

# Wake ElectriConnection

For members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation



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## GO GREEN GO PAPERLESS AND WIN \$50

**10 lucky members will win a \$50 credit on their electric bill!**

**T**hat's right—if you sign up for Handi-Pay bank draft, E-bill and paperless billing between March 1 and July 16, 2010 you could win a \$50 credit on your electric bill.

### WHAT EXACTLY IS PAPERLESS BILLING?

Paperless billing is a service that allows Wake Electric members to receive their billing information online rather than in a printed, paper format. Paperless billing subscribers opt not to receive a paper bill in the mail and instead receive an e-mail notification each month directing them to view and pay their bill online at Wake Electric's E-bill website.

And when you choose our Handi-Pay bank draft option, you don't have to worry about paying your bill on-line—you can choose a draft date that works best for you and also save time and the hassle of a trail of paperwork each month as well as keeping up with due dates.

### GOING GREEN

By helping Wake Electric cut down on the use of paper bills, you also help conserve natural resources and reduce our carbon footprint.

If you sign up for Handi-pay bank draft, E-bill, and paperless billing between March 1 and July 16, you will automatically be entered into a drawing for a \$50 bill credit. The drawing will be held July 2010. Winners will be notified in July and announced on-line and in the Electri-Connection section of the Carolina Country in September.

To enter the contest, simply call our customer service department at (800) 474-6300 or (919) 863-6300 or email [information@wemc.com](mailto:information@wemc.com).

And that's all there is to it—once a customer service representative has signed you up for Handi-Pay bank draft, E-bill, and paperless billing, you will automatically be entered into the contest. You will receive an e-mail confirmation that you have been entered within 3 business days.

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# N.C. to give rebates for new Energy Star appliances

## First phase set for April 22–25



North Carolinians will be able to save on major appliance purchases, while putting \$8.8 million in Federal

Recovery funds to work stimulating the economy, cutting energy use and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

### WHEN WILL THE REBATES BE OFFERED?

Phase 1 will be over a four-day period during Earth Day weekend—Thursday, April 22, through Sunday, April 25.

### HOW MUCH WILL THE REBATES BE?

Rebates will be 15 percent on Energy Star-rated appliances. The rebates will be in addition to any store, manufacturer or other discounts being offered.

### WHAT APPLIANCES QUALIFY?

Qualified Energy Star clothes washers, dishwashers, refrigerators, and freezers.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE ITEMS?

North Carolina residents who are replacing older clothes washers, dishwashers, refrigerators, and freezers are eligible for the rebates on designated Energy Star appliances. The program is only available to those replacing appliances. Those purchasing multiple appliances or appliances for commercial properties are not eligible.

### WHERE CAN I BUY THE APPLIANCES?

The N.C. Energy Office is working with the N.C. Retail Merchants Association, and expects major retail chains, as well as most independent appliance dealers, to participate in the rebate program.

### CAN I RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE APPLIANCE REBATE?

You may receive rebates on more than one appliance, but it must be for different appliances. For example, you may receive rebates on a refrigerator and clothes washing machine, but not on two refrigerators.

### WILL REBATES BE ISSUED ON APPLIANCES PURCHASED BEFORE APRIL 22, 2010?

No, the program is not retroactive.

### WILL THERE BE REBATES ON ANY OTHER ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES?

Depending on the funds available, a second phase in June will offer rebates on Energy Star residential gas storage water heaters, tankless gas water heaters, central air conditioners, heat pumps and gas furnaces that replace older items. These rebates will be mail-ins and can be used with purchase through retailers, contractors or programs offered through utilities.

### HOW MUCH ENERGY WILL BE SAVED?

By replacing older, conventional appliances with the 49,960 Energy Star items it is estimated will be purchased in the program, enough electricity will be saved to power 536 homes for a year. Natural gas savings would serve 390 homes for a year. The

energy savings can be significant. For example, a new Energy Star-rated refrigerator uses half the electricity that the same size refrigerator built before 1995 uses.

### WHERE IS THE MONEY COMING FROM TO PAY FOR THE REBATES?

North Carolina is receiving \$8.8 million in federal funds to help homeowners purchase energy-efficient appliances, from furnaces and room air conditioners to refrigerators and dishwashers. The funds are part of nearly \$300 million from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act being distributed nationwide by the U.S. Department of Energy.

If you would like to learn more, go to [www.energync.net](http://www.energync.net) or call 1.800.662.7131.



## Wake Electric Seeks Classroom Technology Grant Applicants

**W**ake Electric seeks applicants for its Classroom Technology Awards grant program.

The company will award grants to North Carolina teachers serving both grades K–12 and area community colleges. The grants, to be used during the 2010–2011 school year, will be awarded in any discipline or subject for specific technology such as computers, digital cameras, and software. The technology must benefit the students in the classroom.

Public school and community college teachers in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance

and Wake counties are eligible to apply. The final deadline to submit all grants is Sept. 13. Only online applications will be accepted. For more information or to apply, go to [www.wemc.com](http://www.wemc.com) or contact Angela Perez, Public Relations/Communications Specialist at (919) 863-6376, (800) 474.6300 or email at [angela.perez@wemc.com](mailto:angela.perez@wemc.com).

Funding for community projects is made possible by Wake Electric member-consumers and Wake Electric employees through the Operation RoundUp® Program.



## Wake Electric Earmarks More Than \$50,000 for Area Teachers, Classrooms

**Teachers can apply for Bright Ideas Grants starting April 19**

**W**ake Electric has allocated \$50,000 for classroom-based projects through the Bright Ideas education grant program for the 2010–2011 school year. Teachers can learn about the program and apply online beginning April 19 at [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com).

The Bright Ideas program is the only education grant program exclusively for North Carolina's K–12 teachers. Grants of up to \$3,000 are available. The deadline for teachers to submit an application is September 20. Teachers who submit their application by the early-bird deadline on August 16 will be entered in a drawing for a \$500 Visa gift card.

"North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives across the state are in their 17th year of the Bright Ideas education grant program and are excited to award more than \$590,000 in grants again this year," said Angela Perez, Bright Ideas coordinator for Wake Electric. Last year, the state's electric cooperatives distributed more than \$596,000 in Bright Ideas grants, benefiting more than 116,000 students. Since 1994, Wake Electric has given a total of \$480,000 in Bright Ideas grants to teachers in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties.

Bright Ideas grants help finance innovative classroom projects that would otherwise not receive funding. Over the years, North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives, including Wake Electric, have sponsored a variety of hands-on projects, including activities in music, art, history, language, math, science, career-planning and information technology.

The primary elements of the online application process include an explanation of the project and its potential benefits to students. A sample application and contact information for program coordinators are available on the Bright Ideas Web site. Teachers in the areas served by Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties are eligible to apply for a Wake Electric Bright Ideas grant.

For more information, contact Angela Perez at (919) 863-6376, (800) 474-6300 or [angela.perez@wemc.com](mailto:angela.perez@wemc.com).

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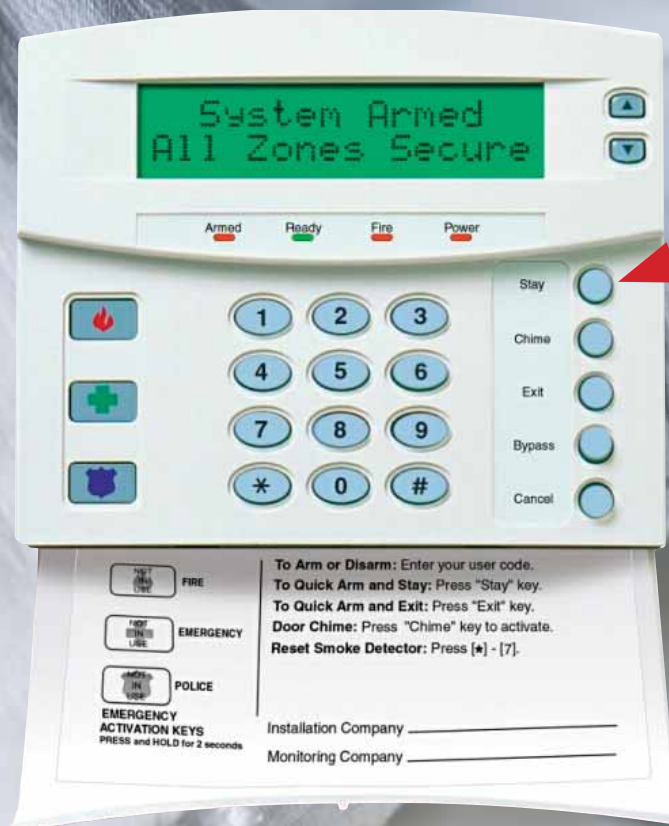
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