

New year, new energy goals

Discover ways to save

In addition to doing everything we can to improve energy efficiency while keeping electricity prices as low as possible, we also provide options to reduce your bill.

We offer a variety of programs, rates, and information about the latest technologies to help make your home more energy efficient. As you prepare for 2020, check out these options to help you save energy and money.

Cut costs with energy-saving rebates

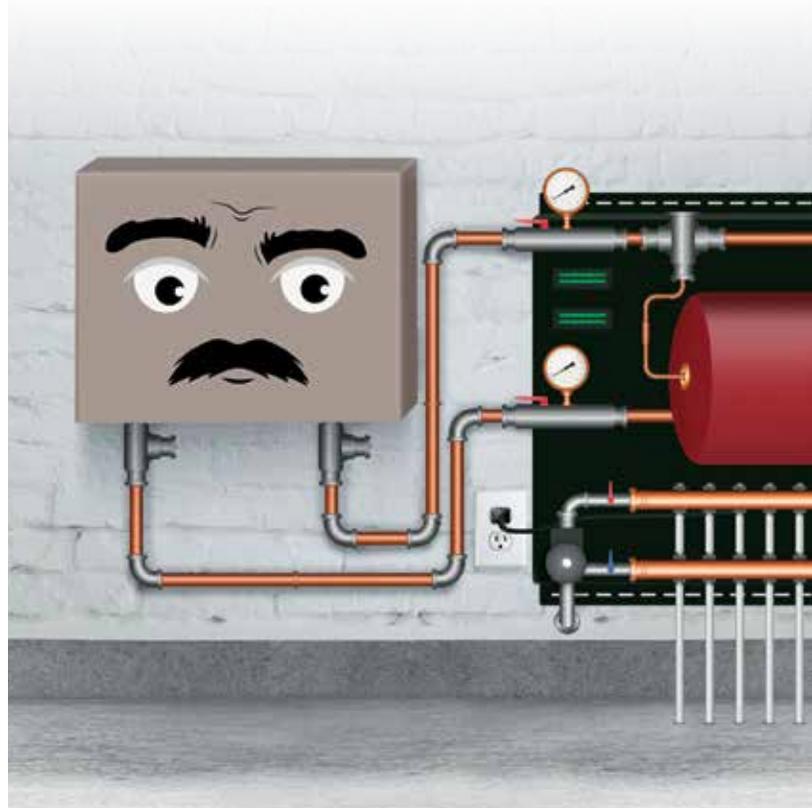
We offer rebates on several electric technologies, including water heaters, thermal storage, and electric vehicle charging stations.

Save money with off-peak energy

When you participate in our off-peak programs, you help us manage energy when demand is high—and you get your energy at a lower rate.

Let us help

Reach out to us before making home improvements. Together, we'll walk through your options. And we'll give you information to share with your contractor or tips you can use if you're a DIYer.



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Light up your holiday safely

Top five safety tips for holiday light decorations

- 1 Discard lights and decorations with worn or frayed electrical cords, damaged plugs, or loose connections.
- 2 Don't overload electrical outlets by plugging in too many lights.
- 3 Choose light strings rated for indoor or outdoor use based on where you'll use them.
- 4 Don't run electrical cords under rugs or attach them with nails or staples.
- 5 Turn off or unplug decorations when you leave the house or go to sleep.



EMPLOYEE PROFILE

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Our System Infrastructure and Reliability team works to improve the reliability and efficiency of our distribution system. Tyler is responsible for designing new

distribution systems throughout the Bemidji and Crookston areas. He enjoys elk hunting and working out and lives with his wife in Bemidji, Minnesota.

Customers, meet Tyler!

Give electricity a vacation

Planning a winter vacation? Save electricity and help protect your home while you're away by taking these simple steps:



Water heater. Your water heater will continue heating water while you're away. Adjust the thermostat as low as possible or turn it off to reduce standby heat loss.



Refrigerator. For shorter trips, consider raising the thermostats to 40°F for your refrigerator and 5°F for your freezer. For longer trips, consider emptying and unplugging your refrigerator and freezer.



Furnace. Set your thermostat no lower than 55°F to prevent frozen pipes. If you have a programmable thermostat, set it to vacation mode to conserve electricity while you're away and heat your home shortly before you return.



Lights. Install timers and set them to turn on indoor and outdoor lighting for a few hours each night. This will provide security by creating the illusion that you're at home.



Electronics. Digital displays and instant-on features continue to use electricity whether you're at home or not. Unplug all electronic devices before you leave.

Learn about your electricity

Many people don't know a lot about electricity, even though it's an essential part of everyday life. The *Your electricity* brochure offers useful information about where electricity comes from, how we calculate rates, and ways to reduce your electricity use.

Find the brochure at otpc.com/YourElectricity.



Spicy ginger snaps



This month's recipe is from our 1971 Cookie Book!

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| ¾ cup butter | 2 teaspoons baking soda |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| ¼ cup molasses | 1 teaspoon cloves |
| 1 egg | 1 teaspoon ginger |
| 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour | Granulated sugar for rolling |
| ½ teaspoon salt | |

Cream butter; add sugar gradually; beat in molasses and egg; mix well. Blend in sifted dry ingredients; chill. Shape into one-inch balls. Roll in sugar. Place two inches apart on greased cookie sheets. Bake at 375°F for 10 to 12 minutes. Cookies become crisp when cool. Makes about six dozen.

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