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Co-op Connections Local Offers

Welcome to the Co-op Connections® program! When you show your card at any of the following participating businesses, you'll be able to take advantage of a deal or discount. We hope you enjoy savings from the following list:



Alexander Sewage and Drain Service, Casstown: 10 percent off all drain cleaning and septic tank cleaning

Anytime Fitness, Troy: 50 percent off enrollment fees.

Big Orange Shoe Shop, West Liberty: 15 percent off

Body & Soul, Troy: 10 percent off any purchase (excludes jewelry)

Bone-A-Fido Bakery, Urbana: 10 percent off all Bone-A-Fido gourmet baked goods for dogs.

Candle House, Troy: 10 percent off all in-store merchandise (excluding cards)

Fan Gear Sportswear, Fletcher: 10 percent off any in-stock spiritwear purchase. Free screen charge on any custom screen printed order

Fiesta Salon, Urbana: 10 percent off total ticket, including all services and all retail

Guild Galleries Interiors, Urbana: 10 percent off regular merchandise in store

Homespun Blessings, Springfield: 10 percent off gift shop items

Javawocky Café, Piqua: Buy one sandwich and side and get the second sandwich half price

Lighthouse Café, Piqua: 10 percent off ticket (excludes specials)

My Scrapbook Paradise, Celina: 10 percent off regular-priced products (excludes gift cards and Cricut)

Piqua Automotive, Piqua: 10 percent off

PJ's Shear Magic, Piqua: 10 percent off any service

Quint's Custom Design, Piqua: \$70 for full-color, two-sided glossy business card (plus art setup). \$75 for two full-color vehicle magnets (12x24) plus art setup

RB Advertising, Maria Stein: Free set up charge

Sunset Cleaners, Piqua: 10 percent discount off all services (PIQUA LOCATION ONLY)

Thin & Healthy, Piqua: 50 percent off enrollment fees

Total Fitness, Piqua: 50 percent off enrollment fees

*Pioneer Electric Cooperative
Touchstone Energy® Tailgate*

Miami East Vikings vs. Bethel Bees football game

Party kickoff at 5:30 p.m.

Game kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 5

Miami East High School

Free food and prizes

CFL 101

by MEGHAN MCGUIRE — Energy Advisor

Many members who choose to participate in our CFL exchange program “**The Switch Is On**” may find that these curlicued bulbs function a little bit differently from the old mini-space heaters (incandescent light bulbs) that we have grown so fond of over the years. The following Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) were chosen to help you make decisions about where to put CFLs, understand the different sizes, shapes and colors, and some of the specifics about our exchange program:



What are the different kinds of bulbs, and where should they be used?

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT ENERGY STAR® QUALIFIED LIGHT BULB

| | TABLE/FLOOR LAMPS | PENDANT FIXTURES | CEILING FIXTURES | CEILING FANS | WALL SCONCES | RECESSED CANS | TRACK LIGHTING | OUTDOOR COVERED | OUTDOOR FLOOD |
|----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| STANDARD | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| COVERED | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | |
| PAR | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| PAR38 | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| PAR30 | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| PAR20 | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| PAR16 | | | | | | | | | ✓ |

AVOID EARLY BURN OUT:

- Only bulbs marked “dimmable” or “three-way” will work on dimmers or three-way switches.
- Most photocells and timers are not designed to work with CFLs.

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My fixture says 60-watt maximum. Can I use this new bulb that’s equivalent to 75 watts in that socket?

The concern with incandescent bulbs is that they produce a lot of heat. Because CFLs produce less heat, you can now use a bulb with a lower wattage and higher light output in that fixture. For example, the 19-watt CFL bulb that you receive can be used in a socket that has a maximum of 60 watts, but it will output light equivalent to a 75-watt bulb.

I heard CFLs can’t be used with dimmers. What are some other places they shouldn’t be used? Special CFLs need to be purchased for use with dimmers and three-way lamps. They are best not used in timers and photocells. Certain bulb shapes work better in recessed cans and enclosed fixtures.

Can I use a CFL upside down? These bulbs are not restricted in the direction they can be used. However, some that you buy in the store may specifically be designed to work base up or base down. Read all the details on a package before purchasing a bulb.

I heard there is mercury in CFL bulbs and they are dangerous if they break. Is this true? There is approximately 4 mg of mercury in a CFL bulb (enough to cover the tip of a ball point pen), compared to 500 mg in an old thermostat. If the bulb is not broken and recycled properly, you actually will help to keep approximately 4 mg of mercury out of the environment because less coal will have to be burned at a power plant, which equates to less mercury emissions in the air.

How do I throw CFLs away if they aren't broken? We encourage you to bring them back to our offices to be recycled. They also can be taken to your closest Home Depot for recycling.

How do I clean them up if they are broken? Open a window to air out the room. Try to clean up pieces without a vacuum. Place all materials in double plastic bags and place in an outside trash can. Remove vacuum bag after the first time vacuuming. Visit the Ohio EPA Web site and Energy Star Web site for more information. www.epa.state.oh.us/pic/facts/cfl_consumer_info.pdf
www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/promotions/change_light/downloads/Fact_Sheet_Mercury.pdf

Does Pioneer recycle broken CFL bulbs? No, we cannot recycle broken CFL bulbs.

If I want to buy more/different bulbs, what brand should I look for?

Always look for the Energy Star logo. These brands have met the specifications required by the Department of Energy and are of a better quality than others. Also, look for bulbs with the longest warranty.



Do you sell different wattages/types? We do not sell CFLs in the office right now. They can be purchased at most retail stores, and even some grocery stores. If you buy a multi pack, you sometimes can purchase the bulbs for as cheap as \$2 a bulb or less. While an incandescent may cost you \$0.50 at first, choosing to buy a CFL equivalent could save you as much as \$52 over the lifetime of the bulb. The average household has 30 fixtures in a home... imagine NOT spending more than \$1,500 on electricity and bulb replacements if every bulb in your home was a CFL!

They seem fragile. How should I install them so they don't break? Hold the bulbs by the base, not by the glass spring.

They are too big for my fan? Do they make different sizes? The bulbs come in a variety of sizes, shapes, brightness, and colors.

They look ugly. Do they make bulbs that look "normal"? Bulbs are available with an outer globe that makes them look more like a traditional incandescent. However, these are not appropriate to be used in enclosed fixtures because they will get too hot, and are best used in lamps with sufficient ventilation.

Can I pick up bulbs for a family member/friend? Yes, as long as you have their coupon and bulbs.

What size bulbs can I exchange? Any size incandescent bulbs will work, preferably not broken.

Can I get more than three bulbs? We are allotting three per membership.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 1-800-762-0997, or e-mail me at mmcguire@pioneerec.com

Nominations to be made based upon these provisions

On Nov. 6, 2008, the County Boards of Pioneer Electric Cooperative will nominate candidates for the Pioneer Board of Trustees, and for four positions on each of the individual county boards. The elections will then be conducted by mail, and the election results announced at Cooperative Spirit Day in 2009.

The following sections of ARTICLE IV, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, of the Code of Regulations of Pioneer Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. are being published as they appear in the complete Code. The nomination process and subsequent elections will follow the procedures established in these sections. The official notice of the nominating meeting will be published in the October issue of *Country Living* magazine.

SECTION 2. Election and Tenure of Office. The Board shall divide the service area of the cooperative into three (3) districts, designated as the Miami Rural Electric Cooperative, Shelby Rural Electric Cooperative, and the Champaign Rural Electric Cooperative, so that equitable representation may be given to the geographic areas served by the cooperative. The Board shall have the power to change the boundaries of such districts whenever in their opinion the purpose of this Section requires such a change. Each district shall be represented by three Board members. One Board member from each district shall be elected each year by secret ballot at the annual meeting of the members, or at any meeting held in lieu thereof as hereinbefore provided, by and from the members to serve for a term of three (3) years or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified, subject to the provisions of this Code of Regulations with respect to the removal of Board members. Board members may be elected by a plurality vote of the members voting thereon pursuant to such rules

and procedures as established by the Board of Trustees. No more than one Board member from the same geographical area, as provided in Section 4, shall serve at the same time, unless said Board members were serving as such on April 25, 1987.

SECTION 3. Qualifications. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a member of the Board who:

- (a) is not a member and bona fide resident in the particular district and geographical area of the cooperative which such person is to represent; or
- (b) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric power and/or energy, or supplies to the cooperative, or who otherwise is engaged in an activity posing a conflict of interest with the governance of the cooperative;
- (c) is a current employee of the cooperative, or is a former employee of the cooperative with less than five (5) years separation from the cooperative; or
- (d) is a close relative of a current employee; or
- (e) has served seven (7) full consecutive terms, the first of which commenced subsequent to April 25, 1987 until three (3) years has expired from the end of the person's last term.

Upon establishment of the fact that a trustee is holding the office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the Board shall remove such trustee from office.

Nothing contained in this Section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the Board.

SECTION 4. Nominations. The Board of Trustees of each of the Miami Rural Electric Cooperative, Shelby Rural Electric Cooperative and Champaign Rural Electric Cooperative shall constitute a committee of nominations for each respective district. At least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of the members of the cooperative, each committee shall nominate from the membership of this corporation residing in their respective districts, as hereinbefore set forth, two (2) candidates for the office of trustee from their respective districts. No candidate shall be nominated who shall reside in one of the geographical areas provided for in the second paragraph of this Section 4 in which resides a Board member whose term is not expiring, unless said candidate was serving as a Board member on and continuously since April 25, 1987, and has not moved from the geographical area in which he or she resided at the time of his or her election.

The Board of Trustees of each district shall consist of twelve (12) members residing within said district who shall serve a term of three (3) years. Four Board members from each district shall be elected each year. The Board of Trustees of the cooperative shall divide each district in four (4) geographical areas. Each committee shall, at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of the members of the cooperative, nominate from the membership of the cooperative residing in such respective areas two (2) candidates for the office of district trustee. Thereafter, at the annual meeting of members of the cooperative the members residing within each district shall elect one of said candidates as district trustee by secret ballot. Trustees may be elected by plurality vote of the members. Except for district trustees serving as such on and continuously since April 25, 1987 who have not moved from the geographical area in which they resided at the time of their election, no more than three district trustees shall reside within the same geographical area. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a district trustee who (a) is not a member and bona fide resident in the particular geographical area which he or she is to represent, (b) is a current employee, or is a former employee with less than five (5) years separation from the cooperative, (c) is a close relative of a current employee, or (d) who has served seven (7) full consecutive terms the first of which commenced subsequent to April 25, 1987 until three (3) years has expired from the end of the person's last term. As used in the Section, "close relative" means a spouse, parent, child, sibling and a spouse of a parent, child or sibling.