

# The Season of Giving

It's a time for gratitude, generosity, and looking out for one another — and at Hancock-Wood that's something we take to heart year-round.

You've probably heard us talk about our Concern for Community. It's not just a nice phrase; it's one of the core principles that makes electric cooperatives like ours different from other utilities. We're not just here to keep the lights on (though of course, we're always working hard to do that). We're here to make life better for the people we serve — our members, our neighbors, and our friends.

Take our Operation Round-Up program, for example. Thanks to the generosity of members like you who round up their electric bills to the nearest dollar, we're able to provide real help to local families who are struggling to make ends meet and organizations that improve the quality of life in our community. Every little bit adds up — and it makes a big difference

We're also proud to support local students through the Youth Tour program, which sends some of our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C., to see democracy in action and dream big about their futures. That's giving in the most meaningful way, by investing in tomorrow's leaders. And because we care deeply about safety, we also spend time visiting schools throughout the communities we serve, holding demonstrations and teaching folks of all ages how to stay safe around electricity.

At Hancock-Wood we believe Concern for Community is more than a value. It's the heart of who we are. And during this season of giving, we're especially grateful to be part of such a caring, generous community.

From all of us at Hancock-Wood we wish you and your loved ones a joyful, safe, and bright holiday season.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

With the holiday season approaching and more time spent in the kitchen, consider ways to save energy in the heart of your home. When possible, cook meals with smaller, energy efficient appliances, such as toaster ovens, slow cookers, and air fryers. When using the range, match the size of the pan to the heating element. Keep range-top burners and reflectors clean so they reflect heat more efficiently. After your holiday meals are complete, load the dishwasher fully before starting the wash cycle.

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