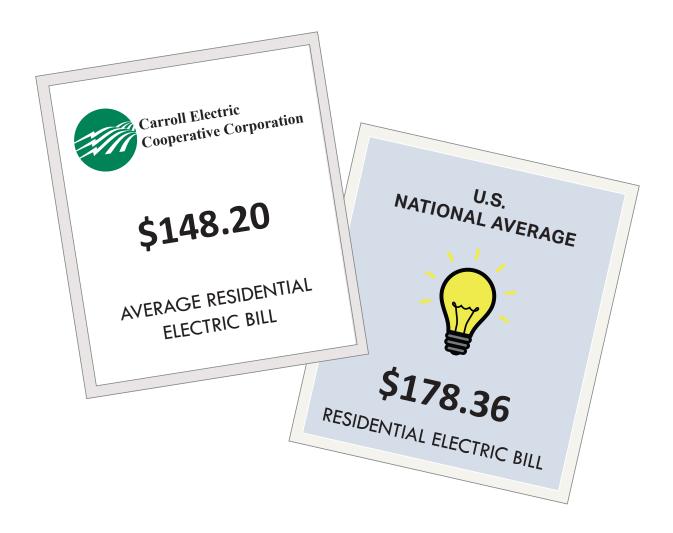


On average, each Carroll Electric member saved \$362 in 2021 when compared to the U.S. national average.



The above calculations are based on an average of 1,300 kilowatt-hours sold each month to residential customers and the U.S. Energy Information Administration's average retail price of electricity for 2021.

Make the most of your laundry energy use!



Your washer and dryer account for a significant portion of energy consumption from major household appliances, and let's face it laundry is no one's favorite chore. There are several easy ways you can save energy (and money) in the laundry room.

The Department of Energy recommends the following tips for washer and dryer savings:

- Wash with cold water. Switching from warm water to cold water can cut one load's energy use by more than half, and by using a cold-water detergent, you can still achieve that brilliant clean you'd normally get from washing in warm water.
- 2. Wash full loads when possible. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up if you can.
- 3. Use the high-speed or extended spin cycle in the washer. This setting will remove more moisture before drying, reducing your drying time and the extra wear on clothing.
- 4. Dry heavier cottons separately. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.
- 5. Make use of the "cool down" cycle. If your dryer has this cycle option, you can save energy because the clothes will finish drying with the remaining heat in the dryer.
- 6. Use lower heat settings to dry clothing. Regardless of drying time, you'll still use less energy.
- 7. Use dryer balls. Dryer balls, usually wool or rubber, will help keep clothes separated for faster drying, and they can help reduce static, so you can eliminate dryer sheets.
- 8. Switch loads while the dryer is warm. This allows you to take advantage of the remaining heat from the previous cycle.
- 9. Clean the lint filter after each drying cycle. If you use dryer sheets, remember to scrub the filter once a month with a toothbrush to remove excess buildup.



Dryer balls help clothes dry faster.

10. Purchase energy-efficient washers and dryers. When it's time to purchase a new washer or dryer, look for energy-efficient solutions. Energy-efficient washers and dryers will use about 20% less energy than conventional models.

To learn about additional ways you can save energy at home, visit carrollecc.com/energy-saving-tips.