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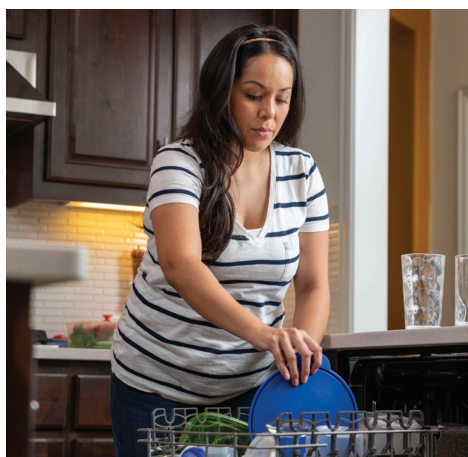
Four ways to *save energy* in the kitchen

by Abby Berry

Ah, the kitchen. It's undeniably one of the most-loved rooms in our homes. It's where we gather with family and friends for our favorite meals and memories. But like most of us, you probably aren't thinking about saving energy when you're planning that perfect dish. Here are four ways you can save energy in the kitchen with minimal effort.

When possible, cook with smaller appliances. Using smaller kitchen appliances, like slow cookers, toaster ovens and convection ovens is more energy efficient than using your large stove or oven. According to the Department of Energy, a toaster or convection oven uses one-third to one-half as much energy as a full-sized oven.

Unplug appliances that draw phantom energy load. Halloween may be over, but it's possible you have energy vampires in your kitchen — these are the appliances that draw energy even when they're not in use, like coffee makers, microwaves and toaster ovens. The Department of Energy has estimated that one home's energy vampires left plugged in year-round can add up to \$100-\$200 in wasted energy costs. Unplug them when they're not in use, or better yet, use a power strip for convenient control.



When it's time to do the dishes, remember to run full loads. You can also save energy by allowing your dishes to air dry. Photo Source: Scott Van Osdol



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Help large appliances work less. There are small ways you can help your larger kitchen appliances run more efficiently. For example, keep range-top burners clean from spills and fallen foods so they'll reflect heat better. When it's time to put leftovers in the refrigerator, make sure the food is covered and allow it to cool down first. That way, the fridge doesn't have to work harder to cool warm food.

Use your dishwasher efficiently. Only run full loads, and avoid using the "rinse hold" function on your machine for just a few dirty dishes; it uses 3-7 gallons of hot water each use. You can also save energy by letting your dishes air dry. If your dishwasher doesn't have an automatic air-dry switch, simply turn it off after the final rinse and prop the door open so the dishes will dry faster.

Bonus tip: The best way to save energy is to not use it. Try a tasty, no-bake dessert recipe. Your sweet tooth (and energy bill!) will thank you.

By slightly adjusting a few of your habits in the kitchen, you'll be well on your way to energy savings. Contact us to learn about additional ways you can save energy and money at home.

Happy Thanksgiving from Central Electric Power Association

The business office will be closed November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving.

In case of a power outage or emergency, please visit www.centralepa.com and click on **Report an Outage** or call 601-267-3043.

2020 HOLIDAY EVENTS

Attala County
Kosciusko Downtown Christmas Lighting
Date: November 19, 2020
Place: Downtown Square
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Open House
Date: November 22, 2020
Place: Retail stores
Time: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Merry Market Place
Date: November 22 through December 18, 2020
Place: KAP Office
Time: Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-to 3:00 p.m.

Small Business Saturday
Date: November 28, 2020
Place: Local retail stores

Carriage Rides
Date: December 2 through December 16, 2020
Place: Local retail stores
Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Kosciusko Christmas Parade
Date: December 7, 2020
Place: Downtown Square
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Leake County
Christmas Open House
Date: November 15, 2020
Place: Local retail stores
Time: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Small Business Saturday
Date: November 28, 2020
Place: Local retail stores

Carthage Christmas Parade
Date: December 10, 2020
Place: Downtown Courthouse Square
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Sippin Cider
Date: December 17, 2020
Place: Local retail stores and local businesses
Time: 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Neshoba County
Holiday Open House
Date: November 8, 2020
Place: Local retail stores
Time: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Small Business Saturday
Date: November 28, 2020
Place: Local retail stores

Philadelphia Christmas Parade
Date: December 7, 2020
Place: Downtown
Time: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Moonlight Madness
Date: December 10, 2020
Place: Downtown
Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Rankin County
Small Business Saturday
Date: November 28, 2020
Place: Local retail stores

Grand Lighting of the Park & Chili Cook-off
Date: December 5, 2020
Place: Winner's Circle Park
Time: 2:00-8:00 p.m.

Scott County
Small Business Saturday
Date: November 28, 2020
Place: Local retail stores

Forest Christmas Parade
Date: December 4, 2020
Place: Downtown
Time: 6:00 p.m.

** All events are subject to change based on health advisories at the time of the event. Please contact your local chamber of commerce to confirm all events.*

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