaporative Cooler Rebates-** Includes electric air source and ground source heat pumps.

**Outdoor Power Equipment-** Includes electric mowers, snow blowers, electric trimmers, chainsaws, power washers, pruners, and blowers.

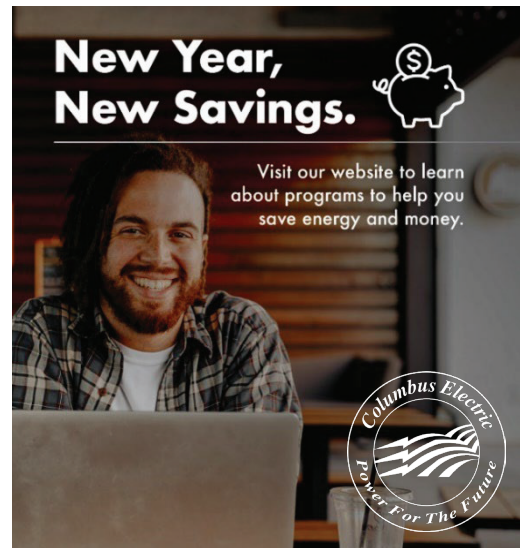
**Water Heater Program-** Includes 40 gallon and 50 gallon electric water heaters for a very nominal fee.

Members can also get a rebate for **electric bicycles, electric forklifts, and commercial lighting.**

Members have 90 days from the date of purchase to apply for a rebate and must provide proof of purchase, so save those receipts!

For more information and to learn how much you can save with our rebate programs visit [columbusco-op.org/rebates](http://columbusco-op.org/rebates) or simply give us a call at 575-546-8838 or 1-800-950-2667.

*Restrictions do apply. Please note Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. does not sell new appliances or outdoor power equipment of any kind.*



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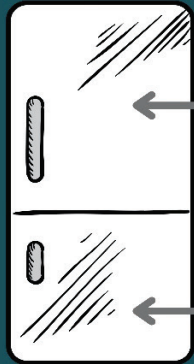
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# Keep Food Safe During and After a Power Outage

Refrigerated or frozen foods may not be safe to eat after a power outage. Use these tips to minimize food loss and reduce risk of illness.



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Refrigerated food will last four hours. After four hours, place refrigerated foods in a cooler with ice.

24 OR 48

Food in a half-full freezer will last 24 hours. Food in a full freezer will last 48 hours.

## Food Safety Tips

1. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
2. Throw out any food with an unusual odor, color or texture.
3. Throw out perishable food in your refrigerator after four hours without power or a cold source (like a cooler with ice).

When in doubt, throw it out!



## Board Highlights

Tri-State CEO, Duane Highly updated the Board on happenings at Tri-State. The Board set the date of the 2024 Annual Meeting, approved the 2023 write offs and approved the retirement of the capital credits allocated to members for the year 1996. Checks will be mailed in March.

**2024 Annual Meeting**  
Saturday, April 6, 2024

Animas School  
Auditorium  
Animas, NM



The official notice of the meeting will be mailed at a later date.

## Did you know? CEC sells electric water heaters!

Save big with Columbus Electric Cooperative's Water Heater Rebate Program. As a member of CEC, you can purchase a brand new 40- or 50-gallon water heater through our water heater program at a discounted price of \$50 for 40 gallons and \$60 for 50 gallons. For more information about the program call 1-800-950-2667 or visit [columbusco-op.org/rebates](http://columbusco-op.org/rebates).

Columbus Electric Cooperative offers educational scholarships to active members of CEC and their immediate family members. Scholarship recipients can receive financial assistance for up to eight semesters of undergraduate studies at the college of their choice. Applicants must complete an application and submit letters of recommendation. Applications may be obtained by contacting our office, the student's high school counselor or at [columbusco-op.org/scholarships](http://columbusco-op.org/scholarships).

For questions, please call our office at 575-546-8838

The deadline to apply is March 4, 2024.



Don't miss your chance to apply!

## Winter Moratorium Protection Notice (LIHEAP)

Protection from winter shut-off ends March 15, 2024. To avoid potential disconnection of services please contact Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. at 1-800-950-2667 to make arrangements for payment. Members of New Mexico tribes or pueblos who need help with translation or with other matters may contact the commission's consumer relations division at (888) 427-5772, who will contact the appropriate tribal or pueblo official for assistance.

Para informacion en espanol llame 1-800-950-2667

## 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.



Emergency Response Number  
1-800-228-0579

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