



# CONNECTIONS

## WREC EXPANDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO SUPPORT 130 LOCAL STUDENTS

Since 1997, the WREC Educational Foundation has proudly awarded 2,634 scholarships—representing an investment of over \$21.1 million in the future of our communities. In 2025, WREC granted scholarships to 110 graduating high school seniors.

We’re excited to announce that, beginning this school year, WREC will award 130 scholarships each valued at \$12,000 to dedicated students across our service area. These funds will be distributed over the course of their academic journey and can be used at any in-state, regionally accredited college, university, or technical school.

The funding for this program is made possible through abandoned Capital Credits. By reinvesting these funds locally, WREC continues to uphold the Cooperative principle of supporting our Members and strengthening our communities.

Applications for the 2026 scholarship cycle will be available at [wrec.net](http://wrec.net) starting October 1, 2025, and must be submitted no later than March 1, 2026. Visit [wrec.net](http://wrec.net) for more information.



# ENERGY-SAVING TIPS FROM WREC

At Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC), we're here to help you cut energy use, save money, and live more comfortably. Whether you own or rent, these tips can make a real difference.

## Know Your Usage

Energy use depends on your household. More people means more cooking, laundry, and AC use. Start by tracking your usage to find savings opportunities.

## Conserve & Save

Reduce energy use during peak hours - early mornings and late afternoons:

- Hold off on running big appliances.
- Adjust your thermostat slightly.
- Turn off unnecessary lights and electronics.

## Cool & Heat Smart

- Set thermostats to 78°F (summer) and 68°F (winter).
- Use ceiling fans.
- Seal leaks around windows and doors.

## Upgrade Wisely

- Choose ENERGY STAR® appliances.
- Consider smart thermostats to boost efficiency.
- Replace old bulbs with LEDs for 90% energy savings and longer life.

## Daily Habits That Help

- Unplug devices when not in use.
- Wash clothes in cold water.
- Run full loads in washers and dishwashers.

## Use WREC Tools

Visit [wrec.net](http://wrec.net) for:

- Home Energy Management guide
- Energy audits
- Other helpful programs

By following these tips and using WREC's resources, Members can enjoy lower energy bills and a more comfortable home.





# MOVE OVER, IT'S THE LAW



Did you know Florida law requires drivers to move over or slow down for utility vehicles like those from WREC?

If you see a WREC truck with flashing lights on the roadside:

- Move over one lane if it's safe.
- If you can't, slow down by 20 mph below the speed limit.
- On roads with a 20 mph limit or less, slow to 5 mph.

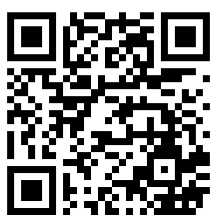
This is especially important to remember during storm season when there are more trucks out restoring power. Thanks for helping keep our crews safe!

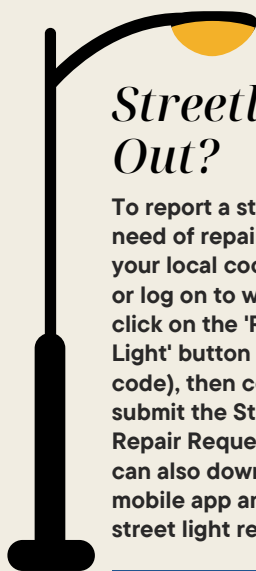


## CO-OP CONNECTIONS

**Start saving today!** Did you know WREC has a free benefit program that provides our Members with discounts from local businesses within the community? It is true! Co-op Connections is a free program that we offer to our Members. Members can earn discounts from clothing, dining, automotive, entertainment, and much more. This program is easy to use, so download the Co-op Connections app for free to register today and start saving!

**For businesses** interested in participating in this wonderful program or Members looking for more information please visit [connections.coop](http://connections.coop) or scan the QR code to the left to sign up for this money saving program.





## Streetlight Out?

To report a streetlight in need of repair, please call your local cooperative office, or log on to [wrec.net](http://wrec.net) and click on the 'Repair Street Light' button (or scan the QR code), then complete and submit the Street Light Repair Request Form. You can also download the WREC mobile app and request a street light repair.



Scan to Report

### LOCAL WREC NUMBERS

**PASCO:** Billy E. Brown Corporate Center: 352-567-5133  
One Pasco Center District Office: 352-588-5115  
New Tampa/Wesley Chapel: 813-979-9732  
Bayonet Point District Office: 727-868-9465  
Land O' Lakes/Odessa: 813-972-9233

**CITRUS:** Crystal River District Office: 352-795-4382  
Dunnellon: 352-489-6818

**HERNANDO:** West Hernando District Office: 352-596-4000

**POLK:** One Pasco Center District Office: 863-687-4396

**SUMTER:** Bushnell: 352-793-7813

## Stay in the Know

Be sure to follow us on our social media platforms.



Scan to visit [wrec.net](http://wrec.net)

## Pet Electrical Safety Tips

Unplug appliances when not in use. Even if your pet doesn't chew on cords, they might accidentally turn something on or knock it over. Unplugging devices like space heaters, fans, or irons when you're not using them helps prevent electrical fires or injuries if your pet gets curious.



## DID YOU KNOW?

WE SHARE DAILY UPDATES, ENERGY-  
SAVING TIPS, AND  
WREC NEWS ON  
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TO FOLLOW US!

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