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REC, WFEC to offer heat pump rebates

Rural Electric Cooperative, through a co-funded program with its power supplier, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), is now offering rebates on high efficient electric heat pumps. Rebates will be applied for the purchase and installation of geothermal heat pumps with and without desuperheaters and air-to-air heat pumps.

“The rebate program is not a marketing tool to promote use of electric energy for heating and cooling your home, but a means of reducing the demand for electric energy”, explains REC’s Chief Executive Officer Dale Nye. “And now is a good time to replace older inefficient units and take advantage of the rebate program along with an added federal tax credit. Some manufacturers of heat pumps are offering discounts which could make the purchase easier on your pocketbook.”

Geothermal heat pumps are extremely energy efficient and are considered to provide one of the lowest cost methods of heating and cooling residential applications. The heat pump utilizes the earth to transfer heat to the home in the winter and to cool the home in the summer.

An air-to-air unit basically does the same thing but extracts heat from the air in the winter and deposits the warm air into the home in the winter and reverses in the summer.

To qualify for the rebate, heat pumps must meet the following requirements -

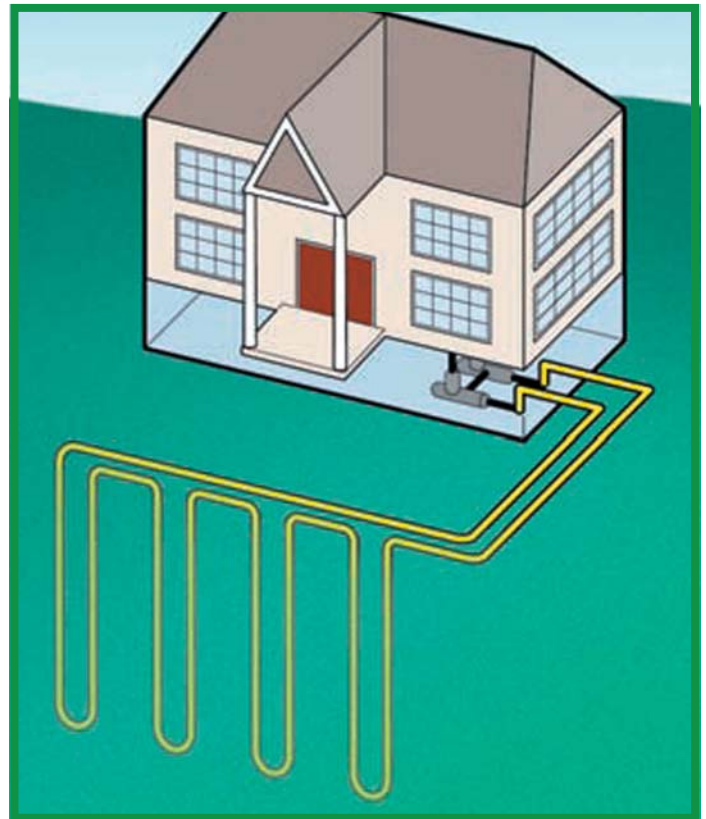
Geothermal Heat Pumps with desuperheater, \$600 per ton: Minimum Specifications are - Closed Loop - an EER of at least 14.1 and a COP of 3.3; Open Loop - an EER of at least 16.2 and a COP of 3.6; Direct Expansion - an EER of at least 15 and a COP of 3.5.

Geothermal Heat Pumps without desuperheater, \$300 per ton: Minimum Specifications are the same as heat pumps with a desuperheater.

Air-to-Air Heat Pumps, \$225 per ton: Minimum Specifications are: at least a SEER of 14.5.

Members must agree to assign ownership of the resulting environmental and renewable benefits for their heat pump to Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), REC’s power supplier and co-sponsor of the rebate program. 1425500

For additional information about heat pumps and REC’s rebate program, contact REC’s Member Services Department by calling 1-405-756-3104 or 1-800-259-3504 during normal working hours.



From Dale Nye, REC Manager/CEO

Preparation prior to storm helps cooperative to be ready

Repair of the ice storm damage of January 2010 is not over for REC. We continue to find damage as a result of the storm. Just as we continue to find and repair damage to the system, our thoughts move to the spring storm season.

Storm preparation is an important part of repair efforts. We began in October preparing for a disaster that we hoped would never happen, but did. Contractors were invited to submit bids on storm restoration construction; hotels and suppliers were notified and asked to submit prices for their goods and services. Inventories were checked and supplies stockpiled. All these activities occurred months ahead of the storm.

With the first report of the ice storm in January of this year, we began early to prepare as best we could for whatever was to happen.

The national weather service and local television meteorologists are our first insight to severe weather. We take these reports seriously and begin planning for the worst. In Oklahoma, the weather can change from hour-to-hour. During the two days prior to the storm, weather models changed with most every report.

Operations personnel were checking inventories of materials, stocking trucks and keeping fuel tanks full. Contractors and sister cooperatives were contacted and put on standby in case additional help would be needed. We initiated our emergency response plan.

With any large scale outage, not only is repair a concern, but fuel for vehicles, materials, safety, housing and food for weary repair crews must be addressed. Some of these items can be secured prior to the storm, but some must be handled daily during the course of the storm repair.

REC's restoration plan calls for repair of the main feeder lines beginning at substations. These lines are the backbone of the system and carry power to your individual distribution line.

Our purchasing department was ordering additional supplies nearly every day. With the loss of over 1,200 poles, trucks were delivering daily in the early part of the storm. Poles and materials were delivered to the work site as needed by non-operations personnel to allow the repair crews to continue working and make the restoration time less.

People from all parts of our service area volunteered to help in anyway possible. Restoring power to our members was a remarkable example of cooperation.

Our goal is to restore power to as many homes and businesses as quickly and safely as possible.

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Look to the ground for efficient heating and cooling needs

When it's time to replace your heating and cooling system, take advantage of the steady temperatures underground.

A geothermal heating system uses the ground's heat to keep your home warm, and can save you up to 70 percent on your heating and cooling bills.

Below-ground temperatures remain fairly consistent year round, even while the weather above ground changes drastically. Geothermal systems use this free energy by extracting heat from the ground in the winter with small underground pipes and distributing it through your house through a duct system. In the summer, the system extracts the heat from the home and either moves it back into the ground, or uses it to preheat water in your water heater's tank.

Because geothermal units are installed inside the home, they're less susceptible to damage from weather and debris. These systems are an excellent choice for areas where gas furnaces can't be located, because they emit no gasses or exhaust. They work using looped pipes located 100 feet to 400 feet underground, and are horizontal or vertical, depending on space.

While geothermal systems are easy to design into new homes, they also work well as replacement systems in homes that already have ductwork.

Geothermal systems are more expensive to install than traditional heating



JASON BROWN, right, accepts a certificate of completion of the Power Line Training course. Scott Copeland, Manager of Northfork Electric Cooperative and Chairman of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives's Safety and Loss Control Committee, presented Brown with the certificate during the Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives. The power line training course consists of classroom and on-the-job training. The 12 unit program requires testing on each segment and a final test. Upon successful completion the student earns the classification of journeyman lineworker. REC now has 19 Operations personnel that have successfully completed the Power Line Training course earning the rank of journeyman lineworker. Three other employees are enrolled in the course and are working toward their certification.

and air conditioning systems, but homeowners typically recoup the costs through the system's significantly lower operating costs. Plus, until 2016, homeowners are eligible for a tax credit of 30 percent of their total investment in these energy-efficient systems.

- WANT ADS -

REAL ESTATE –

FOR SALE: 32 acres, clear with pond, two miles SW of Elmore City on blacktop road. PH: 580-788-2137 or 405-249-5523. Leave msg if no answer.

FOR SALE: Insulated well houses. PH: 580-641-1267 or 580-476-2608.

FOR SALE: 2005 Heritage modular home, 1296 sq.ft., 2-bdrm, 2-ba, utility room/pantry, living room, dining room/kitchen. Dishwasher, stove, microwave, washer/dryer included. Central H/A, excellent condition-must be moved. PH: 580-476-3431 after 4:00 p.m.

FARM EQUIPMENT –

FOR SALE: CAT 7D7 dozer with tree pusher, rippers on blade, winch, new gears & brakes, runs great, \$22,000. PH: 405-756-7845.

WANTED: 16' to 20' heavy-duty low boy implement trailer. PH: 405-574-2929.

FOR SALE: Vermeer 4 x 5 Super I baler, twine only, sield ready. \$8,500. PH: 405-615-9660.

PETS & LIVESTOCK –

FOR SALE: 11-yr old AQHA reg. gray mare, rides gentle-\$600. PH: 580-476-3719.

FOR SALE: Two mini-type mares, 4 & 5 yr olds, Bay is real gentle for kids to ride, Paint is gentle-\$225-\$300. PH: 580-476-3719.

FOR SALE: Black/Tan coonhound puppies. PH: 405-666-4830.

FOR SALE: Two, Jim Sands roping saddles, used one-\$375, in very good shape; new one-\$675 w/5-yr warranty on tree. PH: 580-476-3719.

FOR SALE: Abetta saddle, fancy,

purple inlays-\$180, also have bridle & breast collar to match-\$70. PH: 580-476-3719.

FOR SALE: Donkeys, five jennies, several jacks. \$100 ea. PH: 405-641-5338.

MISCELLANEOUS-

FOR SALE: 1940's renovated train car, 13' x 80', wood floors, walls have been added, new windows, etc. Would make a great office, photography studio, boutique or restaurant. Located in Bray. PH: 580-658-6082.

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Connections deals

A & K Cleaners, Lindsay - 10% Off Laundry of Jeans and Shirts;

Best Western, Chickasha -15% Off Regular Room Rate;

Blue Moose Outdoor Portable Rentals, Elmore City - 5% Off Septic Tank Pumping, Tent Rental and Special Event Toilet Rentals;

Edwards Canvas, Pauls Valley - 5% Off;

In Touch Communications, Pauls Valley - 25% Off All In-Stock Accessories;

Jenny's Pics Photography, Lindsay - 10% Off \$50 or More Purchase of Pictures;

Karon's Serenity Spa, Elmore City - 10% Off Selected Products in Stock (Excludes Other Promotional Offers)

Lindsay Flowers, Lindsay - 10% Off All Green Plants and Fresh Arrangements (Excluding Funeral Arrangements);

Let's Ride Leather & More, Maysville - 10% Off Purchase of \$100 or More;

Lindsay Pit Stop, Lindsay - \$5 Off Any Full Service Oil Change;

M & M Furniture, Chickasha -10% Off any Purchase;

Maysville Flowers & Gifts, Maysville; 10% Off all Green Plants;

Mazzio's Italian Eatery, Purcell - Buy a Pizza at Reg. Price Get The Next Pizza of Equal Amount or Less at 1/2 Price;

Photos by Ginger, Pauls Valley - 1 Free 8x10 Print With First Order (\$25 minimum);

Terminix International, Chickasha and Lawton - 10% Discount Initial Termite or Pest Control Service;

The Leopard Lasso, Wynnewood - 10% Off.

Western Fuel Co., Maysville - 2 cents Off per gallon propane. Cash sales only. (No other discounts allowed).