



Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives
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Hot Air Balloon Program



What does it cost to rent the cold air balloon?

There is no cost to rent the cold air. Cooperatives are only obligated to pay the inbound and outbound shipping charges.

If you are interested in renting a cold air, please email us at: coldairs@cbaballoon.com with the date(s), contact info to include: shipping address, telephone & fax numbers and the event the cold air will be used.

The cold airs will be shipped to you by at least one day before your event and if time allows it will arrive at least two days before your event.

Note: Due to items being misplaced, lost or broken, we do not ship the light-kit, provide extra extension cords or a hammer.

How do I set up the cold air for my event?

When a cold air comes to your facility it will come in one case. On the lid of the cases are instructions. To give you some added tips here are a few useful set up and deflation tips.

10-foot cold air setup/inflation tips – recommended for indoor use:

- Make sure you have at least two people assisting with the set up
- Lay out tarp and place cold air in the middle of the tarp
- Make sure you have all zippered parts zipped up
- Plug in AC cord to activate the fan (the fan needs air to inflate so you may need to move or lift the balloon envelope off the fan or base area to help with the inflation process)
- Once the balloon is fully inflated use the grounding rope and hooks if used outside. If used inside unzip the base zipper and place a couple of sand bags into the base of the cold air (not provided) or a couple of reams of paper or boxes to help weigh the balloon and keep it erect. We have found that tube sand bags work the best. (you can place these items into the base before inflating) – (once inflated you may have to open up the base zipper and move the weights around some) Some air will leak out during this process so it is wise to have a person or two to help keep the cold air stable.





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10-foot deflation tips:

- Unplug the power cord.
- As the cold air is deflating unzip the zipper parts
- Once the cold air is deflated lay it out nicely.
- Take out the sand bags or material used in the base.
- Roll up the tie down ropes and tie off, and then lay them on the balloon envelope if they are attached to the cold air. If not roll them up nicely and lay them into the shipping case on top of the tarp.
- Fold the cold air sides in on each side to the middle and do this one more time on each side.
- Start at the base of the cold air and roll the cold air up to the top.
- Place the cold air back in the shipping bag
- Fold up the tarp if it was used
- Pack everything back into the shipping case
- As you pack try to knock off any grass or dirt on the balloon, tarp, tie down ropes & stakes.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Do not pack & ship the cold air wet. If your cold air gets wet let know so we can see where the cold air is going next. Try to dry everything off as you pack it. If time allows we will ask you to hold onto the cold air and re-inflate it on a sunny day to dry it out and then pack and ship it off.

Also, the cold airs will travel from one event to the next so please try to repack the balloon as nice as you can so it will arrive at the next destination in good working order. Even if it arrives to you in a mess please try to repack it nicely for the next user. We do our best to look things over if they come back to us before we ship it out but during heavy rental months the cold airs may not get checked until it arrives at the next destination and your assistance in taking care of the deflation and packing process is appreciated.





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What does it cost to purchase our own Touchstone Cold Air Balloon?

The **10-foot** cold air costs **\$3,925.00**.

The 10-foot cold air will have the TE Cooperatives logo on three sides and comes with balloon (fan is attached to balloon) -- storage bag for balloon -- ground tarp -- 4 tent stakes and hammer -- repair kit for small holes and tears -- internal lighting kit with electrical cable -- plus instructions for use.

The cold airs are produced by Lindstrand Balloons, the same company that manufactures the Hot Air Balloons. If you are interested in purchasing a cold air balloon contact us at coldairs@cballoon.com.



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