

COPPER VALLEY ELECTRIC



Co-op Connections®
is the free member discount program that supports local businesses and saves you money.

Visit cvea.org or connections.coop for details

Co-op Connections: So Many Ways to Save

In October, as part of National Co-op Month, CVEA relaunched Co-op Connections, a free member program that helps members save money on every day items while supporting local businesses.

The program hosts so many benefits, in addition to great local savings, and CVEA wants to ensure members know all the ways they can save. The best part of Co-op Connections is that as a CVEA member, you get all of these great benefits absolutely FREE, and right from your mobile device. Just visit cvea.org or download the free Co-op Connections app on your mobile device to 'get connected' and start saving money.

If you are visiting neighboring towns, remember that your digital discount card is good wherever a Co-op Connections program exists. This program goes way beyond Alaska. There is a network of more than 23,500 discounts throughout the country. Just type the zip code where you're heading into the mobile app to find local deals in that location, or access GPS tracking or look for the window sticker as you walk about town. Show your digital discount card from the app or present your physical card at the point of sale to get discounts on dining, services and at retail locations. And don't forget, the national discounts will work for you wherever you may be headed.

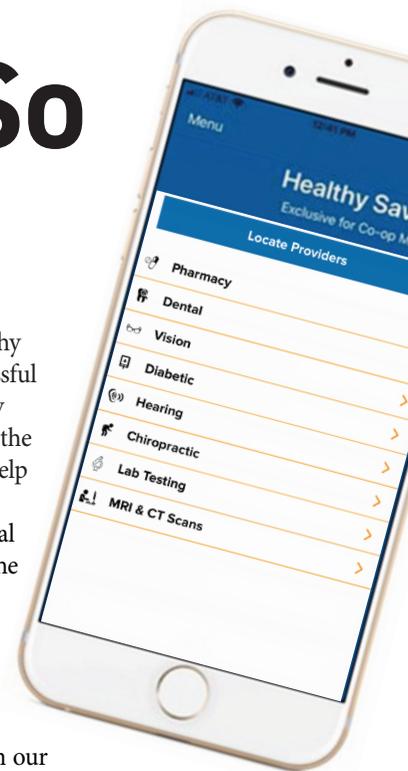
Members can take advantage of national partner deals, hotel and travel discounts, deals on event tickets, low cost

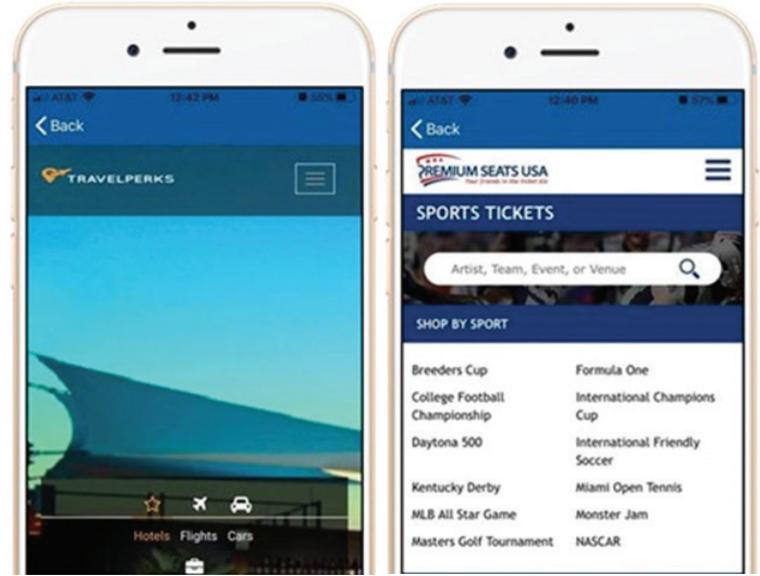
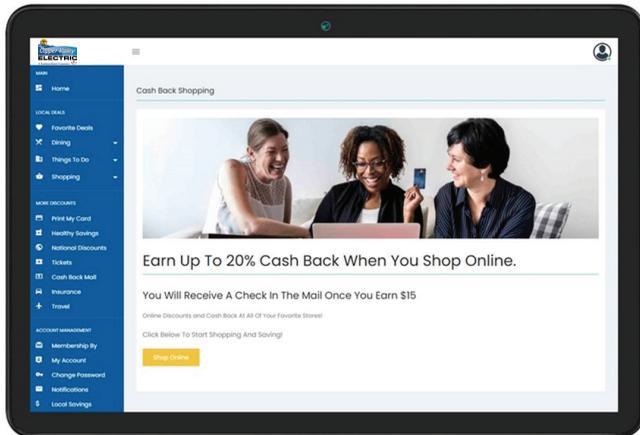
insurance products, and a host of healthy savings discounts, to include the successful prescription discount program. Healthy savings discounts vary by location, but the Co-op Connections app has a tool to help you find a location to suit your needs.

In addition, the program offers digital coupons, roadside assistance through the mobile app, and a cash back program where members can earn up to 27 percent cash back when shopping online at over 1,300 stores. CVEA definitely advocates for shopping at local merchants, but we know people in our remote communities shop online, so why not get money back? If you're already buying, it's time to get paid!

CVEA is part of the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives brand, a nationwide alliance of more than 725 consumer-owned electric cooperatives dedicated to serving their members and communities with integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community.

These money saving benefits are part of our commitment to helping CVEA members during challenging economic times. ■





Shop Local Deals

Deals are subject to change and some restrictions apply. Visit connections.coop or your mobile app for current details.

Copper Basin District

- C N D Metalworks - Spend \$50 and get a 10% discount
- Casa de la Arte - Free gift (value \$5-\$20) with purchase of \$100 or more
- Copper Valley Telecom - 10% off accessories
- Ernesto's Grill - \$1 off food purchase; excludes beverages
- NAPA Rewards - Join, spend \$100 and receive \$5 off
- KCAM Radio - 15% off a Monthly ROS Package; new contracts only, 2 month minimum
- Kendra's Creations - Sunday Funday! 10% off 1 chemical service; including color, perm or treatment
- New to You - 10% off used merchandise
- Northern Nights Campground RV Park & Cabins - \$5 discount on your first night stay in the RV park or cabins
- Sparks General Store - Purchase any large pizza and get \$1 off an order of breadsticks
- Tok Thai - Buy 2 orders (any combination) and receive a FREE can of soda or bottled water
- Trailside Espresso - 50¢ off entire purchase

Valdez District

- A Rogue's Garden - Spend \$50 and get a \$5 gift card (valid towards future purchases)
- Acres Kwik Trip - 50¢ off a large fountain drink
- Bare Essentials Esthetics - Waxing Wednesdays - get three body areas waxed during a single visit and save \$5
- Best Western Valdez Harbor Inn - 10% off rack rate; only if booked directly through hotel reservations
- Capt'n Joe's - 50¢ off soft serve ice cream cone; limit 4 per customer per day
- Copper Valley Telecom - 10% off accessories and sweat-shirts (while supplies last)
- Creative Connections - 20% off holiday items

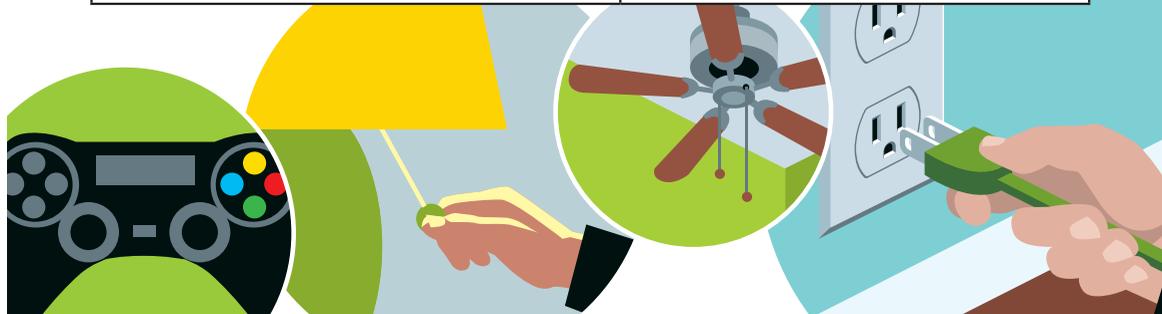
- Friends of the Valdez Animal Shelter - BOGO t-shirts
- Glacier Automotive - 25% off glass for windshield replacement services, 20% off LED light installation
- Growler Bay Brewing Company - Purchase \$65 in merchandise and receive a FREE tote bag (alcohol excluded)
- Herbal Outfitters - 10% off any logo apparel and Earthly body lotion; FREE logo sticker w/purchase
- Klondike Coffee - Purchase a Klondike Coffee Hydroflask and the first fill is FREE
- Mark's Repair - \$5 off an oil change
- Mike's Palace - Purchase 2 large pizzas and receive one FREE liter of Coke or Dr. Pepper
- NAPA Rewards - Join, spend \$100 and receive \$5 off
- Northwind Floral and Gifts - 10% off one Fall decoration
- RadioShack - 10% off 610 series surge protectors, multi-plug adapters, extension cords & flashlights
- Second Time Around - \$5 discount for every purchase \$50 or more
- South Central Hardware - 10% off one weatherization item
- Subway - FREE bag of chips with any sandwich purchase
- The Fat Mermaid - Order 2 pizzas and receive a FREE order of Cheesy Breadsticks
- The Wheelhouse - 10% off food items; beverages excluded
- Totem Hotel and Suites - \$20 off regular room rates
- Valdez Art Co-op - 10% off single purchase of \$100 or more
- Valdez Office Supply - \$10 off any purchase of \$100 or more
- Valdez Senior Center - Purchase a 5 meal card and be entered into a drawing to win a 5 meal card
- Lips and Kisses: AK - 15% off purchase for first time customers; 10% off online orders w/code cveaco-op

ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE FAMILY



There are several easy ways you and your family can save energy at home! Print this page, assign each energy-saving task, then place it on your fridge so your family can work together to save energy – and money.

WAY TO SAVE ENERGY	ASSIGNED TO:
Turn off lights in empty rooms.	
Replace any incandescent and/or CFL bulbs with LED bulbs.	
Turn off electronics that aren't in use (TVs, gaming consoles, etc.)	
Unplug phone chargers that aren't in use.	
Turn off ceiling fans in empty rooms.	
Adjust the thermostat when you leave the house. (Set it higher in summer and lower in winter.)	
Once a week, make a meal that doesn't require cooking in the kitchen. (Make PB&Js or cook outside)	
Make sure all doors and windows are closed when the air conditioner or heater is running.	



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NEW TO YOU

Thriftstore and DVD Rental
 Box 441, Glennallen, AK 99588
 Behind IGA Supermarket
 Mon. - Sat. 11am to 7pm
 907 822-4447

We have something for everybody.

My best treasures are in heaven,
 and at New To You.

Quote by Penny Ewan

A Big Thanks to CVEA
 for keeping our lights on.



Co-op Connections Business Ad Winners

VALDEZ ART COOPERATIVE GALLERY



The Valdez Art Co-op is an art gallery that is a culmination of a dream- a place to house, display and sell the artwork that we create with inspired hearts and have always yearned to share with the world. Our artists work in acrylics, furniture restoration, wood burning, fused glass, fiber art, resin, soap making, handmade greeting cards, metal prints, pottery, recycled material and as clothing entrepreneurs. We have ALL local art that is sure to make a perfect gift for you or your loved ones on any occasion. Even on a rainy day, our gallery is sure to brighten your mood.

907.835.2219

WINTER HOURS:
 FRI. - SUN. 12PM-6PM
 EXTENDED
 HOLIDAY HOURS!

 Valdez Art Co-op

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Holiday Season Tips and Reminders

Cook Up Holiday Energy Savings



For many of us, the best holidays involve home-cooked meals and wonderful aromas of turkey, stuffing and baked goods wafting throughout the house. It means a busy kitchen, but it doesn't have to mean higher energy costs this holiday season.

Cut carbs (carbon) painlessly

- When preparing side dishes, baked goods, soups and such, consider using small appliances like a crock pot, toaster oven, microwave or warming plate instead of your conven-

tional oven or stovetop. These small appliances are a smart, energy-saving alternative, typically using about half the energy of a stove.

- Unplug appliances that draw phantom energy load – these are the appliances that draw energy even when they're not in use, like coffee makers, microwaves and toaster ovens. Unplug them when they're not in use, or better yet, use a power strip for convenient control.
- Bonus tip: The best way to save energy is to not use it. Try a tasty, no-bake dessert recipe. Your sweet tooth (and energy bill!) will thank you.

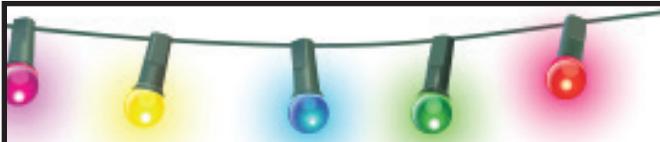
Seal in efficiency; allowing large appliances to work less

- When using your oven, don't peek! Opening the oven door can lower the temperature by as much as 25 degrees and causes your stove to work harder (consuming more energy) to return to the desired cooking temperature. If your recipe calls for baking the dish more than an hour, it is not necessary to preheat the oven.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible so cold air doesn't escape. Make sure leftovers are covered and allow it to cool down first so your fridge doesn't work harder to cool warm food.
- Give your furnace a brief holiday, too. The heat from your hard working oven will keep your house comfortable, enabling you to turn down the thermostat.

Clean up with energy savings

- When it's time to clean up, wash and dry dirty dishes by hand. If you do use the dishwasher and rinse dishes before loading them, use cold water.
- Run the dishwasher with full loads only, and if possible, use the energy-saving cycle.
- You can also save energy by letting your dishes air dry. If your dishwasher doesn't have an automatic air-dry switch, simply turn it off after the final rinse and prop the door open so the dishes will dry faster.

By adapting these efficient practices in your kitchen, energy savings will be one more thing to be thankful for this holiday season.



MERRY, BRIGHT AND EFFICIENT HOLIDAY LIGHTING

It's almost time to start decorating for the holidays. Decking the halls doesn't have to take a toll on your energy bill! Keep your holiday lighting merry, bright, and energy efficient with LED light strands.

- Consider replacing older light strands with new ENERGY STAR LED lights; LED strands are 70 percent more efficient and last 10 times longer than the age-old standard bulbs
- You can get the look of cozy lighting with LEDs; just look for 'warm white' on the label
- Unlike older light strands, LED lights give off virtually no heat, making them safer for kids and pets (and reindeer).
- Save energy by setting a timer for outdoor lighting and decorations; program the timer so the lights turn on in the evening and turn off later at night when you typically go to sleep

Source: Department of Energy



Beware of Scams During the Holidays



Unfortunately, in today's world, scams are inevitable. Scammers can threaten you with everything from legal action involving the IRS to turning off power to your home.

Utility scams often involve an individual or group posing as an employee of your electric cooperative. The scammer may use threatening language in order to frighten you into offering your credit card or bank account information. Don't fall victim. Understand the threats posed and your best course of action:

- If someone calls your home or cell phone demanding you pay your electric bill immediately, gather as much information as you can from that individual, hang-up the phone and contact the local authorities. Scammers often use threats and urgency to pressure you into giving them your bank account number or loading a prepaid credit or debit card. CVEA will never ask you to offer up personal finance information over the phone. If you have any doubts about your utility bill, contact CVEA either in person, or over the phone at 822-3211 in the Copper Basin, or 835-4301 in Valdez.
- If someone comes to your home claiming to be an employee of CVEA that needs to collect money or inspect parts of your property, call us to verify they are an employee. If they are not, call local authorities for assistance and do not let the individual into your home.

There are other types of scams consumers should watch out for as well:

- Government agencies like the IRS will never call to inform you that you have unpaid taxes or other liens against you.
- If you receive an email from an unknown sender riddled with spelling errors and typos; or an email threatening action unless a sum of money is paid, just delete it, do not click any links, and do not respond to the email.
- Other emails often appear they're being sent by someone you know and sound familiar and relevant. Pay close attention. If it sounds outside of normal procedure, talk to the person you believe sent it to you.
- If someone calls your home claiming to have discovered a virus on your computer, hang up. This caller's intent is to access personal information you may be keeping on your computer. ■



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Important Dates

November

CVEA Board Meeting: The November meeting of the Board of Directors is 1 p.m. Thursday, November 19, 2020, in Valdez

CVEA Offices Closed: CVEA will be closed Thursday, November 26, 2020, for the Thanksgiving holiday

December

CVEA Board Meeting: The December meeting of the Board of Directors is 1 p.m. Thursday, December 17, 2020, in Glennallen

CVEA Offices Closed: The CVEA offices will be closed Wednesday, December 23 and Thursday, December 24, 2020, for the Christmas Holiday, and Wednesday, December 30 and Thursday, December 31, 2020, for New Year's

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CVEA Community Foundation Round Up for Your Community

The holiday season is a time for giving thanks. Copper Valley Electric would like to thank everyone who rounded up or donated to the CVEA Community Foundation in 2020, and encourage all members to begin rounding up their electric bill next year.

Consider rounding up your electric bill to the nearest dollar amount each month. It's easy and painless. Participants who round up their bill contribute between \$.01 and \$.99 monthly, an average of just \$6 a year, to the Foundation.

Individually this is not a large number, but combined with other Co-op members, it will make a difference. If half of all CVEA members round up their bills each month, the Foundation will bring in an amazing \$10,000 each year.

Money raised is used to provide scholarships for students and to help local educational, scientific, and charitable organizations in our communities start new programs and expand existing ones. In 2020, the Foundation awarded \$8,000 in scholarships and made over \$17,500 in contributions to 12 local nonprofit organizations. Stay tuned to see what programs received funding; an announcement will be included in the next issue.

Another really easy way for members to contribute is to add a specific amount to their electric bill each month. Members can also make a one-time donation or even donate their future capital credit disbursements.

If you'd like to help your Cooperative do more for the community by rounding up or adding an amount to your bill, you can do this anytime by simply filling out the donation form located on cvea.org (also available at CVEA offices) and bringing it to the CVEA office in your district, sending it via email to mbedrick@cvea.org, or mailing it to P.O. Box 45, Glennallen, AK 99588.

For additional information on the Community Foundation or if you have questions about making a donation, contact Sharon Scheidt, Director of Communications, at (907) 822-5506, (907) 835-7005, or email scheidt@cvea.org.