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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS OF THE MONTH

This spring, consider using a rain barrel to save energy.

Rain barrels capture rainwater from a roof that can be used later for watering your lawn, garden or indoor plants.

Source: Energy.gov



MARCH-ING INTO SPRING! Suggestions Offered To Electrify Your Lawn Care

Spring is just around the corner, and you can practically smell the freshly-cut grass. If you're in the market to upgrade your lawn care equipment, you may want to consider electric (or battery-powered) options.

Gas-powered lawn mowers and trimmers may be your go-to, but times they are a changin'. Electric lawn care equipment options are becoming more popular than ever, offering consumers faster charging times, longer battery life and quieter, greener products compared to their gas-powered counterparts. Here are three ways you can electrify your lawn care this spring.

Electric lawn mowers have come a long way over the last few years. Early models required corded connections, which were tricky to manage—but the cord has been cut. Newer cordless electric mowers are certainly more expensive than gas-powered mowers, but much of the upfront cost can be recovered since electricity is a less expensive fuel than gas, and electric engines generally require less maintenance than gas engines. Cordless electric mowers typically range from \$200 to \$500.

Electric mowers are suitable for most lawn care needs, with batteries that typically require about one to two hours to fully charge, and most batteries can run for a full hour. That said, if you have a large yard (half an acre or larger), a gas-powered option may be best to suit your needs.

Cordless electric string trimmers are a great option for most lawns. Traditionally, like lawn mowers, string trimmers have typically been powered by gas. But new versions of electric trimmers are improving and are now considered worthy competitors of gas-powered models.

Cordless electric trimmers are much quieter and easier to use, but most batteries last about 30 to 45 minutes. So, if you have a lot of space to trim, you may want to consider a back-up battery or plan to work in short bursts. If you're interested in purchasing an electric trimmer, the main factors to consider are the battery's life, charge time and power. Costs can vary depending on your needs, but you can find a quality version for about \$100. Electric Leaf Blowers

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It appears that IEC headquarters in Cleveland is filling in as the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. This recently taken photo reminds us just how LUCKY we are to have you as an IEC member!

Electrifying Lawn Work

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After cutting and trimming your lawn, you'll need to clear off those walkways and patios for the finishing touch. If you don't want to deal with the maintenance of a gas-powered blower or the restraints of a corded blower, a cordless electric version is a great option.

Cordless electric leaf blowers are lightweight and easy to maneuver, but they don't offer quite as much power as gas-powered and corded blowers. If your leaf blowing and clearing needs are minimal, a cordless electric leaf blower can get the job done. Costs for a cordless electric blower vary depending on power and battery quality, but you can purchase a dependable model for about \$150 and up.

If you're looking to electrify your lawn care equipment, be sure to do your homework. Search online for the latest reviews, and check trusted websites like ConsumerReports.org. With a little research, you'll be well on your way to Lawn of the Month – with less maintenance, hassle and noise (and your neighbors will thank you!).

Article written by Abby Berry, consumer and cooperative affairs writer for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association representing more than 900 local electric cooperatives. From growing suburbs to remote farming communities, electric co-ops serve as engines of economic development for 42 million Americans across 56 percent of the nation's landscape.

SCHOOLS BENEFIT FROM TAX

2019

Gross Receipts Tax
Report

The chart below reveals the dollar amounts Indian Electric Cooperative paid to area schools by way of the Gross Receipts Tax in 2019.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME	MILES WITHIN DISTRICT	TAXES PER SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALLEN BOWDEN	0.63	\$ 176.19
BILLINGS	0.49	136.67
BOWRING	14.99	4,199.53
BRISTOW	28.81	8,073.41
CLEVELAND	568.37	159,275.27
CUSHING	59.81	16,760.30
DEPEW	0.04	11.21
DRUMRIGHT	57.16	16,017.67
FRONTIER	162.82	45,627.17
GLENCOE	5.43	1,522.81
HOMINY	175.43	49,135.45
JENNINGS	59.59	16,698.76
KELLYVILLE	3.63	1,016.31
KEYSTONE	175.42	49,156.86
MANNFORD	279.61	78,354.02
MORRISON	57.81	16,199.71
OILTON	56.54	15,844.80
OLIVE	207.40	58,118.73
PAWHUSKA	92.46	25,910.43
PAWNEE	471.53	132,136.34
PONCA CITY	48.98	13,724.36
PRETTY WATER	46.25	12,960.78
PRUE	45.95	12,875.55
SAND SPRINGS	93.24	26,128.34
SHIDLER	107.75	30,195.28
WOODLAND	404.79	113,434.76
WYNONA	108.81	30,491.57
YALE	170.37	47,743.59
	3,504.01	\$981,925.68

Fairfax Holds 'Trunk Show'

What do you do in the middle of winter to lift the spirits of a community? You plan a 'Trunk Show.' Well, you do if you're an organizer like Carol Conner! She said she knew planning an outdoor event on February 8 was a weather risk, but she was willing to take the risk to spread a little sunshine! The weather did cooperate and Fairfax's Main Street had vehicle owners peddling their wares — a big variety — out of the trunks of their vehicles. The event wasn't just about selling, but about visiting with neighbors and encouraging some good ol' community camaraderie.



The Fairfax Trunk Show was a project of the Fairfax Community Foundation — a group that works hard to bring awareness to its community and raises funds for community improvements, such as the restoration of the historic downtown Tallchief Theatre.

Brunch Bites



By Family Features

A perfect addition to your brunch table, these savory Mini Ham and Avocado Biscuit Sliders are quick and easy to make. For even more homemade flavor, make the biscuits from scratch using a buttermilk-sweet potato mixture.

MINI HAM AND AVOCADO BISCUIT SLIDERS

Recipe adapted from Wilton

- 2 cups, plus 1 tablespoon, all-purpose flour, divided
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon sage
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 cup cold butter, cut into - 1/2 inch slices
- 1 cup buttermilk, divided
- 1 medium sweet potato, boiled, peeled and mashed
- spinach leaves
- deli ham
- 1 avocado

Heat oven to 425 F. Prepare baking sheet with parchment paper.

In large bowl, whisk 2 cups flour, baking powder, salt, sage and paprika. With pastry blender, cut in cold butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

In medium bowl, whisk 3/4 cup buttermilk and mashed sweet potato. Stir into flour mixture until dough forms.

Using remaining flour to prepare surface, knead until dough forms. Roll dough to 3/4-inch thickness. Using 2-inch round cutter, cut dough into 18 biscuits. Re-roll and cut out dough until all is used.

Place biscuits on prepared baking sheet. Brush each biscuit with remaining buttermilk.

Bake 11-13 minutes, or until golden brown.

Cool completely.

Split biscuits in half. Top bottom half of biscuit with spinach leaves, deli ham and an avocado slice. Replace biscuit top and serve immediately.

Find more brunch recipes at Culinary.net.

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