

Cooperative to offer energy efficiency rebates


Once again Shelby Electric Cooperative will be offering energy efficiency rebates to its members

The HomE program (pronounced home E) started in 2010 with grant funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act program through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's State Energy Plan. Shelby Electric and other cooperatives across the state have helped make energy efficiency improvements to hundreds of homes with these funds.

The HomE program's initial success meant there would be approval for a second round of funding. Now, there is a third round but it is smaller and will likely be the last of the funds of this type available.

If you didn't get a chance to participate in the first or second round of rebates, you now have a third and final chance. The program starts on February 1st. HomE 3.0 rebates are available until funding runs out, or until May 31st and these funds are on a first-come, first-served basis. So don't wait. The cooperative will have just over \$14,000 in rebates available for energy efficiency projects for co-op members.

"We know a lot of members were unable to participate in the first two rounds of the HomE program for a variety of reasons, so we are happy to be able to provide these limited funds," says President/CEO James Coleman. "These rebates,



HomE 3.0 incentive rebates include:

Geothermal system.....	\$1,000
Air-Source Heat Pump (16 SEER or higher)	\$500
Insulation and Weatherization.....	30 percent of total project cost, up to \$500
Heat Pump Water Heater	\$250

With the help of the first two rounds of HomE funding Shelby Electric Cooperative members-owners were awarded over \$95,000 to help with weatherization projects, geothermal and air source heat pump installations.

plus the federal income tax credits that are available for some of the projects, make this a great time to make your home more energy efficient."

For more information, contact Member Services Representative Heidi Hall by calling the cooperative toll free at 1-800-677-2612 or email rebates@shelbyelectric.coop.

Shelby Energy Company
1-217-774-2311
 24-hours-a-day

PWR-net Internet
1-877-994-2323
 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Please leave a message after hours

Shelby Electric Cooperative
1-800-677-2612
1-217-774-3986
Pay by phone: 1-855-385-9981
 24-hours-a-day

The benefits do add up using the Co-op Connections Card



As a member of Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) you should have a Co-op Connections Card and be enjoying the savings provided by the *pharmacy discounts* and *Healthy Savings Benefits*, which provide you savings on dental, vision, hearing, chiropractic care and much more (see the quick look guide on the next page).

For the year ending Dec. 31, 2014, cooperative members saved approximately \$17,000 on just their prescriptions and over \$94,000 since the card's inception.

In addition to the health and prescription savings, your card can save you money at over 40,000 businesses nationally. Just visit connections.coop or use the link via the shelbyelectric.coop website to see all the businesses offering discounts locally and nationally. If you are traveling for work, visiting friends or on vacation, make sure you carry your co-op card and check the website for money saving discounts along the way.

Here is a list of businesses as of January 1, 2015

Bloomington

- **Glass Specialty Company, Inc.** 309-664-1087
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.



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Champaign

- **Glass Specialty Company, Inc.** 352-4258
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.
- **Wireless Mike's** 356-9300
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

Decatur

- **Creative Media Services, Inc.** 428-9950
1 year of FREE hosting with website design or re-design.
- **Glass Specialty Company, Inc.** 429-2371
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.
- **Scotty's Pest Control** 422-9372
10% discount on all jobs.

Forsyth

- **Herzog Quality Optical** 872-7710
20% off complete pair of prescription glasses, lenses only or Plano sunglasses. 10% off all other products for sale (purses).

Gays

- **Seal & Save** 273-4638
\$49 Dryer-Vent Cleanings.

Greenville

- **Enertech, Inc.** 618-664-9010
\$50 per ton equipment discount (max 5 ton) on GeoComfort or Paradise geothermal systems.

Mattoon

- **Wireless Mike's** 258-8771
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

Oconee

- **Hired Hands Services** 539-4218
5% off any carpet or resilient flooring.

Pana

- **Bland Heating & Air Conditioning** 562-4256
10% discount on service calls.
- **Merle Norman Cosmetic/Cut N Curl** 562-4722
10% off retail.

Peoria

- **Glass Specialty Company, Inc.** 309-676-6181
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.

Pleasant Plains

- **Paul Tree Farms, LLC.** 414-9556 971-7876
10% off pines, spruces, maples and oaks.

Shelbyville

- **Best Wedding Chapel** 774-7809
For any wedding, mention the Co-op Connections Card offer and receive a free 8x10 Mobile Wedding Chapel poster.
- **Beyers Chiropractic** 774-5313
10% off vitamins, braces and pillows.
- **Bogart Vision Care** 774-4422
20% off eyeglasses/sunglasses and 50% off second pair.
- **Canvas Art by U** 622-8766
\$5 off any regular scheduled painting class (excludes private parties and open studio times).
- **Carl Grabb Motors** 774-2165
5% off of labor on automotive repairs. Excludes oil changes.
- **Coon Creek Lodge** 756-3147
10% discount on kitchenettes.
- **Custom Care Cleaners** 774-3422
\$1 off every \$10, \$2 off every \$20, \$3 off every \$30.
- **Druby's** 774-5143
2 free medium drinks w/ purchase of any everyday Family Deal.

- **Grammy's West Side Floral** 774-4644
10% off, some restrictions apply.
 - **Just A Stitch** 774-2227
20% off regular priced merchandise.
 - **Leach-Wilson Chevrolet Buick Co.** 774-3975
5% off parts and labor any day of the week.
 - **Macari's Service Center** 774-4214
10% discount on furnace/AC clean/checks. Card to be present at time of billing.
 - **Merle Norman Cosmetic's & Boutique** 774-4233
Save \$2 on a purchase of \$25 or more.
 - **Simply Yours Unique Crafts and Jewelry** 622-8766
10% off \$10 or more purchase.
 - NEW** **The Hair Shack** 620-9346
10% off any hair service.
 - **Wireless Mike's** 774-9559
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.
 - **Woodpile Primitives** 254-6955
10% off on any stock item.
- Sullivan**
- **Coyote Cabins** 728-7150
Regular price is \$125/night, discount price is \$99/night for weekend and \$89 Sunday – Thursday.

Taylorville

- **A Classic Bouquet** 824-6556
10% off purchases – cash & carry.
- **Hear Well Hearing Care Centre** 824-5210
20% off all services.
- **Market Street Inn** 824-7220
10% off single night stay, 20% off two or more nights stay.
- **ProStitch Auto Interiors & Upholstery, Inc.** 824-3228
\$10 off any basic headliner replacement or free black vinyl for ag/commercial seat repairs.
- **Taylorville Community Credit Union** 824-9658
.25% off any new installment loan.
- **The Best 4 Less** 824-4003
10% off already discounted prices.
- **Yard Heating & Cooling** 824-4737
10% off on furnace and/or air conditioner checkup.

Urbana

- **Wireless Mike's** 365-9300
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

Windsor

- **Hickory Hills Crafts & Collectibles** 459-2347
10% off on \$20 or more.

Also available on the connections.coop website, you can download the Connections mobile app for your Apple or Droid phones and tablets. There is also a link to money saving coupons for you to download before you go to the store. If you shop online, be sure to utilize **Cash Back Mall** and earn cash back while shopping online at over 5,000 businesses you are already shopping at. Just download and use the free shopping assistant. The Co-op Connections Card and connections.coop website are here to help you save money. This is just another way we are looking out for our members.

If you have any questions about the Co-op Connections Card and the many benefits associated with it, please contact the office at 1-800-677-2612 or visit www.connections.coop.



A quick look at the Healthy Savings discounts:

- 10 to 60 percent discounts on eyeglasses, contact lenses, eye exams and LASIK.
- 20 to 40 percent discounts on dental care such as cleanings, x-rays, root canals, crowns and orthodontics.
- 35 percent discount on hearing aid prices at 2,000+ locations and a complimentary hearing evaluation.
- 10 to 60 percent off usual charges for MRI and CT procedures plus savings on blood tests and other lab testing.
- 50 percent savings on chiropractic diagnostic services and 30 percent savings on chiropractic treatments and other services, along with a free initial consultation.

To locate providers of these discounts in your area, go to HealthySavings.coop and click on "Locate Provider."

**Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month**



Did you know that 90 percent of the energy used to operate a washing machine comes from using hot water? A simple switch from hot to cold can save a great deal of energy! Also, consider air drying or even line drying to save even more household energy.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Office Closed

**Cooperative offices
will be closed on
Monday, February 16th
in observance of
Presidents Day.**



Cash Back Mall

Earn money while you shop online

Check out Cash Back Mall and start earning money every time you shop online.

With Co-op Connections' Cash Back Mall, you can earn cash back on purchases of more than 300 million products from more than 5,000 leading online merchants as you make purchases at Amazon, Best Buy, Walmart, Target, the Apple Store and other big name retailers.

To start earning your cash back visit www.shelbyelectric.coop and click on the Cash Back Mall icon which will take you to the Connections.coop website.

By clicking the "Download Now" button and following a few simple instructions, a free shopping assistant tool bar will appear at the top of your Internet browser. This tool bar will keep track of the cash back you have earned.

When setting up your account you choose how you would like to receive your cash back, whether it is directly deposited into your bank account or a printed check mailed to your home address. You can also decide at what dollar amount you would like to receive your cash, \$15, \$25 or \$50.

Whether you are buying gifts for loved ones, booking a trip or treating yourself, Cash Back Mall can put money back in your pocket. This is another member benefit brought to you by Shelby Electric Cooperative.

Search "Touchstone Energy" and "Shopping Assistant" in the Apple App Store or on Google Play for a free mobile version of Cash Back Mall.

New payment by phone system now available

Members making a payment by phone can now use our new Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Secure Phone Payment System. To call IVR directly, dial toll free 1-855-385-9981, or call our office at 1-800-677-2612 and be transferred to the phone payment system. Just follow the prompts to pay your bill, update a phone number or hear your current balance.

This phone payment system is being implemented to comply with Federal Security Management Standards. **To comply, starting May 1, 2015, ALL PHONE PAYMENTS must be made through this system.** By doing this, Shelby Electric is ensuring our members' payment card data is kept safe throughout every transaction. Payments made through the IVR system can be done 24/7 with NO FEE. We encourage members who pay their bill by phone to start using IVR. Please contact the cooperative with any questions or concerns.