

Asegurar su Casa Prefabricada Para Mas Eficiencia

Si vive en una casa prefabricada, lo más probable es que pueda tener un proyecto de energía desproporcionadamente mayores que el de una familia que vive en una casa de madera modular o tradicional. La buena noticia es que hay maneras en que puede mejorar la eficiencia energética de su hogar.

En primer lugar, una aclaración. Algunos utilizan el término casa fabricado o casa móvil de manera intercambiable. Una casa móvil es una fábrica construida casa construida antes de 1976, cuando el U.S. Department of Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD), establece las normas nacionales que debe umplir casi todos los hogares manufacturada. A partir de entonces, las casas construidas en fábrica fueron llamados casas prefabricadas y están diseñados y construidos de acuerdo con el código federal de 1976 administrado por HUD.

Las casas prefabricadas vienen en todas las formas y tamaños. Que pueden ser de una o Multisecciones y están disponibles en varios tamaños y configuraciones de planta. Hay muchas diferencia entre casas construidas antes del código del HUD de Estados Unidos entró en vigor en 1976 y las construidas posteriormente. Una de las diferencias principales es la eficiencia energética. las construidas antes de que las normas federales fueron puestas en su lugar generalmente no eran tan eficientes como modelos últimos, aunque estándares térmicos fueron cambiados en 1994. Y mientras las casas se han construido a los estándares de la energía del tiempo, ha realizado progresos signifi-

cativos en las últimas décadas con equipos mecánicos de alta eficiencia, ventanas, aislamiento,

Revestimiento y materiales de techo. En Resumen, si su hogar es menos de cinco años o más de 50, mayoría de los hogares puede beneficiarse de medidas de eficiencia energética simplemente debido al desgaste. La luz del sol, cambios estacionales de las temperaturas y el viento pueden

Incrementar fuga de aire. Puertas y ventanas no pueden cerrar herméticamente y conductos pueden en la primavera causar pérdida de energía de climatización.

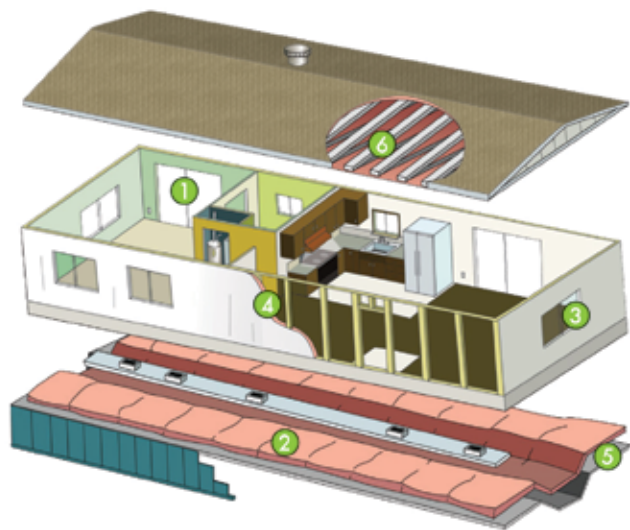
Si sus casa fue antes de 1976, el Departamento de Energía recomienda los siguientes pasos para readaptar su casa prefabricada y mejorar la eficiencia energética.

En adición a las medidas mencionadas anteriormente, considere calafateo y burletes de ventanas y puertas, sobre todo si no son capaces de sustituirlos por otros más eficientes energéticamente.

Sellar adecuadamente las aberturas alrededor de conductos y accesorios de plomería. Reemplazar las bombillas candescent con LEDs- tanto en interiores como exteriores. Reducir las cargas "fantasmas" desenchufando aparatos electrónicos, como ordenadores, impresoras y sistemas de juego cuando no esté en uso. Si usted está planeando mudarse a un nuevo hogar, mira para el modelo nominal Energía de inicio.

Para obtener más información acerca de las mejoras de eficiencia energética para viviendas prefabricadas, en contacto con los expertos en energía en Victory Electric.

1. Instalar ventanas y puertas de eficiencia energética
2. Cambie el aislamiento en el vientre
3. Haga las reparaciones generales
4. Añadir el aislamiento de sus paredes
5. Instalar o sellar envoltura del vientre
6. Añadir aislamiento a su tapa de techo



SUMMER ENERGY EFFICIENCY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

There are many ways you can practice energy efficiency in your home. Use the word bank below to complete the crossword puzzle. Be sure to tell mom and dad about these energy efficiency tips so you can practice at home!

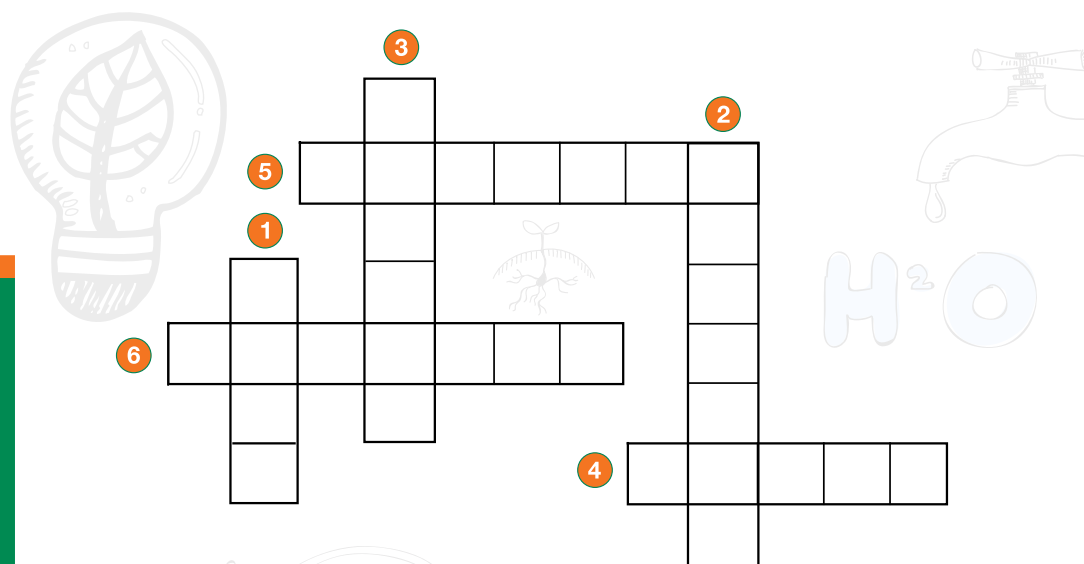


DOWN

1. Use ceiling _____ to circulate cool air.
2. Taking _____ are more energy efficient than taking baths.
3. Always turn the _____ off when you leave a room.

ACROSS

4. Plant shade _____ around your home.
5. Open _____ on cool evenings and turn off the air conditioner.
6. Close shades, drapes and blinds during the _____ to help keep warm air out of your home.



Word Bank:

Trees
Showers
Daytime
Windows
Lights
Fans

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FROM THE CEO

You are a Member, not a Customer: That's the co-op difference.

Many businesses use the word "member" to describe their customers. Places like Sam's Club or Costco and even American Express like to refer to their customers as members. You pay a fee to buy their goods and services, but that is really all you get for the "membership." No right to vote for the board of directors or to participate in any meaningful way in the organization.

In cooperatives like Victory Electric, membership really does mean something more than just the right to buy electricity. Co-ops of all types are founded on seven cooperative principles that give us guidance and strategic direction. Membership also gives you rights as an owner of this co-op.

Brett Fairbairn is the director of the Center for the Study of Cooperatives at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada. He makes the case that member relations is not just part of what co-ops should be doing, but in fact is the fundamental core business of the cooperative.

He further lays out three strategic concepts that any co-op must get right in order to survive and thrive:

1. Economic linkage

Victory Electric is connected to you. There is a business relationship that serves you (the member) and the co-op. Since co-ops are solely owned by people in the community, they have a mutual interest to ensure that both the co-op and the member do well and prosper.

2. Transparency

As an owner of the co-op, you have a right to know how it operates and how decisions are made that directly impact you. If the co-op is transparent and combines this trait with integrity and fairness, it will build trust with the members.

3. Cognition

In this case, cognition is best defined as how your co-op thinks. It includes the current and historical identity, the mission and the sense of shared values with co-op members. Research, education and training are critical functions that Victory Electric must conduct

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Shane Laws

CFL Charlie Says "Come Get Your Free CFL!"



This month's lucky winners are...

**JOSE J. ALFARO,
KAREN BLASI, JEAN BONE, JAIME HERNANDEZ,
LIONEL PADILLA,
DICK SEARS, and
MALINDA THAYER.**

Come by Victory Electric Cooperative to get your free compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL). Every month, Victory Electric gives members free CFL light bulbs. Congratulations winners!

Happy Father's Day!

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19. Victory Electric wishes all of the dad's a happy Father's Day.

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Energy efficiency tips and more can also be found by following us on Twitter by searching @TheVictoryElec. Facebook and Twitter are great ways to stay in touch with the happenings at Victory Electric.

Energy Efficiency Tip

Avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.

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on an ongoing basis to ensure that we always have the best information to make decisions.

The cooperative business model is the best one on earth. But like any enterprise, it is up to the human beings who work at the co-op, who serve on the board and the members like you to ensure that the principles and values do not fade

over time.

First and foremost, Victory Electric strives to be thought of as a member-owned cooperative that gives you the best value of any utility. If we succeed, our community thrives and you will always value being a member—not a customer.

Thanks, Shane

Working on the LINE

Victory Electric is proud to help our veterans and veteran organizations. Lineman, Dave Masden, changes tattered flags at the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post.



Dave Masden changes tattered flags at the VFW for local veterans.

Join Victory Electric for "Vittles for Vets" Again



Esther Sorden, an Army veteran, uses donations to Fort Dodge monthly.

In June 2015, Victory Electric joined forces with the local Dodge City Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Fort Dodge Soliders Home to host a "Vittles for Vets" food drive to help local veterans and Victory Electric is again taking donations.

Vittles for Vets is a food and supply drive aimed at stocking the shelves of the food pantry in Nimitz Hall at Fort Dodge with much needed non-perishable items. The food pantry opened in May 2015 and

keeps groceries on hand for the residents in the cottages at the fort.

"Our veterans have given so much of themselves for our country. It was our time to give back," said Shane Laws, CEO of Victory Electric. "We were so grateful our members really embraced the program and donated more

than 1,750 items during the 2015 food drive."

Victory Electric is hosting Vittles for Vets again this year. To encourage donations, Victory Electric teamed up with our members and the community. For every three items you bring to Victory Electric's office, your name will be entered to win a \$100 bill credit. Victory Electric will give away six \$100 bill credits between June and August.

Victory Electric looks forward to stocking the pantry at Nimitz Hall for the second year and helping veterans like Esther Sorden. If you are interested in donating, bring your items to Victory Electric's office.

Suggested food items include pudding, Jell-O and fruit cups, dry cereal, instant oatmeal, cream style canned corn and canned soup. Other needed items include dish soap, liquid body wash, three-blade disposable razors, alcohol-free mouth wash, diabetic socks and other clothing necessities.

Victory Electric looks forward to another successful food and supply drive this summer.

Retrofitting Your Manufactured Home for Efficiency

If you live in a manufactured home, chances are you may have a disproportionately higher energy bill than a family living in a modular or traditional wood-frame home. The good news is there are ways you can improve your home's energy efficiency.

First, a clarification. Some use the term manufactured home and mobile home interchangeably. A mobile home is a factory built home constructed before 1976 when the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) set national standards that nearly every manufactured home must meet. Thereafter, factory-built homes were called manufactured homes and are engineered and constructed in accordance with the 1976 federal code administered by HUD.

Manufactured homes come in all shapes and sizes. They may be single- or multi-sectioned and are available in various sizes and floor plan configurations. There are many differences between manufactured homes built before the U.S. HUD Code took effect in 1976 and those built afterward. One of the major differences is energy efficiency. Those built before federal standards were put in place were generally not as energy efficient as later models, even though thermal standards were changed in 1994. And while your manufactured home may have been built to the energy standards of the time, significant progress has been made over the past decades with high-efficiency mechanical equipment, windows, insulation, siding and roofing materials.

In short, whether your home is less than five years

old or more than 50, most homes can benefit from energy efficiency measures simply due to wear and tear. Sunlight, seasonal temperature changes and wind can increase air leakage. Doors and windows may not close tightly and duct work can spring leaks, wasting cooling and heating energy.

If your home was built before 1976, the Department of Energy recommends the following steps to retrofit your manufactured home and improve energy efficiency:

- ▶ Install energy-efficient windows and doors;
- ▶ Replace insulation in the belly;
- ▶ Make general repairs (seal bottom board, caulk windows, doors, ducts, etc.);
- ▶ Add insulation to your walls;
- ▶ Install or seal belly wrap; and
- ▶ Add insulation to your roof or install a roof cap.

In addition to the measures listed above, consider caulking and weatherstripping windows and doors, particularly if you are not able to replace them with more energy-efficient ones. Properly seal any openings around ducts and plumbing fixtures. Replace any incandescent light bulbs with LEDs—both indoors and outside. Reduce "phantom" loads by unplugging electronic devices such as computers, printers and gaming systems when not in use. If you are planning to move to a new manufactured home, look for the Energy Star-rated model.

For more information about energy efficiency improvements for manufactured homes, contact the energy experts at Victory Electric.

CO-OP CONNECTION SPOTLIGHT

Taste Italy with Bella Italia Ristorante

Dodge City offers a wide variety of foods from different cultures. For Italian food, look no further than Co-op Connections Card participant **BELLA ITALIA RISTORANTE**.

Bella Italia has been a part of the community for years and reopened in their new location about a month ago. Walking into Bella Italia feels like stepping into Italy with a balcony overhead, fresh flowers on the table, and great tastes. With a Co-op Connections Card, Victory Electric members receive 10 percent off your meal.

"It was an opportunity to create savings for the community," said **JESUS GONZALEZ**, owner of Bella Italia Ristorante, about the Co-op Connection Card program.

Opportunity is a common theme for Gonzalez. The opportunity to own the restaurant came to him five years ago and he took it.

"I like owning the restaurant," Gonzalez said. "I have loyal customers, and I feel appreciated here."

Gonzalez is originally from Seattle, Washington but he has made Dodge City home due to the welcoming people and community.

The restaurant has pastas, pizzas and wine with lunch specials Monday through Thursday. Bella Italia is family-friendly and open daily.

Stop in with your Co-op Connections Card and start saving today. Bella Italia Ristorante is located on Wyatt Earp Boulevard, just a few doors down from their old location.

Save on more than just food. The Co-op Connections Card connects members with hundreds of discounts locally and nationally. The card also gives you access to online savings at more than 95 national retailers like Barnes&Noble.com, Hertz Rental Cars, Best Western hotels and ProFlowers.com.

One of the most valuable features of the Co-op Connections Card is the pharmacy discount. While it is not insurance, the discount can mean savings of 10 to 60 percent on prescription drugs. The logo and information on the back of your card is recognized at more than 60,000 national and local pharmacies.

If you need to replace your Co-op Connections Card, visit the office during business hours. Feel free to call Victory Electric at 620-227-2139, with questions.



Jesus Gonzalez

Co-op Connections Local Participating Businesses

- ▶ **ACKERMAN COMPUTERS**—10% off labor costs
- ▶ **AUTOSURE**—20% off any tax return
- ▶ **HUMBLE FLOWERS**—Free delivery in Dodge City
- ▶ **B CARPET CLEANING**—10% off
- ▶ **THE BAD HABIT SPORTS BAR AND GRILL**—5% off (excludes alcohol)
- ▶ **BAILEYS BODY SHOP**—5% off parts and labor
- ▶ **BELLA ITALIA**—10% off
- ▶ **BOOT HILL BED AND BREAKFAST**—15% off
- ▶ **CUP OF JONES**—10% off menu prices
- ▶ **DEPOT THEATER COMPANY**—\$3 off dinner theater ticket
- ▶ **DODGE CITY YMCA**—Corporate rates with proof of being a Co-op Connections card holder
- ▶ **DULCE LANDIA**—5% off piñatas and bouce houses
- ▶ **FLATLAND GRAPHICS**—Free digitizing and set up fee on pocket-sized embroidery
- ▶ **FLOWERS BY IRENE**—20% off (excluding wire orders)
- ▶ **GREAT PLAINS VISION**—20% off sunglasses
- ▶ **HARDROCK SAND & GRAVEL, LLC**—10% off materials, excluding delivery
- ▶ **HODGEMAN COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC**—\$90 office visit
- ▶ **JIM'S AUTO SALES & SALVAGE**—5% off towing services
- ▶ **JOHN'S BODY SHOP**—5% discount on deductible up to \$50
- ▶ **K. MARTIN JEWELER**—10% off regular priced merchandise (this does not include items already on layaway)
- ▶ **KELLY'S CORNER GROCERY**—Discounts vary daily.
- ▶ **LA QUINTA INN AND SUITES**—10% off BAR rate. No discounts for 3i Show/Roundup Rodeo events
- ▶ **LONG DIESEL, INC.**—10% off parts
- ▶ **MY-D HAN-D, INC.**—10% off grain, hay and cattle equipment
- ▶ **PREMIER MOTORS**—\$500 off regular price
- ▶ **REGIS SALON**—10% off
- ▶ **SCOTT'S AUTO SHOP**—10% off oil, filter and lube. 10% discount on Traxxas radio controlled vehicles and Traxxas parts.
- ▶ **SOLIS INCOME TAX**—10% off for new customers
- ▶ **SOPHIA'S**—10% off
- ▶ **STARR COMPUTER SOLUTIONS**—Three months free for new alarm monitoring contracts (standard service)
- ▶ **SUNFLOWER CREATIONS**—7.45% off any new BERNINA sewing machine or 10% off regular fabric, books, notions, patterns, and embroidery supplies
- ▶ **SUROMA FITNESS AND SPA**—First fitness class free.
- ▶ **THE MATTRESS HUB**—20% off bed sets \$399 and up. Not valid with any other rebates, discounts or special offers. (Offer excludes Tempur-Pedics. Dodge City and Garden City locations only)
- ▶ **TIANGUIS CARNICERIA**—10% off
- ▶ **TROPICAL ISLAND TAN AND FITNESS**—No enrollment fees on fitness
- ▶ **WATERS TRUE VALUE**—\$5 off a \$30 or more purchase