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## FENN REA



*The end of the year brings no greater joy than the opportunity to wish you, our members and your families, season's greetings and good wishes.*

***May your Christmas be merry and your New Year be filled with joy and prosperity***

from the Board of Directors and staff of FENN REA.

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# Energy Saving Tips for the Holiday Season

*These basic energy saving tips can help reduce your electricity costs during the holiday season.*



Reduce Christmas Light Costs	LED lights use 90% less electricity than typical, incandescent Christmas lights and, although they cost a bit more than incandescent lights, the small price difference is quickly made up when you consider that LED lights last longer than incandescent lights.
Manage Christmas Lighting	Christmas lights and lighted Christmas decorations don't have the same effect during the day as they do at night so turn them on at dusk and off before you go to bed. To avoid accidentally leaving your seasonal lights on and running up your electricity usage unnecessarily, use an automatic timer or look for lights with built-in photo cells for both your exterior and interior lighting. You'll remove the burden of turning the lights on and off and avoid leaving them on all night or during the daylight hours. Just make sure that the timer you use is rated to handle the total wattage of your lights.
Reduce the Use of Lighting Fixtures	If you have decorated with a lot of Christmas lights, you don't need to use your lamps and other permanent lighting fixtures quite as much. When your Christmas lights are plugged in, they may be bright enough to light the room for you, eliminating the need to flip one more switch.
Be Energy-Smart When Cooking & Baking	If you plan on doing some holiday cooking or baking, be smart and plan ahead. Use the microwave or toaster oven for smaller tasks and keep the oven reserved for larger items, like the turkey. When planning multiple oven roasting projects, schedule them close together to eliminate re-heating time. When cooking on top of your stove, match the size of the pan to the heating element. More heat will get to the pan and less will be lost to the surrounding air and be sure to "keep a lid on it" as your food will cook in less time.
Keep the Cold In	Your refrigerator and freezer also get a real workout over the holidays. Help them operate efficiently and economically by keeping the doors closed as much as possible so the cold air doesn't escape. But keep in mind that leaving the door open for a longer period of time while you remove/return several items is more efficient than opening and closing with each item.
Turn Down the Thermostat During Gatherings	Anticipate that during family and friend visits, body temperatures will keep the heat up – take advantage of that and turn down the thermostat a couple of degrees.

## Regulated Rate Option (RRO)

The RRO rate may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you receive the default RRO rate.

For November 2019, the RRO is priced at \$0.06800 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. As of this publication the RRO for December is \$0.06800, but is subject to change to \$0.06899 re Bill 21 currently under government review. The RRO rate is also listed on [www.fennrea.com](http://www.fennrea.com).

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit [ucahelps.alberta.ca](http://ucahelps.alberta.ca) or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Information on FENN REA's Code of Conduct Compliance Plan can be found on our website: [www.fennrea.com](http://www.fennrea.com)