



Oakdale Electric
Cooperative

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DUAL FUEL TESTING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 16

Each year, a test of the load management system is conducted for members of the Dual Fuel program. This year, the test will take place on Wednesday, November 16. The electric heat will be turned off at 5 p.m. and will be turned back on starting at 8 p.m., with everyone's electric heat scheduled to be back on by 10:30 p.m.

The test is done each year to ensure that your backup system to the electric heat is working properly and also to make sure Oakdale Electric Cooperative's load management equipment is working properly. Please check your systems on Wednesday, November 18, during the test times and let us know if you experience any problems. Also, please contact us if you have any questions about the test, the load management equipment, or the Dual Fuel program.

SOLAR SUBSCRIPTIONS STILL AVAILABLE!

Oakdale Electric Cooperative is proud to provide members with a viable, affordable renewable energy option through the SunnyOak Community Solar Garden. Construction is to begin soon! If you are interested in purchasing a subscription unit (one unit is equivalent to one solar panel of electricity-producing capacity), please contact the co-op by calling 608-372-4131 or emailing info@oakdalerec.com. You can also learn more on our website, www.oakdalerec.com.

SunnyOak
community solar garden

Happy Thanksgiving

from your friends and neighbors at
Oakdale Electric Cooperative!

The cooperative's office will be closed
Thursday and Friday, November 24 and
25, for the holiday.



GOBBLE GOBBLE *Giveaway*

Just complete the drawing ticket below and mail it to Oakdale Electric Cooperative, **or enter online by visiting www.oakdalerec.com and click on Gobble Gobble Giveaway entry**, and you could win a turkey for your holiday dinner.

Five lucky winners will be drawn from all entries received. You may submit up to two entries per family. Drawings will be once a day from November 14–18. There will be one winner per day, with only one winner per family during the drawing period. Turkeys will not be shipped or delivered and must be claimed by December 1, 2016.

Good luck! Hopefully, we'll be calling you soon!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE # _____

ACCOUNT # _____

EMAIL _____

Return this form to Oakdale Electric Cooperative,
489 N. Oakwood St., P.O. Box 128, Oakdale, WI 54649.
The form must be filled out completely to be valid.



MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

A day of celebration

Member Appreciation Day is a day of celebration. This is our day to show gratitude to you, our members, for your loyal membership to Oakdale Electric Cooperative.

On Saturday, October 1, the co-op's front doors were opened up bright and early, welcoming members inside. Co-op employees provided greetings and gifted households with goodie bags filled with items from local businesses. This year's goodies included a meat and sausage pack from Wisconsin River Meats, 2017 calendar featuring members' photographs, and a multifunctional tool. The delicious smell of pancakes and sausage cooking, compliments of the Tomah Lions Club, lured members through the co-op hallways and into the celebration. Bucket trucks were cleared out and replaced with festive fall decorations, tables and chairs, booths, demonstrations, and kids' activities.

Following breakfast, adult members could partake in the Bill Credit Challenge game, which encouraged visiting booths and asking specific educational questions. Completed Challenge cards could be turned in for a chance to win one of five \$100 bill credits. The scratch-off prize table is always a hit, and this year prizes included a trunk organizer, lunch bag, safety light, and pizza cutter. Additionally, members could receive their annual flu shot from the Monroe County



Health Department, speak with Focus on Energy representatives, snack on popcorn and/or donuts, and register for prizes with Oakdale Credit Union.

Younger members had a slew of activities to keep them busy! Linemen provided bucket truck rides; Grandpa Nick's Petting Farm was on site with various animals, including a hedgehog, chinchilla, and rabbits; Funny Faces Family Entertainment provided unique and personalized balloon art; and the Big Event Company had kids jumping and sliding in a large inflatable. Other youth activities included face painting, T-shirt coloring, and a photo booth with lineman equipment and Polaroids for props.

Thank you to all members who spent their Saturday morning with us! We look forward to celebrating with you again next year on October 7, 2017.



MY CO-OP



Insulate Your Electric Water Heater Tank

MATERIALS:

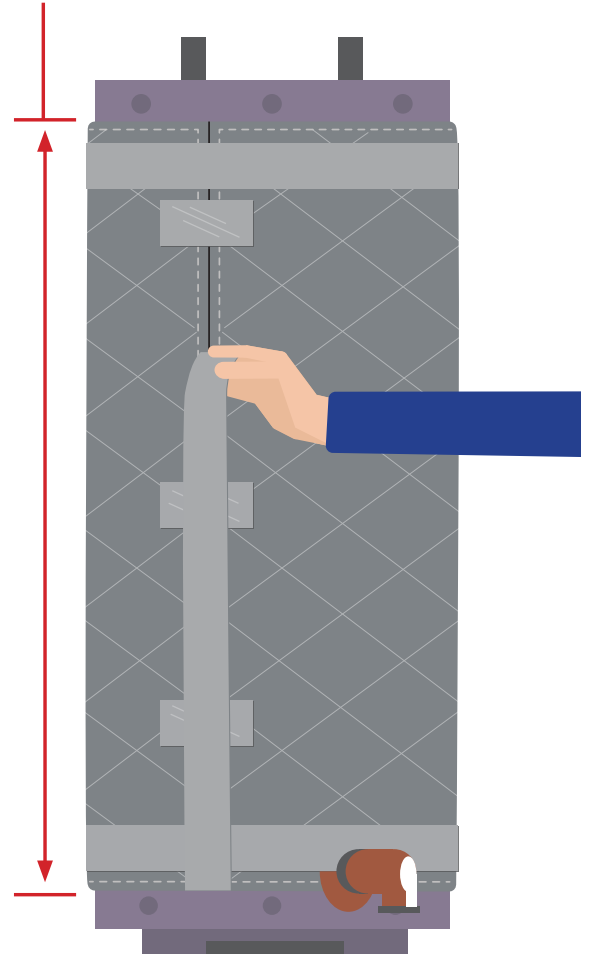
- Water Heater Blanket
- Scissors
- Duct Tape

STEPS:

1. Turn off the electric water heater at the breaker panel.
2. Measure the height of the water heater and cut the blanket to fit if necessary.
3. Leave the top of the water heater open.
4. Wrap the blanket around the water heater and temporarily tape it in place. Position the blanket so that the ends do not come together over the access panels on the side of the tank.
5. Mark the areas, then cut holes where controls are located. For electric water heaters, there will be two panels on the side of the tank. Mark the area where the pressure relief valve and pipe are located. This will be a pipe that protrudes from the side of the water heater.
6. Adhere the blanket. Be careful to line up the cut out areas and then tape it permanently in place.
7. Turn the water heater back on.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Cover the whole tank except temperature and pressure (T&P) valve and drain.



Safety Note: Don't set the thermostat above 130°F on the electric water heater with an insulating jacket or blanket - the wiring may overheat.


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Diggers Hotline: For underground cable locates and power line clearance information, call 800-242-8511.