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Co-op Connections Card Puts Value in Your Wallet

Central Georgia EMC's commitment to you goes beyond providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity. We are always looking for ways to provide value to our customer-owners and our communities. Central Georgia EMC's Co-op Connections Card is a money-saving tool we are pleased to offer. The card connects you with discounts on everything from hotel stays to prescription drugs.

To register, log on to www.connections. coop, and select Create an Account. Complete the Membership Registration, selecting Central Georgia EMC as your cooperative, and choosing Co-op Member as the account type. Once you have completed the account confirmation, you can download the Co-op Connections app on to your smartphone or tablet to access your digital card. Physical cards will be mailed later, but you can use the digital card to start enjoying savings now.

One of the most valuable features of the Co-op Connections Card is the pharmacy discount. While 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 are recognized at more than 60,000 national, regional, and local pharmacies.

The pharmacy discount has been widely used by members of Touchstone Energy co-ops across the country, resulting in a combined savings of nearly \$100 million on prescriptions. There are more than 100 participating pharmacies





vice area. Be sure to ask your pharmacy about any eligible prescription savings!

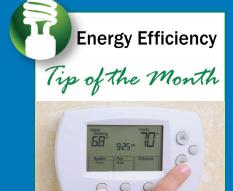
As a Touchstone Energy cooperative, Central Georgia EMC strives to serve our customer-owners according to four core values: integrity, accountability, innovation, and commitment to community. The Co-op Connections Card is one of the ways we live up to those values. We are eager to answer any questions you have about the card and how to take advantage of the available discounts. Call us at 770-775-7857 to find out more, or log on to www.cgemc.com.

Available on iTunes or Google Play, the Co-op Connections app gives you access to local discounts or the ability to find deals anywhere you travel. Download the free app and start saving today!

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

—Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Local Discounts for Co-op Connections

Local Central Georgia EMC Co-op Connection Card deals are now available!

Many local merchants are excited to be a part of our growing discount program and have signed on to offer unique deals. As this list grows, everyone will enjoy the benefits of the Co-op Connection Card. You can always find an up-to-date list of local deals at *connections.coop* and the Co-op Connections Mobile App.



Family Fun & Lodging

Pin Strikes

\$15 off child's birthday party and \$50 off a company event of \$300 or higher3478 Mt. Zion Road, Stockbridge, 770-302-07864318 Sheraton Dr, Macon, 478-812-8655

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\$89.00 plus tax and fees per night 100 Northerest Blvd, Macon, 478-476-8100

Restaurants

Rutabaga's Market & Cafe 10% off retail items, 10% off cafe items 1 Cherry St., Hampton, 770-560-5980

Saki Japanese Steakhouse

10% entire ticket (excludes alcohol, dollar sushi)136 West Third St, Jackson, 770-504-3066

Retail

5 Star Nutrition
25% off all powders. Buy two pill bottles at 20% off and get the third free.
5005 Riverside Drive, Suite E, Macon,
478-254-6595

Belle Bottoms 10% off non-sale items excluding embroidery. 24 Mulberry Street, Jackson, 678-774-8788

CoTique Boutique 15% off total purchase; cannot be combined with other offers. 19 N. Lee Street, Forsyth, 478-992-8371

Countryside Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram \$10 off any service; 3 percent over book on Used Cars; \$1,000 behind invoice on new car purchase. 846 E. Third Street, Jackson, 770-629-9183

Jackson Heating & Cooling

\$50 off any Big Green Egg package jacksonheatingcooling.com265 Lewis Street, Jackson, 770-775-5262

Mary Lee's Gifts 10% off merchandise 733 Covington Street, Jackson, 770-775-7995

Southern Grace Creations

10% off non-sale item Shoppes at River Crossing, Macon, 478-305-7554

Service

Consolidated Copier Services 20% off a company's first service call *www.consolidatedcopiers.com*, 678-289-5100

EnergyWise Heating & Air Conditioning

10% discount on any service repair energywisega.com, 706-468-9742

FitCo Health Club \$0 key fee/sign up fee 833 Patrol Road, Forsyth, 478-993-2202

Jackson Heating & Cooling

10% off any repair or \$100 off equipment replacement 770-775-5262

McLaurin Graphics, Inc. 10% off print job 770-775-6457

Mosquito Joe of East Atlanta-Athens \$25 off first treatment *Eastatlanta-athens.mosqquitojoe.com*, 770-872-7879

Mosquito Joe of Macon \$25 off first treatment macon.mosquitojoe.com, 478-845-2046

Nail Heating and Air Conditioning 10% off services, \$150 off new systems 770-946-8088

Phillips Heating & Air 10% off services, 5% off equipment 770-914-1224

Reliable Heating & Air 2% off 770-594-9969

The Brokery, LLC \$250 toward a home inspection *thebrokery.net*, 478-420-0023

West Mane Salon

15% off products when you buy two or more (does not include appliances such as hair dryers or flat irons.)18 West Main St, Forsyth, 478-994-3313

If you are a business owner that would like to participate in the Co-op Connections program, call us at 770-775-7857 or email *marketing@cgemc.com*

Statewide Co-op Connections Deals

New statewide deals are available at www.connections.coop. To take advantage, simply sign in or create an account and view Georgia Deals in the user profile. These deals are a great way to save money on family activities yearround. Discounts to popular state attractions such as the Georgia Aquarium, Georgia state parks, the historic SAM Shortline Railroad, The Rock Ranch, Six Flags Over Georgia, Six Flags White Water, and Stone Mountain Park are available to our members.

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Reintroducing cgemc.com: Same Place, New Look

Central Georgia EMC has launched a new website in conjunction with our Touchstone Energy partnership. Still located at our traditional URL address of *www.cgemc.com*, the new website offers a fresh look with added convenience.

New website features:

Quick access to your account: Sign in directly from the home page

Easy-to-find information: Find what you need on our home page—important notifications, energy savings, outage details, news, and more. If you have trouble finding something, use the search field to enter a few key words.

Home Energy Adventure: An interactive energy efficiency tool designed to help maximize your home's energy efficiency.

Available on any device: View our full site on a desktop computer, mobile phone, or tablet.





Squash Relish From the kitchen of Kathryn Lance



Ingredients:

- 8 cups yellow squash, chopped
- 3 large green peppers, chopped
- 3 large onions, chopped
- 4 tablespoons salt
- 2 cups white vinegar
- 3 cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons celery seed
- 2 tablespoons mustard seed
- Add hot pepper, if desired

Directions:

Mix and boil in a large pot for 30 minutes. Pack in sterilized jars and seal. Yields approximately six pints.

Searching for Your Winter Recipes!

To share a recipe, please send to 923 S. Mulberry St, Jackson, GA 30233, Attn: Vicki Jolley. Alternatively, submit to *vjolley@cgemc. com.* Please include your account number. You will receive a \$20 credit on your next electric bill for recipes that are printed.



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The Power of Giving



Central Georgia EMC's Operation Round Up is in the 10th year of giving back to the communities we serve. From mid-2006 to present, the generosity and community concern of our participating customer-owners has allowed our foundation to grant more than 900 awards, totaling more than \$2 million, to more than 300 different organizations.

Operation Round Up allows CGEMC customer-owners to round up their utility bills to the next dollar, and the accumulated change is then designated for use by our Foundation Board. These funds have enriched the communities across our 14-county territory. In return for the average cost of a fast-food meal (the average contribution per participant is around \$6 per year), food banks, schools, health clinics, special-needs groups, and many other worthy organizations have been given the chance to grow and help others.

Foundation Board members take their responsibility to participants very seriously. Each territory is represented and has a voice in how the collected funds will be disbursed. The grants are awarded using guidelines that specify that each applicant must have 501(c)(3) nonprofit status and demonstrate exactly how the funds will be used.

Local schools are a major benefactor of Operation Round Up funds. From hydroponic garden projects, robotics, and technology, these funds have helped our children become excited about and engaged with their educational experience. As our families and children head back to school, please consider joining your small change with ours and enroll in Operation Round Up to increase our combined power of giving.

To enroll in Operation Round Up, log in to your account at www.cgemc.com, or call us at 770-775-7857.

Holiday Notice

Central Georgia EMC will be closed Monday, September 4, 2017, in observance of Labor Day. In case of a power outage, please call our 24-hour automated outage system at 770-775-7857 or 800-222-4877 for an immediate response. System operators are on duty to assist you.



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