



ENERGY STAR Appliances: Do They Really Save You Money?

If you are in the market for a new appliance, you might wonder if buying an ENERGY STAR-certified version will make a difference in your energy bills.

The short answer is yes, when you compare its estimated energy costs to its less efficient counterpart.

In fact, there are really two costs to consider before buying an appliance: the cost itself and the projected monthly energy costs.

The energy-conscious appliances donning the square-shaped Energy Star logo use 10 to 15 percent less energy and water than standard models, according to Energy.gov. For example, Energy Star clothes washers use about 40 percent less energy than conventional clothes washers while also reducing water bills.

And the longer answer is yes, if you consider the appliance's lifespan.

Energy Star appliances and other products used throughout your home can save you a collective \$750 over their lifespan, according to Energy.gov. (Besides appliances, there are other Energy Star-certified products, such as lighting and electronics).

While selecting energy-saving designated appliances could have a slightly higher price tag, they don't always. Compare prices and don't assume they cost substantially more than less efficient models.



The biggest bang for your energy-savings buck might be your refrigerator, especially if it is 15 years old or older. By replacing your old fridge with a new Energy Star-certified model, you can save more than \$200 over a 12-year lifespan. EnergyStar.gov offers a "Flip Your Fridge" calculator to estimate savings depending on the size and age of your largest kitchen appliance.

Bottom line? The typical U.S. family spends around \$2,200 a year on home utility bills. Switching to ENERGY STAR products can help lower these costs over time.

According to EnergyStar.gov, if every appliance purchased in the United States this year earned the ENERGY STAR, Americans would:

- Prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to the emissions from 225,000 cars.
- Save more than 1.3 billion kWh/year of electricity.
- Save \$425 million in annual energy costs.

Line Items

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Between the Lines

by
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Safety is Our Top Priority

We all want the best for the people in our lives - our family, friends, community, and others. That includes you, our members.

It's why we make safety a top priority at Excelsior EMC and devote time and energy to making everyone aware of how to stay safe around electricity.

For instance, if you're working with tall ladders, cleaning gutters or trimming trees, or undertaking other projects outside, we remind you to look up for and stay safely away from overhead power lines, especially those connected to your home.

If a project involves digging, be sure to call 8-1-1 a few working days in advance to get underground utilities marked.

We don't want anyone to take a chance that could end in tragedy, and to help, we're a partner in the Safe Electricity program. We encourage you to visit SafeElectricity.org, where you'll find life-saving information presented in videos, interactive games for children, online teacher resources and much more.

We have the safest, most reliable electric system of any country in the world, but we aren't content to rest on those laurels. We value your safety and well-being and we'll continue working to educate everyone on important safety considerations.

After all, aren't you and the people you care about worth it? We think so. In fact, we know so.

Have a great, safe day!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

Don't forget to spring
forward on **March 14th!**
Set your clocks forward
by one hour.



Every Member Counts

Top 10 Home Electrical Safety Tips



 use a qualified electrician for repair work

repair loose  outlets; replace cracked, worn electric cords

watch for hot or discolored switch plates, flickering lights, or buzzing sounds. 

 get regular check-ups for older homes

use bulbs with correct wattage for the fixtures 

if children are present install tamper resistant outlets to protect against shock 

unplug electrics if you smell something burning 

keep cords out of walkways and high traffic areas 

use extension cords temporarily, not as permanent wiring 

educate the household on electrical safety 

Learn more about home electrical safety at

 Safe Electricity.org

Notice of Capital Credit Assignments for the Year 2020

Because of the cooperative structure of Excelsior EMC and the bylaws under which it operates, assignment of capital supplied by each member each year must be made and recorded on the Cooperative's books.

This assignment is made by applying the percentage of the Cooperative's margins (revenues in excess of expenses) to the member's total billing for the year. In addition to this, margins are assigned to Excelsior EMC by other organizations with which it is associated such as Oglethorpe Power Corporation (our wholesale power supplier). The percentage assigned from these associated organizations is assigned to each member each year in the same manner as explained above.

General retirement of capital credits has previously been made for the years 1938 through 1950. Currently, capital credits are used by your Cooperative for the expansion of general plant and facilities. It is in effect, invested in poles,

wire, transformers, substations and other property owned by the Cooperative. This use of capital credits helps lower the Cooperative's needs for borrowed funds and reduces overall indebtedness.

The assignment factor resulting from Excelsior EMC's margins for the year 2020 for all rates is 0.10857414. The assignment factor resulting from associated organizations for the year 2020 for all rates is 0.02408407.

Shown in the table below are examples of the manner in which your capital credit assignment has been determined. To compute your individual assignment, you need only to apply the assignment factor to the total of your power bill (before taxes) for the appropriate year. If you have any questions about your capital credit assignments, or if you would like for the Cooperative to compute your assignments please call your Cooperative's office in Metter.

**YOUR CAPITAL CREDITS MAY NOT BE CREDITED AGAINST YOUR BILLING FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE
CAPITAL CREDIT ILLUSTRATION TABLE**

YEAR	ASSIGNMENT FACTOR	IF YOUR TOTAL BILLS WERE:	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$1,000.00
2020	0.10857414	Patronage Capital Assigned From Excelsior EMC	\$32.57	\$65.14	\$108.57
2020	0.02408407	Patronage Capital Assigned From Associated Organizations	\$7.23	\$14.45	\$24.08

EDITOR'S NOTE - ASSIGNMENTS OF CAPITAL CREDITS IN THIS MANNER MEETS NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND SAVES YOUR COOPERATIVE MANY DOLLARS IN PRINTING AND MAILING COSTS.

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