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Warm Up to Solar-Powered Water Heaters

Now members can get a \$500 rebate from Blue Ridge Electric, plus state and federal incentives, for enhancing electric water heaters with qualified, professionally installed solar thermal units. Since conventional units represent up to 15% of your total energy bill, installing solar-powered water heaters can be a smart move. See inside for more details.

It Pays to Install Solar-Powered Hot Water!

\$500 rebate on solar thermal systems certified by the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (SRCC). Visit www.BlueRidgeEMC.com for details about the program, a list of qualified installers and full details on federal and state tax credits and rebates.

Harness the Sun's Potential and Save

Conventional water heaters represent up to 15% of your overall energy bill. Installing solar-powered water-heating systems is a "green" way to save energy on your water heating needs. Blue Ridge Electric is offering a **\$500 rebate** to members who enhance their electric water heater with a qualified, professionally installed solar thermal unit.

This rebate, along with federal and state tax incentives, makes this a great time to go green and get paid for it!



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Don't Let Your Electronics Make Your Energy Costs Soar



Stop vampire electronics dead in their tracks!

Even at night, items such as **microwaves, coffee makers, phones, computers, MP3 players, and power-tool chargers** are alive, silently draining your home of energy and money. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, these "vampire electronics" can add 8 percent to your annual electric bill. Stop wasting money. Cut these "vampires" off at the source. **Unplug fully charged battery-operated devices and plug appliances into power strips that can be switched off when not in use.**



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