

WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE
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Free Energy Saving Products Now Available to Wisconsin Renters

MADISON - Focus on Energy's popular offering that ships free energy-saving products to Wisconsin homeowners is now available to renters and condo owners.

"This year our Simple Energy Efficiency offering expands to all rate-payers of utilities that participate in Focus on Energy," said Casey Langan, Focus on Energy spokesman.

Funded by 108 electric and natural gas utilities, Focus on Energy has worked with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects since 2001.

There are six different packs to choose from. They include items such as light-emitting diode (LED) light bulbs, high-efficiency showerheads, pipe insulation, and advanced power strips for home offices and entertainment centers. Participants can order one pack per household, once every three years.

Order your free pack online at focusonenergy.com/simple or call 800.230.4701. Packs are shipped for free to your doorstep within four to six weeks. Please have your electric and natural gas utility account numbers available when ordering.



"Whether switching to LED lightbulbs or plugging electronics into an advanced power strip, these products help Wisconsinites save energy and money," Langan said. "These Simple Energy Efficiency packs are just one way Focus on Energy benefits our state's economy, reduces energy waste, and conserves resources."

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JOURNEYMAN LINEWORKER

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative (SREC) is headquartered in Lancaster, WI with offices in Gays Mills and Darlington. We are seeking a qualified Journeyman lineworker for Gays Mills. Prefer Journeymen lineworker with electric utility experience.

Minimum Qualifications: Journeyman must have successfully passed state examination for journeyman lineworker. Requires valid Class A CDL driver's license. Requires relocation to within a 10 mile radius of the reporting location. Normal work week is Monday through Friday with on-call responsibilities.

We offer a competitive salary commensurate with experience and qualifications and an excellent benefits program.

To apply, submit a cover letter, resume, references (3 professional, 2 personal) and a SREC application found on www.srec.coop under "Careers" and send it by email to hpierce@srec.net.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.
EOE/M/F

SREC is seeking a qualified free-lance writer

SREC is seeking a qualified free-lance writer to tell members' stories for the local pages of the Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News. Successful applicant will also be required to take any photos necessary to accompany stories. This is a free-lance position only and will not lead to a permanent position at the co-op—writer will be paid per hour and compensated for mileage.

If interested, please contact Heidi at SREC, 608-723-2121 ext. 554 or hpierce@srec.net.

Please be prepared to provide writing samples.



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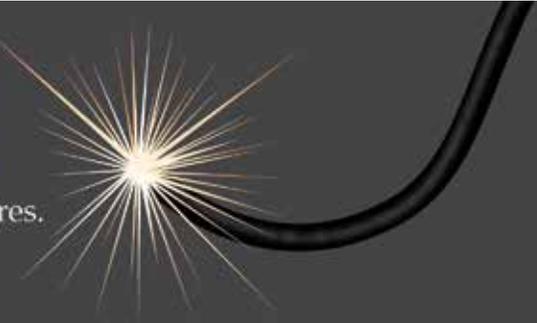
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About Focus on Energy

Focus on Energy is Wisconsin utilities' statewide energy efficiency and renewable resource program funded by the state's investor-owned energy utilities and participating municipal and electric cooperative utilities. Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost-effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus on Energy information, resources and financial incentives help to implement projects that otherwise would not be completed. Its efforts help Wisconsin residents and businesses manage rising energy costs, promote in-state economic development, protect our environment and control Wisconsin's growing demand for electricity and natural gas. For more information call 800.762.7077 or visit www.focusonenergy.com.

Stay Back!

Know the difference between types of lines and wires. If you see a downed electric line, be aware that it could be live and dangerous!



Electric Wire

Electric wires are larger and can be easily identified by the three separate twisted wires, one being uniquely silver or uninsulated.

Cable Wire

Cable lines are round and look similar to the coaxial cable that connects to the TV in your home.

Phone Wire

Telephone wires are typically smaller, flat wires.

DO NOT TAMPER WITH YOUR ELECTRIC METER

Meter tampering can result in electric shock, is illegal and increases electricity rates for other co-op members.



- ⊘ Never break a meter seal.
- ⊘ Never open a meter base.
- ⊘ Never remove a meter or alter an entrance cable in any manner.

If you know or suspect that someone has tampered with their meter, please contact us immediately.



If anyone would like to share some great family recipes, please mail them to:

SREC, Attn: Heidi,
231 N. Sheridan,
Lancaster, WI 53813

or email me at

hpierce@srec.net.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Consider insulating your hot water pipes. Doing so can reduce heat loss, allow you to lower the temperature setting and save an additional 3 to 4 percent per year on water heating.

Source: energy.gov



Recipes

Thank you Marsha Stewart (Platteville) for sharing your Peanut Butter Fingers recipe!

Peanut Butter Fingers

- 1 c. Butter
- 1 c. Sugar
- 1 c. Brown Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 2/3 c. Peanut Butter
- 1 tsp. Baking soda
- ½ tsp. Salt
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- 2 c. Flour
- 2 c. Oatmeal



Topping:

- 12 oz. Chocolate Chips
- ½ c. Powdered Sugar
- ¼ c. Peanut Butter
- 2-4 Tbsp. Milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream together butter and sugars. Add eggs and peanut butter. Stir until smooth. Add remaining ingredients (excluding topping ingredients) and mix until evenly blended. Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish. Press mixture evenly into the pan. Bake for 20 minutes. Remove from oven, cover immediately with chocolate chips and allow chips to melt, then spread evenly. Blend together powdered sugar, peanut butter and milk until smooth. Spread topping mixture evenly over the melted chocolate chips, making a swirl pattern. Cool, cut and serve.

Thank you Rita Kruser (Cuba City) for sharing your Italian Beef Sandwiches! She said it is great for family gatherings.

Italian Beef Sandwiches

- 3-4 lbs. Chuck Roast, trimmed of visible fat
- 1 Envelope Good Seasons Zesty Italian Salad Dressing mix
- 8 oz Pepperoncini pepper slices + splash of juice (plus extra for serving)
- 8 oz Giardiniera (Chicago-Style Italian Sandwich Mix) drained (plus extra for serving)
- 14.5 oz. can Beef Broth
- Hoagie Buns

Place chuck roast in the bottom of a 5.5-6 quart crock pot then sprinkle with salad dressing mix. Add pepperoncini peppers plus a splash of juice, Giardiniera, and beef broth then lift up chuck roast to get broth underneath. Place a lid on top then cook on low for 9 hours or until meat shreds easily with a fork. Slice as thinly as you are able, then place meat back into crock pot and cook on low for 1 more hour. Add several slices of meat to buns and top with additional pepperoncini peppers and Giardiniera, then serve.

Vegetation Management

Nothing is scheduled for the month of February.

It is important for SREC to maintain its rights-of-way for the following reasons:

- Accessibility for field crews, vehicles and equipment
- Fire prevention
- Reliable electric service
- Quality service with the reduction of outages and blinks
- Safety for workers and the public
- Meeting state and federal code requirements

On a daily basis, SREC employees and contractors are working throughout the area, at times on your property, to operate and maintain the electric system and our rights-of-ways. We appreciate your cooperation. If you have questions, please contact Jay at jgardner@srec.net or call 800-236-2141, ext. 566.

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