

SURGEBLASTER

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Protecting your home appliances and electronic equipment requires a two-stage approach. Using two separate suppressors offers superior protection from both externally and internally generated surges.



Plug-in modules are available for everything from phone, satellite and cable connections to pool and well pumps.

The meter base suppressor is your first line of defense against power surges.

Meter base surge suppressor

Max. surge of 55,000 amps
Max. energy of 2,000 joules
Response time < 5 nanoseconds
Clamping voltage- 240 volts
Fused internally

Plug-in suppressor modules

Max. surge of 13,000 amps
Max. energy of 480+ joules
Response time < 5 nanoseconds
Fused internally

Even a split-second change in voltage is enough to damage your electronics. Call your local district office to get in touch with our Energy Services department for more information.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Looking for an easy way to manage home energy use? Smart plugs are inexpensive and offer convenient solutions for scheduling and controlling your favorite electronic devices.

With smart plugs, you can easily manage your coffee maker, lighting, home office equipment, video game consoles and more. Smart plugs can help you manage devices through a smart phone app, your home assistant or voice control. By conveniently powering off or scheduling devices, you can save energy (and money!).

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Avoid a costly power surge with Surgeblaster

Surges in voltage levels are caused by many different things, but most commonly, lightning is the culprit. Regardless, most homes will experience power surges at one time or another, and while your cooperative has devices in place to prevent surges on power lines from ever reaching your home, many surges simply can't be stopped or prevented.



Protecting your electronics from power surges and costly damage is the best decision you can make, and the best protection is a product Clay Electric provides — SurgeBlaster, all of which are UL-listed and meet the IEEE 587 standard for surge suppression equipment.

Surge suppressors are made to protect your electronic equipment by diverting surges away from sensitive electric circuits.

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Grow your summer energy savings

Summer months bring some of the highest energy bills of the year, as beating the heat accounts for a large portion of your monthly energy use, and the hotter it gets, the harder your air conditioner works.

Fortunately, your cooperative has developed incentives and programs that help you cut down on the cost of cooling.

• **Rebates** – Clay Electric offers several ways to give you money back for efficient equipment you purchase, like insulation, heat pumps and water heaters. Find a list of all our rebates and application forms at clayelectric.com/energy-rebates-loans

• **Free energy surveys** – Our energy analysts can determine the overall efficiency of your home and help you with ways to improve it.

• **Take control of your use** – Activate Usage Alerts in the MyClayElectric app to track your energy use. You can even get alerts when your use spikes so you can make changes in real time.

• **Ways to pay** – If you're having a difficult time paying the higher bills that come with increased use in the summer, contact us to learn about our PrePaid program, which gives you the power to pay for electricity on your own schedule.

5 WAYS TO SAVE THIS SUMMER

When summer temperatures rise, so do energy bills. Here are a few ways you can reduce energy use and grow your summer savings.

1. Raise your thermostat.

The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temp, the more you'll save.

2. Install window coverings

like blinds or light-blocking curtains to prevent indoor heat gain during the day.

3. Seal leaks with caulk and weatherstripping

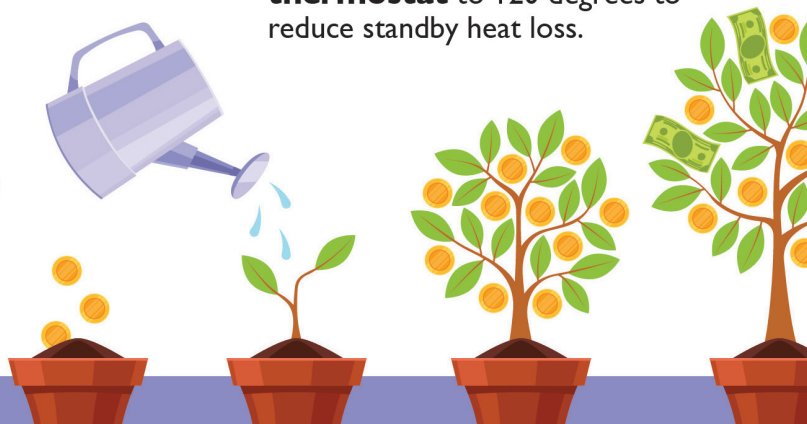
around windows and exterior doors. Air leaks force your air conditioner to work harder and run longer than necessary.

4. Run ceiling fans

for additional cooling but turn them off when you leave the room.

5. Lower your water heater thermostat

to 120 degrees to reduce standby heat loss.



Did you get a bill credit?

Forty-three members who voted in this year's Board of Trustees elections were recently randomly selected to receive a bill credit.

Windee Sheppard of Keystone Heights won the \$4,800 bill credit, Delores Jones of Orange Springs won the \$2,500 credit, Anna Borosko of Middleburg received the \$2,000 credit, Adam Sydenstricker of Silver Springs got the \$1,800 bill credit, Johnathan Jankowski of Keystone Heights received the \$700 credit and Connie Chesser of Ft. McCoy received the \$400 credit.

Members who received \$50 bill credits included: Faith Conkle, Fleming Island; Jon Griffin, Orange Park; Chris Lloyd, Middleburg; Frank Stopka, Lake City; Steven Sowders, Lake Butler; Steven Wettstein, Ft. McCoy; Rebeca Farmer, Keystone Heights; Kenneth Hansen, Middleburg; Monica Pendleton, Orange Park; Robert Vaughn, Lake Butler; Christopher Beckett, Silver Springs; Robert Crittenden, Hawthorne; Becky Wilson, Silver Springs; Robert Crittenden, Hawthorne; Becky Wilson, Silver Springs; Amanda Yancey, Citra; Shirley Temple, Citra; Paul Trotman, Middleburg; Jacques Roberts, Alachua; Dawn King, Newberry; Sabrina Anderson, Middleburg; Shirley Poole, Fleming Island; Tania Philpot-Jolley, Middleburg; Marilyn Vanover, High Springs; Ralph Kicklighter, Astor; Charles Mizell, Keystone Heights; Dennis Nix, Keystone Heights; Glenn Herring, Keystone Heights; Juliann Beveren, Orange Park; Richard Tower, Melrose; Roger Fielding, Orange Park; Sean Payne, Ft. McCoy; Kim Jones, Orange Park; Sheri Courtney, DeLeon Springs; Angel Robles, Orange Park; Linda Weiner, Reddick; Michael Marshall, Orange Park; Fletcher Gainey, Macclenny; and Christopher Bryan, Gainesville.

All members who vote are eligible for a credit. Make sure to vote next year!