



# Sac Osage Electric Cooperative

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# News

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## There is still time to enter the 2021 Calendar Contest.

Each year Sac Osage Electric gives free calendars to members from our cooperative headquarters. This year members have the opportunity to submit their own pictures to be a part of the calendar. Winning members will receive a \$25 credit on their electric bill. Requirements are:

- Photo must be taken by the member of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative submitting the entry.
- Photo must be taken within the cooperative territory.
- Photos should be in a landscape (wider than it is long) to fit the calendar.
- By submitting the photo through the website, the member is giving permission to Sac Osage to use the photo in the calendar and other promotional material.

Members can submit multiple entries, but a new form must be filled out with each one. Sac Osage encourages members to take photos in all seasons as this will increase the chances of being included in the calendar. An online submission form can be found on the cooperative website at <https://www.sacosage.com/2021-cooperative-calendar-contest>.



## Unclaimed Capital Credits List Now Online

Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative") is trying to locate members who are the owners or joint owners of unclaimed capital credit refunds who were mailed checks by the Cooperative for those refund payments during the period of 1989 to 1992. Those mailed refund checks were returned to the Cooperative by the U.S. Postal Service as being undeliverable. The list of those members' names and the amounts of the unclaimed capital credit refunds may be found on our website at ([www.sacosage.com](http://www.sacosage.com)). If your name appears on the list or if you are the legal representative of a named deceased member, the Cooperative requests that you notify us so that these unclaimed capital credit refunds can be paid to the rightful owner.

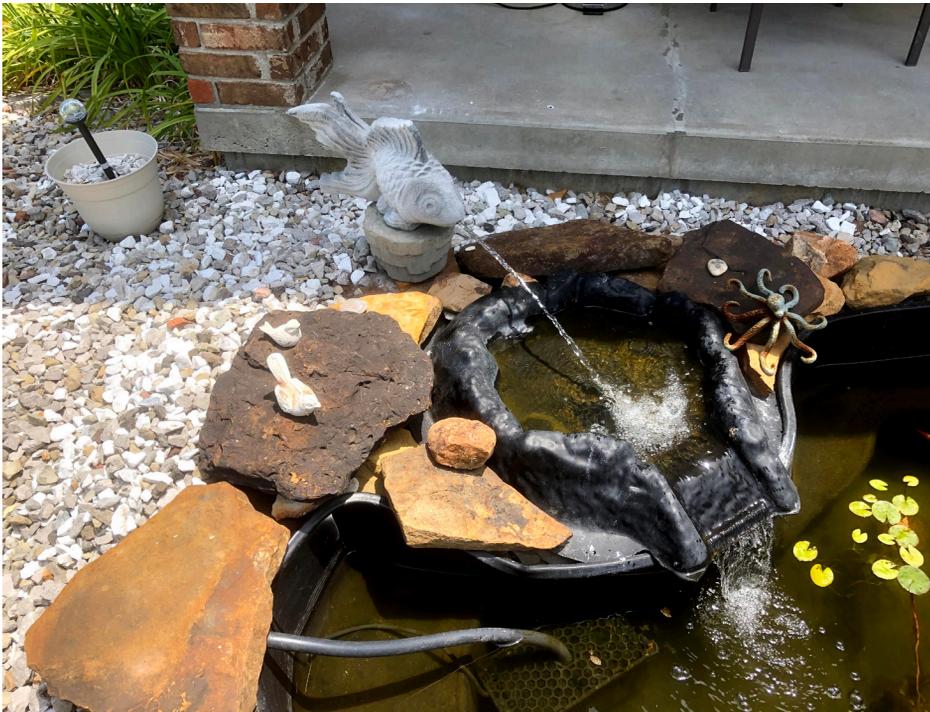
To submit a claim, please visit our website to either submit your form online or obtain a printable UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDIT REFUND INFORMATION form. You may also obtain this form at our headquarters located at 4815 E Highway 54, El Dorado Springs, or by request it on our toll free voicemail box at 1-866-876-3680. If these unclaimed capital credit refunds are not claimed by September 14, 2020 by or on behalf of the member, then those funds will be reallocated to the accounts of the current members in accordance with the Cooperative's By-laws.

# 2020 Annual Meeting Update

The rescheduled Annual Meeting is still planned for September 22nd. The meeting was moved from its original date in June due to the coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19 is still impacting our communities, but with the lifting of statewide restrictions the board of directors feel the event can happen at this time.

At this time members who plan to attend should expect Sac Osage Electric to have a traditional Annual Meeting with food and giveaways as well as the business meeting. The Cooperative will ask all attendees to follow CDC guidelines and state regulations.

This continues to be a fluid situation. Because the Sac Osage News is sent to the Rural Missouri printers well in advance of publication, things may change before the Cooperative can announce the changes here. The Cooperative website [www.sacosage.com](http://www.sacosage.com) will be updated more frequently. Posts will also be made on the Sac Osage Electric Cooperative Facebook page.



## Is It Worth It?

That is the question I pondered staring at a rack of plug-in timers. We had restarted the fish pond for the spring/summer and I was convinced I needed to put a timer on the pump to “beat the peak.” Other fish owners told me that running the pump 18 hours a day would be plenty, so I could turn the pump off every day from 6-9AM and 4-7PM and save the on-peak demand. But as the lowest priced outdoor timer that would work for my setup cost \$16.95, I began to have second thoughts.

The specifications for my pump revealed it used 40 watts. The Sac Osage on-peak demand rate is \$6.36 per kilowatt, 40 watts is .04 kW, so the added demand cost to run all the time would be \$0.25 per month. That didn’t seem like much, but then I remembered I would also be saving the energy of not running 6 hours each day. At \$0.062 per kilowatt hour that would 1.5 cents/day. In a 30-day

month the timer would save only 70 cents a month.

We only run the fish pond eight months out of the year. It would take over three years to recover the cost of the timer (sadly thats a lot more than the average lifespan of one of our goldfish). For me, that wasn’t worth it.

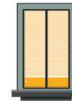
I was considering the timer here because similar things have shown a much quicker payback. For instance a timer for an electric water heater is usually around \$40. I have found that our timer saves right at 2000 watts in demand or \$12.72/month. By the fourth month, the timer has paid for itself.

A timer on a 1200 watt pool pump will save \$7.63 in demand and another \$13.39 in energy each month. Just be sure the timer is in line with your pool’s operating specifications.

The math for timer saving is fairly easy. Take the wattage of the

## Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!



### NO-COST TIPS

Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you’re away.



Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.



### LOW-COST TIPS

Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.



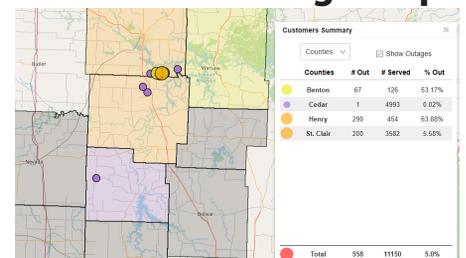
Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, low maintenance and provide free electricity.

device and divide by 1000. Then multiply the answer by \$6.36. That will tell you how much you can save each month in on-peak demand. I was glad to find out that our little goldfish pond was not adding a lot to our electric bill because the enjoyment we get from it is certainly worth it.

## See Outages and Restoration Progress on the Online Outage Map



Click “Outage Map” at [www.sacosage.com](http://www.sacosage.com)