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**THE VICTORY  
ELECTRIC CO-OP**

# electronews



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## FROM THE MANAGER

### The Power Behind Your Power



**Shane Laws**

As April arrives, it brings with it the showers that produce spring flowers. It also heralds the beginning of a potentially stormy season that can

inherently include power outages. While Victory Electric strives to provide reliable electricity to our members, there are times when Mother Nature has other plans. Most of us can ride out a storm from the comfort and convenience of our homes. However, there is a group of professionals who spring into action when the weather takes a turn for the worst—Victory Electric linemen.

#### One of the Most Dangerous Jobs

Braving stormy weather and other challenging conditions, lineworkers often must climb 40 or more feet in the air, carrying heavy equipment to restore power. Listed as one of the

10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S., lineworkers must perform detailed tasks next to high voltage power lines. To help keep them safe, lineworkers wear specialized protective clothing and equipment at all times when on the job. This includes special fire-resistant clothing that will self-extinguish, limiting potential injuries from burns and sparks. Insulated and rubber gloves are worn in tandem to protect them from electrical shock. While the gear performs a critical function, it also adds additional weight and bulk, making the job more complex.

In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform; their job today goes far beyond climbing to the top of a pole to repair a wire. They are also information experts who can pinpoint an outage from miles away and restore power remotely. Line crews use their laptops and cell phones to map outages, take pictures of the work they have done and troubleshoot problems. In our community, Victory Electric

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### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Make sure your refrigerator door seals are airtight for maximum energy efficiency. Test your seal by closing the door over a piece of paper (so that the paper is half in and half out). If you can easily pull the piece of paper out, your seal may need to be replaced or the latch may need to be adjusted.



# TOP 10

## REASONS TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING

- 1 Socialize with other cooperative members, employees and trustees.
- 2 Act on the principle of democratic member control and vote in the board elections in districts 1, 3, 8 and 10.
- 3 Get the latest news about Victory Electric Cooperative
- 4 Join us for a FREE steak dinner served with a side of baked potato, green beans, a dinner roll and dessert.
- 5 Take home a FREE registration gift (limit of one gift per residential member)
- 6 Enter for a chance to win great door prizes.
- 7 Enter for a chance to win one of five \$200 bill credits.
- 8 Learn about what Victory Electric Cooperative is doing to better serve you in 2018
- 9 Ask questions. Know exactly what is happening.
- 10 Victory Electric is your cooperative. You have a voice.

### Members Win FREE CFL

Every month Victory Electric gives away free CFL light bulbs to members. ***This month's lucky winners are...***

**AGUSTIN AGUIRRE, SILVANO CRUZ, DAN R. KOLB, LUCIA MARTINEZ, SAM SHIPLEY and TROY WEISS.** Come by Victory Electric's office to get your free compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL). Congratulations winners!



## Attend Your Co-op's Annual Meeting

Each April, all Victory Electric Cooperative members have an opportunity to attend their annual meeting. The Victory Electric annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, at the Western State Bank Expo Center in Dodge City. Registration and dinner start at 5 p.m. with the business meeting beginning at 6 p.m.

In accordance with Victory Electric's bylaws, each year the cooperative holds a meeting of the members to communicate the cooperative's activities and financial status for the past year. The meeting also brings the annual trustee election to a close.

### Election time

The cooperative territory is divided into ten districts, all of which are represented by a trustee. Victory Electric's bylaws require the city of Dodge City to be one district represented by three trustees. Each of the nine districts outside Dodge City is represented by one trustee. Trustees are elected at the annual meeting for three-year terms of office. Each year, Dodge City has one trustee up for election. The other nine districts' trustees are up for election on a three-year rotation. This year districts one, three, eight and ten are up for election. Ballots are sent to those members in districts up for election. Ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on the day prior to the annual meeting. Results will be announced at the meeting.

Like you, trustees are cooperative members but with a special perspective. Your

board members live throughout the Victory Electric service area. They are responsible for directing the business and exercising the powers of the cooperative. The trustees' primary functions are planning and policy oversight, establishing the long-term objectives of the cooperative, and providing resources to meet those objectives.

### Exercising your membership rights

Purchasing electric power from Victory Electric gives you membership in the cooperative and, as a member, you have voting rights. Your participation is a fundamental power that flows from you to your electric cooperative. You have the power to discuss issues with friends and neighbors and elect your board representation. That democratic right – which includes one vote by every cooperative member – is one of several important differences between electric cooperatives and investor-owned electric utilities.

Informed and concerned members stay involved by electing those people who value their way of life and work to improve the quality of life in southwest Kansas. So, mark your calendars and plan to attend Victory Electric's annual meeting on April 17.



# Get to Know Your Victory Electric Board Candidates



## District 1

**DARYL TIEBEN**, Incumbent | Dodge City

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the members of Victory Electric. It is my honor to be your voice on the board. We, the board of trustees, strive every day to keep your electricity affordable, reliable and safe.

My wife, Carol, and I are deeply rooted in the community. We live south of Dodge City and have rental houses and farmland. My family owns My-D Han-D Mfg. Company, TOLD, and TKO Oil Company. My business experience gives me the background and familiarity with commercial, residential and agricultural electric rates.

As the secretary of Victory Electric's board of trustees and a representative on the KEPCo board of directors, I will continue to advocate to keep your rates as low as possible. My phone is always available for your calls and concerns. Thanks for your past and present support. I would appreciate your vote.



## District 8

**CEDRIC DREWES**, Incumbent | Dodge City

I am very grateful to the members of Victory Electric for the opportunity to serve on the board of trustees for the past nine years. As with any successful and growing business, Victory Electric has endured its share of important and unique circumstances and challenges. I strive to keep the members' best interests in mind when making decisions and focus on keeping our electric service as safe, reliable, and affordable as possible.

I'm confident we have an electric cooperative in which we can all be proud. My college education and board leadership training, along with my experience in farm management, give me the qualifications necessary for this important position of representing the members of Victory Electric. I welcome the responsibility and I am prepared for any challenges that lie ahead. Your continued support and vote to serve as your trustee is greatly appreciated.



## District 3

**KEN SCHULTE**, Incumbent | Spearville

It has been an interesting and challenging few years serving on the board of trustees and I am thankful for the opportunity to be an advocate for the members of Victory Electric.

I have always tried to keep your best interests in mind when making decisions that would prompt any change for members. Sometimes making those hard decisions sparked disagreements and required a careful balancing act, but I will guarantee you, all of us want what is best for both the cooperative and our members.

I want to thank each of you for your vote in the past election. If re-elected, I will continue to strive to protect all our interests and help keep Victory Electric an organization worthy of your pride.



## District 10

**TERRI LARSON**, Incumbent | Dodge City

It is a great honor and privilege to serve the members of Victory Electric. In my six-year tenure as a board trustee representing members in Dodge City, I've worked to study key issues and trends affecting cooperatives to ensure I have the knowledge to make sound, educated decisions on behalf of the members.

I am a proud 30-year citizen of Dodge City, a teacher in the local school district, and active in my church and local community. My loyalty and devotion to our community, in combination with an MBA degree, gives me the motivation and capability to make decisions that balance the best interests of our members with the stability of the cooperative.

The role of "trustee" is not a responsibility I take lightly. No different than I am entrusted to teach and guide your children in school, the members of Victory Electric count on me to be your voice on the board. I sincerely thank you for your confidence in me and I would appreciate your consideration as I seek another term on the board of trustees.



## District 10

**JEFFERY REINERT** | Dodge City

I'm a fourth generation farmer with a passion for watching things grow, not only in agriculture, but also in rural America and my community. I was born and raised in Dodge City and currently live here with my wife and two children. Every decision I make is based on what can I do today to make tomorrow better for my family. I believe in southwest Kansas and want it to thrive while providing opportunities for our youth. They need to feel empowered

to take on local leadership roles.

A company and community are only as strong as the leaders that are put in place. Local cooperatives like Victory Electric provide countless opportunities through economic development and various careers to retain our youth and entice them to make Dodge City and surrounding communities their home.

I have served as director of the board for Pride Ag Resources for seven years, the last three as vice-president, and this gives me the experience to be an asset to the electric cooperative system. I have completed all five director training courses for the Kansas Cooperative Council. I would appreciate your vote in the next coming weeks.

## Board Members Earn Gold Credentials



Terri Larson

Victory Electric board members **TERRI LARSON, PAT MORSE** and **DARYL TIEBEN** earned their Director Gold certification in the recent months.

The Director Gold certification recognizes board members who have continued their education during the course of their service on the board.

The credential is the final piece of a three-step certificate program, hosted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). The credential process helps trustees stay current on the issues affecting the future of cooperatives and prepare them to make informed business decisions in the

boardroom.

Larson, Morse and Tieben completed the first two pieces of the process by attending courses and conferences that focus on basic governance knowledge and in-depth industry and governance issues.

“Their certificates are proof of their hard work to have the ability to better serve our members,” said Shane Laws, Victory Electric CEO. “This is a changing industry and board members earning their credentials and expanding their knowledge is great for you and the cooperative.”

Several Victory Electric board members are in the process of completing their gold credentials. Help us congratulate Terri, Pat and Daryl on their achievement and continued service.



Pat Morse



Daryl Tieben

## VICTORY ELECTRIC'S SAFETY SHARE

# Prevent Electric Shock Drowning

Warm weather starts the boating season and while it is fun, safety still is a priority. In 2016, the U.S. Coast Guard reported 4,463 accidents that involved 701 deaths as a result of recreational boating activities.

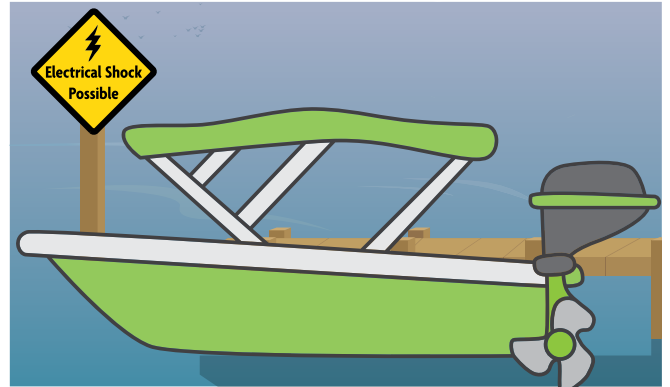
One potential hazard not often discussed is Electric Shock

Drowning (ESD). This occurs when electrical current leaks from boats or marina equipment into the water. This low level alternating current passes through the body of a nearby swimmer with sufficient force to cause skeletal muscular paralysis, causing the victim to drown. A majority of ESD deaths have occurred near public and private marinas and docks.

Electric shock drowning deaths are usually recorded as drowning because victims show no signs of burns, so many instances remain undocumented. In 2016, according to the U.S. Coast Guard, seven deaths in Kansas waters were all recorded as drowning.

Protect yourself and your loved ones from the risk of ESD and common boat electrical hazards with these tips from the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI):

- ▶ Don't allow yourself or anyone else to swim near docks. Avoid entering the water when launching or loading your boat.
- ▶ Always maintain a distance of at least 10 feet between your boat and nearby power lines.
- ▶ If you feel a tingle while swimming,



Avoid electric shock drowning by staying safe while in the water.

the water may be electrified. Get out as soon as possible avoiding the use of metal objects such as ladders.

- ▶ Have your boat's electrical system inspected and upgraded by a certified marine electrician who is familiar with National Fire Protection Association Codes: NFPA 303 and NFPA 70.
- ▶ Have GFCIs installed on your boat, and test them once a month.
- ▶ Consider having Equipment Leakage Circuit Interrupters (ELCI) installed on boats to protect nearby swimmers from potential electricity leakage into water surrounding your boat.
- ▶ Only use shore or marine power cords, plugs, receptacles and extension cords that have been tested by Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Intertek (ETL).
- ▶ Never stand or swim in water when turning off electrical devices.
- ▶ Electric Shock Drowning can also occur in swimming pools, hot tubs and spas. Have an electrician inspect and upgrade your pool, spa or hot tub in accordance with applicable local codes and the National Electrical Code (NEC).

**Don't allow yourself or anyone else to swim near docks. Avoid entering the water when launching or loading your boat.**

Enjoy the water activities but remember to keep yourself and your family safe.

# Proper Equipment Keeps Victory Electric Linemen Safe

Each April, electric cooperatives celebrate Lineman Appreciation Day on the second Monday in April. Our national affiliate, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) board of directors designated the second Monday in April as Lineworker Appreciation Day in 2013. Victory Electric will join electric cooperatives across the county and celebrate our linemen on April 9.

To help celebrate our linemen and the work they do, Victory Electric has created a guide to share what exactly those linemen are wearing and why. From their head to their toes, the equipment they wear helps them safely keep the power flowing to your home.

Braving stormy weather and other challenging conditions, linemen often must climb 40 or more feet in the air, carrying heavy equipment to restore power. Listed as one of the 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S., linemen must perform detailed tasks next to high voltage power lines. To help keep them safe, linemen wear specialized protective clothing and equipment at all times when on the job.

Their flame resistant (FR) clothing, complete with rubber sleeves and insulated gloves, keep the lineman safe against electric shock. Those sleeves and gloves have been tested to 20,000 volts and are checked every time they are put on to make sure there isn't the smallest puncture hole. Their hard hats and safety glasses protect their head and eyes from falling objects and debris.

The hand line is also known as the "life line" amongst the linemen. The rope allows them to safely hoist equipment to the heights of the poles and can serve as a rope to get a fellow lineman down if something tragic were to happen.

Most linemen at Victory Electric are used to completing their work from a bucket truck, but they have all been trained to climb. In some cases, like tight alleyways or over grown tree rows, linemen can't get to a pole with a truck. When they have to climb, their gaffs are used to dig into the wooden pole and climb the pole. Each year, Victory Electric linemen must complete a pole top rescue. Their mission is to save a hanging mannequin from the pole. For the drill,

the linemen begin on the ground and strap their climbers and gaffs on to safely and efficiently climb to the mannequin in an exercise to save their fellow lineman. Their climbing skills are essential to their careers.

Several advancements throughout the years have improved the safety of linemen, including the climbing belt, safety strap and buck squeeze. These items make it almost impossible for the lineman free-fall from the pole.

Victory Electric extends appreciation to our line crews and is thankful for the work they do to keep power on for our members.

## What Equipment Keeps Linemen Protected?

**MARLON HERNANDEZ**  
Victory Electric 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Lineman  
Pre-gear weight: 230 pounds  
Fully geared weight: 283 pounds

**HARD HAT:** A hard hat provides insulated protection against electrical hazards and protects the head from blows and falling objects.

**SAFETY GLASSES:** Worn to protect the lineman's eyes from blowing debris and potential falling objects.

**INSULATED SLEEVES:** Tested to 20,000 volts, they provide protection against electric shock and burn from fingertip to ears. They also provide extra protection against brush contact, when linemen are in close quarters to the line.

**INSULATED GLOVES:** Tested to 20,000 volts, they provide protection against electric shock and burn. They are worn inside leathers gloves, or gauntlets, that protect the rubber against cuts, abrasions and punctures.

**BUCK SQUEEZE:** A strap used for fall resistance, making it nearly impossible for a lineman to free fall—when used correctly. Keeps the lineman always secured to the pole.

**SAFETY STRAP:** The safety strap is used to ensure the lineman is always secured to the pole and allows him to climb around service drops, cable TV lines, etc., and serves as additional fall restraint.

**HAND LINE:** The lineman's lifeline. Complete with steel clips and an ox block, this rope, which hangs from a pole's crossarm, is strong enough for any job—from the routine hoisting of equipment to life-saving missions.

**GAFFS:** Razor-sharp steel points—think cowboy spurs—that are strapped to boots for climbing poles. The tips dig into the wood, helping linemen climb safely and efficiently.

**HALO LIGHT:** A halo light provides 360° visibility for linemen who are working at night and serves as a working light.

**CLIMBING BELT:** Think of it as the lineman's suitcase, with clips, loops, and D rings providing ways to carry virtually every tool he might need on the ground, on a pole or in a bucket truck.

**DITTY BAG:** This canvas bag hangs from the climbing belt and literally holds the nuts and bolts (and connectors, wire, etc.) that linemen need at the ready for any number of jobs.

**TOOL POUCH:** This bag also hangs from the back of the climbing belt and carries a wide variety of tools, such as pliers and wrenches.

**OX BLOCK:** Linemen can't carry everything up a pole, and the ox block—the signature component of the hand line—is used to raise and lower heavy equipment.

**CLIMBERS:** Contoured leg shanks to hold gaffs securely in place on lineman's boots. Climbers are strapped on just below the knee, with Velcro pads providing comfort and support.

**BOOTS:** Not cowboy boots, but lineman boots. These boots help prevent linemen from gaffing, or gouging, themselves in the leg. Serrated heels provide for a better grip when climbing, and steel shanks built into the soles provide extra support on the pole.

\* All linemen's clothing is flame resistant (FR) to prevent ignition of clothing in case of electrical arc.

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lineworkers are responsible for keeping 3,218 miles of lines across nine counties working, in order to bring power to your home and our local community 24/7, regardless of the weather, holidays or personal plans.

While some of the tools that lineworkers use have changed over the years, namely the use of technology, the dedication to the job has not. Being a lineworker is not a glamorous profession. At its essence, it is inherently dangerous, requiring them to work near high voltage lines in the worst of conditions, at any times of the day or night. During hurricanes, wildfires or storms, crews often work around the clock to restore power. While April is known for spring showers, there is also a day set aside to thank a lineworker.

Lineworker Appreciation Day is Monday, April 9. During the month of April, if you see a lineworker, please pause to say thank you to the power behind your power. Let them know you appreciate the hard work they do to keep the lights on, regardless of the conditions.

I also invite you to attend our annual meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at the Western State Bank Expo Center in Dodge City. Registration and dinner start at 5 p.m. with the business meeting



Victory Electric crew restores power during the January 2017 ice storm.

beginning at 6 p.m. All you need is an appetite and the registration card that comes with the annual report you receive in the mail.

The strength of our cooperative comes from you, our members. Informed and concerned cooperative members

stay involved by electing those people who value their way of life and work to improve the quality of life in southwest Kansas. Mark your calendars and plan to attend Victory Electric's annual meeting.

*Thanks, Shane*



Victory Electric appreciates our linemen. Top row: Phil Huffman, Kirk Konrade, Clayton Stein and Lee Vierthaler. Middle row: Jesus Ruiz, Kevin Freeman, Jason Gier, Felix Strauss, Tanner Gemahlich and Ross Ackerman. Front row: Vidal Moreno Jr., Jason Rohr, Joel Daniels, Nate Stormont, Justin Straight, Kyndell Penick, Kade Henry, Jeremy Elling, Ted McAtee, Paul Schmidt, Marlon Hernandez, Shae Ricke, Jeff Martinez, Mike Shewey, Pat Deaver, Chris Kondrade and Jacob Ledford.



Vidal Moreno Jr. frames a crossarm, which helps support the wire. Each pole has to be framed with cross arms before it can be set.

# Understanding Energy Demand and Purchasing

You may not think you need to have an understanding of energy demand and purchasing, but do you ever look at your energy bill and wonder what it all means? If your answer to that question is “yes,” then you might be interested to learn how demand impacts your electric bill.

To start, it is important to understand how electricity is made and how it is delivered to your home.

Before Victory Electric can send electricity to your home, that electricity needs to be generated by a generation and transmission cooperative (G&T). Once the electricity has been generated, it travels over high-voltage transmission lines to substations, where the voltage is reduced to a safer level. The electricity then travels over distribution power lines and finds its way into your home. So while you pay your bill to us—your electric distribution cooperative—we don’t actually generate the electricity you use. That is the job of the G&T.

We do help to determine how much electricity our members need to power their homes and businesses, and you play a big part in determining how much electricity the G&T needs to create in order to keep the lights on in our community. That is where these terms “consumption” and “demand” come in.

Consumption is measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh). Demand is measured in kilowatts (kW). A lightbulb “consumes” a

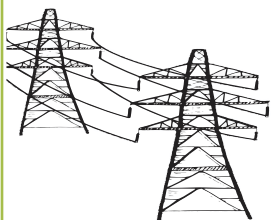
certain number of watts, let’s say 100 watts per hour. If that lightbulb stays on for 10 hours, it “demands” a certain number of kilowatts (in this case, 1 kW) from the generation station producing electricity. Now, if you turn on 10, 100-watt lightbulbs in your home for one hour, you are still consuming the same number of kW. However, you are placing a demand on the utility to have those kilowatts available to you over the course of one hour, instead of ten. This requires the G&T to produce more power in less time in order to meet your demand.

Victory Electric purchases kilowatt-hours from Sunflower Electric Cooperative, Mid Kansas Electric, and Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) based on the average demand of our members. Peak demand refers to the time of day when the demand for electricity is highest. This is typically during the evening when families return home from work or school, cook dinner and use appliances the most. Using electricity during this peak demand period often costs both Victory Electric and our members more.

Demand is the reason your electricity bill fluctuates season to season and even year to year. Generating and distributing power can be a tricky and complicated business, but rest assured Victory Electric will always meet the necessary demand to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity to your family.

## Power is generated...

Electricity is generated by a Generation and Transmission cooperative (G&T). Victory Electric has two G&T cooperatives; Sunflower Electric and Kansas Electric Power Cooperative.

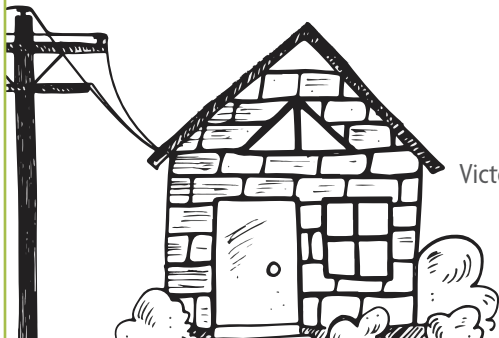
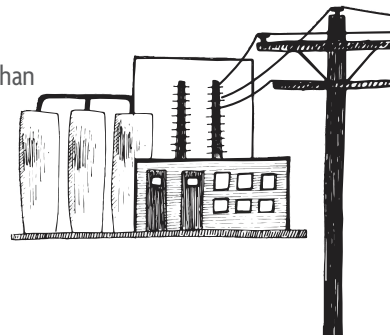


High-voltage transmission lines bring power to Victory Electric’s substations, where the voltage is reduced to a safer level.

## ...Then sent over transmission lines...

## ...And routed through Victory Electric’s distribution lines...

From substations, electricity is sent through more than 3,218 miles of Victory Electric’s distribution lines.



Victory Electric has been providing electricity for our members since 1945.

## ...Before coming through your meter and powering your home.

## Al Tirar el Enchufe de Sus Aparatos

Decir adiós a un viejo amigo puede ser intimidante. Pero al tirar el enchufe a un refrigerador anticuado o lavaplatos puede ahorrarle dinero; electrodomésticos nuevos a menudo son considerablemente más eficientes.

Un refrigerador nuevo consume 75% menos de energía que un modelo de los años setenta. Reemplazar una lavadora de ropa vintage y ahorre \$60 en facturas de servicios públicos y casi 5.000 galones de agua al año, según la Asociación de Home Appliance fabricantes. No cada electrodoméstico nuevo es una buena apuesta; siempre busque la etiqueta ENERGY STAR. Señales de modelos eficientes.

Listo para ahorrar? Caminar a través de su hogar para encontrar oportunidades para tirar el enchufe!

### Limpieza de cocina, lavandería cuesta

En el lavadero, un tamaño completo de certificación ENERGY STAR lavadora utiliza 15 galones de agua por carga, en comparación con los 23 galones usados por una máquina estándar. Durante la vida útil de la máquina, esto ahorra 27.000 galones de agua.

Reemplace su refrigerador clásico de su cocina con un modelo de certificado por ENERGY STAR para ahorrar entre \$200 y \$1.100 en costos de energía de toda la vida. Refrigerador promedio de hoy utiliza menos energía que una bombilla de 60 vatios continuamente iluminada. Resista la tentación de mover el refrigerador viejo para el sótano o en el garaje. En cambio, decir adiós y reciclar la energía.

¿Si su lavavajillas fue construido antes de 1994? Si es así, estás pagando un extra de \$40 al año en sus facturas de servicios públicos en comparación con los vecinos con un modelo de calificación ENERGY STAR.

### Ahorro de pantalla

Televisores podrían ser un poco más desconcertantes. Como aumentan los tamaños de pantalla, también puede aumentar el consumo de energía. Todavía puede ser un comprador inteligente. ENERGÍA STAR certificado televisores son cerca de 25 por ciento más eficiente que los modelos convencionales. Pantallas LED utilizan 20 traducir menos de energía que los televisores LCD.

Una vez que usted compra un TV, calíbrelo ajustando el contraste y el brillo a un nivel moderado. De forma predeterminada, se establecen nuevas televisiones en

configuración dinámica, alto contraste. Esto consume más energía de la configuración estándar, menor contraste.

### Ajustes Inteligente

Conectado a aparatos viejos? Aún puedes salvar con ajustes inteligentes. Por ejemplo, calentar agua crea el mayor gasto al lavar platos o ropa. Establecer su calentador de agua a 120 grados y asegúrese de que su ropa en la lavadora o el lavavajillas están lleno cuando usa.

Aquí están algunas otras maneras de ahorrar sin necesidad de comprar nuevos aparatos:

- ▶ **No demasiados alimentos frescos:** en la cocina, no mantenga su refrigerador o congelador demasiado frío. Las temperaturas recomendadas son 37 a 40 grados para el compartimiento de alimentos frescos y 5 grados para la sección del congelador.
- ▶ **Pan no tostado:** utilizar hornos o microondas para comidas pequeñas en lugar de su gran estufa u horno.
- ▶ **Secar platos:** la opción de "eco" de la lavadora de platos o no utilizar un calor seco característica de aire. Raspe los pedazos de comida de los platos, en lugar de aclararlos.

Para otras sugerencias sobre cómo ahorrar energía, llame a los expertos en energía en Victory Electric. Averigua qué poco cambios se suman a grandes ahorros en [Togetherwesave.com](http://Togetherwesave.com).

## Hoja Informativa de Aparatos

### Refrigerador

- ▶ Potencia de vatios—725
- ▶ Nuevo vs viejo: ahorrar más de \$100 al año
- ▶ Manera de ahorrar: ajustar los ajustes de temperatura

### Lavadora de ropa

- ▶ Potencia de vatios— 350-500
- ▶ Nuevo vs viejo: ahorrar más de \$100 al año
- ▶ Manera de ahorrar: Use agua fría cuando sea posible

### Lavavajillas

- ▶ Potencia de vatios—1.200-2.400
- ▶ Nuevo vs viejo: Ahorre \$40 al año
- ▶ Manera de ahorrar: temperatura del calentador de agua Set a 120°



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Visite nuestro sitio web [www.victoryelectric.net](http://www.victoryelectric.net). En nuestro sitio Web, usted encontrará un calendario de eventos, con frecuencia pregunta, pago de factura y energía calculadora sólo por nombrar algunas herramientas!

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