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In Case of an Outage

If your electricity is off for more than a few minutes, call 800-407-2217. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After-hours calls will be answered by the dispatch and standby personnel.

24-hour Electrician Service

If you are without electricity or have an electrical emergency on your side of the meter, we have a master electrician on staff available 24 hours a day.

Thank You Notes to Lane-Scott

Dear Lane-Scott,

Thank you for the flowers given in remembrance of Neal Bradstreet. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Neal Bradstreet Family

Dear Lane-Scott,

Thank you so much for your help with our trip to the National Kids Pedal Pull in South Dakota. We had a great time!

Sincerely,
Seth Rupp

Dear Lane-Scott,

Thank you so much for my gift certificate! I appreciate your thoughtfulness to new Healy residents!

Sincerely,
Vera Buffington

Dear Lane-Scott,

On behalf of Ness County and the Southwest Kansas Association of Counties, we would like to thank you for your gener-

ous donation to our district meeting this year.

Through the efforts of SWKAC we are able to share the success stories of our departments, and also share the things that haven't worked so well. Through networking we are able to hear how other counties have addressed similar situations. With your donations we are able to hold these meetings, and hopefully come away more informed, and ready to serve our county. Again, we thank you for your donation.

Sincerely,
Ness County

Dear Lane-Scott,

Thank you for the money you gave me to go on my trip to the National Pedal Pull in Mitchell, SD. It was a great experience and I had a good time!

Thank you again,
Alexis Peck

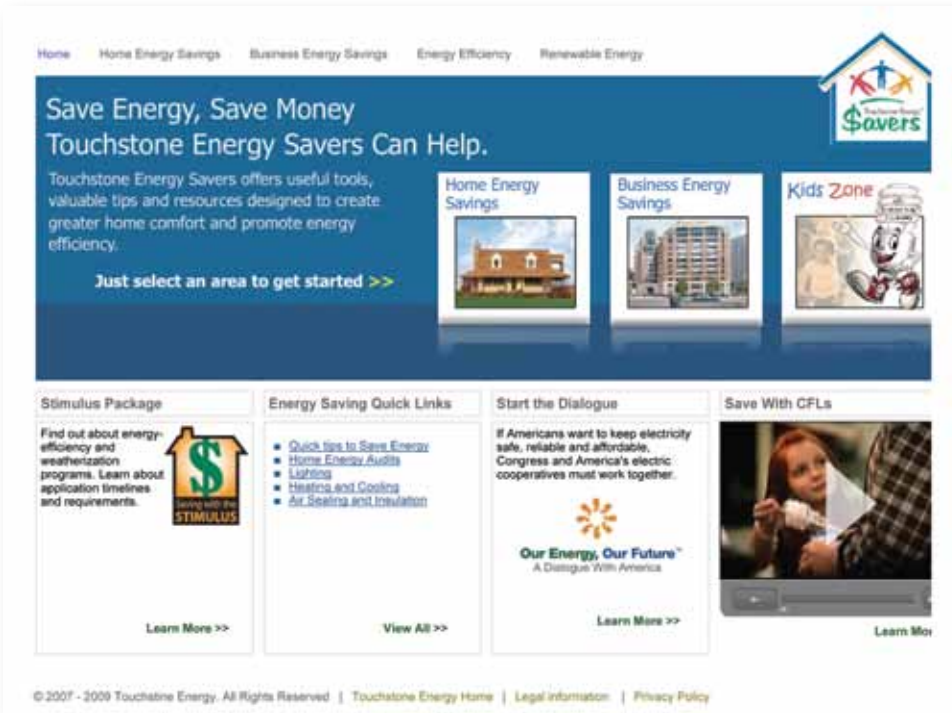


Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

The Lane-Scott Electric office will be closed on December 25 and January 1 to celebrate the holidays.



Plotting Out Big Energy Savings



Lane-Scott Electric encourages you to learn how you can save money by checking out the auditing checklist located at www.TouchstoneEnergySavers.com.

As cold weather sets in, your thoughts may turn to the garden and what you'll put in next spring. By the time the soil warms enough for the first seed, you'll likely have scribbled out half a dozen or more blueprints for what to plant and where. In the end, your garden will be better for it.

Like most things, getting things right calls for a certain amount of planning—an understanding of how all the rows work together.

We at Lane-Scott Electric often suggest ways that you can reduce your electric bills by making home energy efficiency improvements. Weatherization—sealing air leaks and installing the proper amount of insulation—can make a big difference.

But just as scattering seeds randomly usually yields a lean harvest, energy efficiency upgrades done without knowledge of how your residence uses energy overall may not produce significant savings.

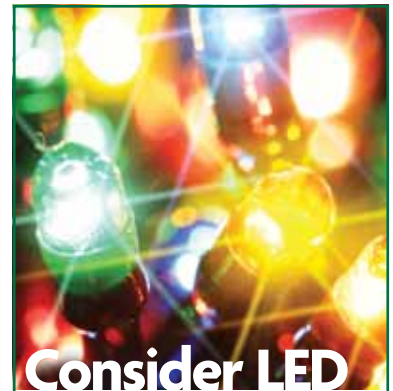
Spending a few hours on a home

energy audit—a full assessment of how your house uses energy and where problems lie—will ensure that money designated for efficiency is spent wisely. For instance, investing in additional insulation has little impact on heating bills if a drafty front door conspires against it.

On average, weatherization reduces heating bills by 32 percent and overall energy bills by more than \$350 per year. As you can see, the potential payback can be substantial.

You can also conduct a basic home energy audit with a simple but diligent walk-through. When auditing your home, keep a checklist of places you have inspected and problems you find. Most trouble spots can be found in a few key areas. Checklists are available through Touchstone Energy Cooperatives® Home Energy Saver at www.touchstoneenergysavers.com.

Create a plan before tackling home energy efficiency improvements. When it comes to weatherization, a little work up front goes a long way.



Consider LED Christmas Lights

Decorating for the holidays? Keep in mind that light-emitting diode (LED) lights are a much safer choice than traditional glass light bulbs.

LED lights remain cool to the touch. This is an extremely important consideration when these colored strands come in close contact with dry, combustible Christmas trees.

There is no better way to ruin the holiday season than to start a house fire as a result of faulty lighting that was only meant to be festive.

LEDs are also more energy efficient. Up to 90 percent more efficient than traditional incandescent bulbs.

According to the Department of Energy, the best white LEDs have been found to have a useful life of about 35,000 hours, or four years of continuous operation.

Another added bonus of LED strands is that when one light on the strand goes out, the others will stay lit!

LEDs come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes and colors. Stay safe and save money by using LEDs this holiday season!

