

Doug Rye *says ...*



Energy Efficiency Commandment No. 6: Thou Shalt be Thankful

Actually this column doesn't relate to energy efficiency as much as it does to energy itself and specifically, electricity. Because we will be celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday this month, I thought it would be good to think about the value of electricity and all the great things it does for us.

I just love this time of the year. The leaves are beautiful and the air is comfortable and refreshing. We are entering the holiday season and some of you have already missed the biggest buck deer you've ever seen. And Thanksgiving will soon be here. We have so much to be thankful for in this country. A few months ago in one of my columns I wrote that I consider electricity to be a blessing. And I really do feel that way. Let me list many of the ways that we use electricity at home. Here we go:

Television, ceiling lights, lamps, refrigerator, range/oven, range exhaust fan, garbage disposal, dishwasher, microwave, mixer/blender, coffee maker, toaster, crock pot, electric knife, stereo/radio, clocks, bath exhaust fan, heating/cooling system, clothes dryer, clothes washer, cell phone

charger, hair dryer, curling iron, DVD player, exterior lights, battery chargers times 3, Christmas lights, heating pad, vacuum cleaning system, garage door opener, freezer, ceiling fan, computer, printer, security system, copy machine, electric water heater, waffle iron, electric tools, video games, humidifier, dehumidifier, well pump, air compressor, paper shredder, circulating hot water system, ice maker, treadmill, pool equipment, electric guitar ...



I know there are many more but I am getting ready to drive to Jasper, Ark., to enjoy this state's beautiful scenery. Instead, I will ask you to finish the list with some of the other ways we use electricity at home. If you think you might have the longest list, call me at my office at 501-653-7931 and share it with me. The caller with the longest list will get a very nice early Christmas present.

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