

Get More Space, Lower Your Bill and Make \$50

Recycle your old refrigerator or freezer and enjoy the benefits

Are you cleaning out your garage and want to find a home for that older refrigerator or freezer? Graham County Electric Cooperative is excited to offer a refrigerator or freezer appliance collection and recycling service to capture significant energy savings for its members.

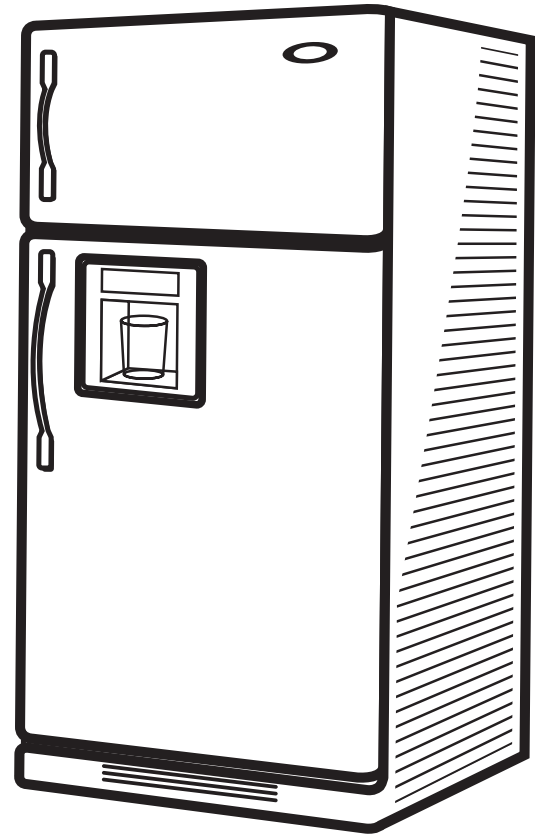
Older appliances, especially those built before 1990, consume up to four times more energy than new, more efficient models. Many members have secondary refrigerators that are old, inefficient and/or ineffectively operated, such as simply keeping beverages cold or storing leftover food.

This program disposes of those inefficient appliances and provides \$50 cash* to the member, in addition to energy savings on their bill.

Participation is easy. GCEC has partnered with JACO Environmental Inc. to help pick up your refrigerator or freezer. If you are a GCEC member, simply schedule your pick up by calling (855) 559-2524 and provide your member information and the location of the appliance.

There are a few qualifications for your refrigerator or freezer:

- Units must be at a residential location served by GCEC.



- Units must demonstrate they are in operating order at time of pick-up.
- Units must be 10- to 30-cubic feet in size.
- Energy Star units are not eligible.
- Up to two units per member per year can be picked up.

In addition to savings for members, the program offers environmental benefits. When people dump units into landfills, old appliances rust, leak toxic oils and emit gases. Through the program, JACO disposes of the materials safely.

GCEC has additional energy-efficiency programs. The CFL lighting program promotes the installation of high-efficiency compact fluorescent lamps in homes. Participating retailers include ACE Hardware.

GCEC also gives members a way to save energy on a voluntary basis with time-of-use rates. Future programs being finalized include a residential low income weatherization program and residential conservation behavior program.

The refrigerator/freezer appliance recycling program is a “win-win-win” for members, GCEC and the environment. Contact the office for details on how you can save energy and money.

**Check to be mailed to member 4 to 6 weeks after collection.*



**“I USED TO PUT A FEW DRINKS
IN MY SECOND FRIDGE.
AND ABOUT \$146 A YEAR.”**

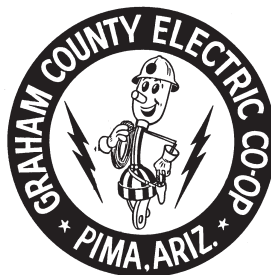
It pays to get rid of that old fridge!

Take advantage of Graham County Electric’s refrigerator/freezer recycling program. We will pick up and recycle your refrigerator or freezer and give you \$50. To schedule a free pickup and learn if you qualify, call **(855) 559-2524**.

**Get
\$50**

**Save up to
\$250/yr
in energy costs**

No purchase of new or replacement refrigerator unit necessary for program participation. JACO Environmental, an appliance recycler, will pick up and recycle refrigerators and freezers that are empty and working. Refrigerators and freezers must be 10- to 30-cubic feet in size and collection crews will need clear access to the unit. Customers must own the unit(s) being recycled. Limit two units per residential account per year. A check will be issued to the Graham County Electric customer and will be mailed approximately 4-6 weeks after the appliance pickup. Contractor reserves the right to leave the appliance if removal may cause damage to the property, or is otherwise impractical or unsafe.



GCEC Helps Make Bill Paying Easier for You

Are you going on vacation or moving this summer? Summers are a time for change or getting away for a few weeks. Graham County Electric Cooperative is helping its members make paying bills or moving into that new house a little easier.

GCEC offers a number of ways to pay your bill:

- **Automatic monthly payments using Sure Pay.** This is an easy, secure, free way to pay your bill automatically on the 10th of each month. Sure Pay is an electronic funds transfer from your bank or credit union that posts to your utility bill. Contact the office to sign up and complete the form, in addition to providing a voided check.

- **Pay with a debit or credit card.** This provides you the convenience of paying by phone or online 24/7 with your debit or credit card. Simply call toll-free (877) 807-6608 or go online to www.azgcec.coop and provide your card information, GCEC customer number, and amount of the utility bill. There is a \$3.50 convenience fee, with a limit of \$250 per transaction. To avoid disconnection of service, customers must submit their payment at least one day prior to disconnect date. No debit or credit cards will be accepted the day of disconnection.

- **Pay with your bank or credit union bill pay process.** This provides you the convenience and control of making your payment.

- **Pay by mail.** GCEC provides a self-addressed return envelope with each month's billing statement. Simply write a check, put a stamp on the envelope, and drop in the mail.

- **Pay in person.** You are welcome to our office during regular hours, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

GCEC also provides two convenient outside drop-off boxes: one at the front of the building and the other at the drive-thru.

Keep in mind when your bill is due. GCEC has four billing cycles. During each cycle, statements are mailed on Friday, with 15 days before the bill is due. If your account is not paid after 25 days from the billing date, you will be sent a delinquent notice with a disconnection date. To avoid late fees, disconnection/reconnection fees and/or deposit requirements, pay prior to your delinquent notice.

Another benefit to paying on time is deposits are refunded to you with interest, provided you have 12

months of good payment history.

A GCEC customer service representative will help you with a move, whether it is a connection of service or disconnection. GCEC requires a deposit of up to twice the average use, depending on your credit history. When closing your service, a refund of your deposits will be credited to your account.

Whether you are going on vacation or moving this summer, your cooperative is here to make it convenient for you. ■





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Members look on during the 2012 annual utilities meeting.

Manager's Message

Annual Utilities Meeting June 8

It is time again for the annual meeting of Graham County Utilities. The 24th annual meeting will be in the Pima School cafeteria Saturday, June 8, at 9 a.m.

The meeting provides the opportunity for family, friends and neighbors to gather together and receive updates on the status of the gas and water company. Like other meetings, members who attend will be entered to win great door prizes.

In addition to social opportunities and prizes, members will find out who they have elected to serve on the board of directors for the next term. Bob Brown, Jeff Larson and Jerry Kempton all have terms expiring. The deadline for petitions for the board of directors was May 2. Ballots should arrive in your mailbox soon.

Please take time to exercise your right and responsibility as a member-owner to vote, by mailing the ballot back in the envelope provided or dropping your ballot off at our office before noon, June 6. See you at the meeting!

Steve Lines
General Manager
GCEC/GCU



Pima's Boy Scout Troop 5229 presenting colors at 2012 GCU annual meeting.