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SMART HOME LIGHTING: WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS?

One are the days when a simple flip of the switch was the only choice for illuminating our homes. While we still have this tried-and-true option, we've entered a new era of innovative and intelligent technologies, which includes smart lighting.

Smart lighting can connect to Wi-Fi and provide an array of cutting-edge functionality and convenience. Let's look at some of the benefits.

Smart lighting is energy efficient. Most smart bulbs utilize LED technology, which is much more efficient than traditional incandescent lighting. Additionally, smart lighting gives you more control over how and when you light your home, ultimately resulting in less energy used for lighting.



Installing smart bulbs is as simple as installing a traditional bulb. (Photo Source: Anete Lusina)

Smart lighting provides convenience and control. Most smart bulbs can be controlled from your smartphone or can be paired with a voice assistant, like Amazon Alexa. You can conveniently control lighting settings from anywhere in your home or when you're away. Whether you want to set a schedule for lighting or adjust brightness levels, these smart options offer effortless control from the comfort of, well, anywhere!

Smart options empower you to personalize home lighting. For a more traditional look, try dimmable white bulbs. If you want to create the perfect ambiance for movie night, look for bulbs that can be adjusted for a variety of vibrant colors. The possibilities are endless.

While smart lighting offers convenience and control, keep in mind your wall light switch will need to stay "on" for you to control the smart bulb from your phone or via voice command. To use a smart bulb, the wall switch it's connected to must be "on" so the bulb receives power, which enables it to connect to a Wi-Fi network.

If you need additional options to operate the lights, consider a smart light switch. Today's smart switches tend to play nicely with smart bulbs. If you want to control your smart bulbs with a physical switch (in addition to using your phone and voice commands), look for smart switches that include a built-in feature that allows both. Many smart light switches include motion detectors as well.

If you're looking to take the plunge and integrate multiple smart bulbs to your home lighting system, your best bet may be a kit, like the Philips Hue Starter Kit. Most kits include several

bulbs and any additional tools you'll need to get started.

If you're new to smart home tech and looking to start small, try a smart bulb in a high-traffic area of your home. It's also worth noting that smart plugs are a great starter option and allow convenient control of lamps or other lighting fixtures that are plugged in to a wall outlet. Smart plugs are inexpensive and simply plug in to your existing outlet. Electrical items that are connected to the smart plug can be controlled from a smart phone app, just like smart bulbs.



Smart plugs are a great starter option and allow control of fixtures that are plugged in to a wall outlet. (Photo Source: Kenny Ginapp)

Whether you're looking for more convenience, colorful options, or better ways to manage energy use, smart lighting can provide multiple benefits. Determine which smart lighting features are most important for your needs, then start shopping!

No matter what, we are committed to keeping the lights on, and serving our growing membership with the best we have to offer. Thank you for being a member of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Can anyone name these students who were headed to Youth Leadership Congress in 1992? Please call Judy at 800-236-2141 x 554 with any information. Last month's photo was of Norton Salis, former manager of Lafayette Electric Cooperative, circa 1966-1972. Thank you to Jean Kruser and Tom Nethery (also a former employee of LEC) for filling us in.





Each of these students received a \$1,000 scholarship from Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative (SREC). Monies for these scholarships are made available from unclaimed capital credits through the Federated Youth Foundation, a non-profit cooperative organization that manages funds for educational and charitable activities. Scholarships were awarded through a drawing at SREC's annual meeting in April.

(Not Pictured: Jace Starr, Argyle High School)



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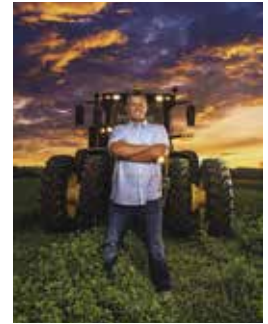
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