



HOT LINES

September 2026



Midwest Electric, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

OFFICE HOURS: Mon.–Fri. (Oct.–April) 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Mon.–Thur. (May–Sept.) 6:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

A little cost. A lot of life.

For about \$150 a month, electricity powers hundreds of tasks that keep your home comfortable, connected, and running smoothly — from brewing your morning coffee to keeping your family cool, safe, and entertained.

1 month of power =

- **720** hours of refrigeration
- **20+** loads of clean clothes
- **15+** home-cooked meals
- **90+** hours of lighting
- **Numerous** devices charged

- **Hundreds** of hours of cooling/heating
- **Countless** connections to work, school and entertainment

30 days of comfort

WE NEED YOU TO JOIN THE CCF BOARD!



The Community Connection Fund is looking for three trustees (one from **Auglaize/Shelby** counties, one from **Van Wert** County, and one from **Allen/Putnam** counties) to serve on the CCF Board. Terms expire this fall for current trustees.

If you are interested, please contact Joel Johns for an application at jjohns@midwestrec.com or call 419-394-4110. **The deadline is Sept. 8, 2026.**

This is your chance to make a difference — Only four meetings per year!

DOWNED POWER LINE and Large Equipment Safety

Wait to fold/unfold or raise/lower equipment until you are well into the field, and away from the field's edge.

In an accident or contact with a power line:

1. **Stay Inside the Cab:** The ground may be energized.
2. **Call 9-1-1:** Report downed or damaged lines.
3. **Warn Others:** Tell bystanders to stay away.
4. **Wait for the Utility Crew:** Do not exit until it's safe.



If you notice smoke or fire:

5. **Exit Safely:** Cross arms over your chest and jump out with feet together. Do not touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time.
6. **Move Away:** Shuffle or bunny hop with feet together. Get as far away as you can.



WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILL

Midwest electric offers multiple ways for you to pay your bill in the manner that is most convenient to you.



Automatic bill pay (\$1 monthly credit)

To sign up, call us at 419-394-4110, or you can enroll yourself in SmartHub (our self-serve billing site). After logging in to SmartHub, go to Billing & Payments, then Auto Pay Program, then click the link to Sign Up For Auto Pay.

Each month, you'll receive your electric bill showing you how many kilowatt-hours you used and how much money will be transferred from your checking, savings, or credit card account.

Plus, you'll earn a \$1 monthly credit for using Auto Pay.



E-Bill (\$1 monthly credit)

Help us lower our costs by eliminating paper bills and postage. Help yourself save time and money by not having to bother with keeping track of a paper bill and mailing it back. We'll pass the monthly savings on to you with a \$1 monthly credit. Call our office to enroll: 419-394-4110.



SmartHub (mobile app or online)

SmartHub can be accessed 24 hours a day from the link on our website (www.midwestrec.com) or by downloading the mobile app. Members must register for SmartHub to make payments or manage their accounts online. If you need help registering your account or have trouble accessing

your SmartHub account, please contact our office for assistance.



Pay by phone

Payments may be made with a credit card or check by calling our office at 419-394-4110.

Payments by mail

Members may mail payment, along with the bottom portion of the bill, in the return envelope. Please allow time for payments to be received by the due date. Write your account number on the check. Do NOT mail cash.



In our lobby

Members may pay in person at our lobby, where a staff member will greet you. You may pay by cash, check, money order, or debit/credit card.

After office hours, payment may be left in our 24-hour drop box, located by the front door. If a payment is left in the drop box, please be sure to include your name and address.



Satellite pay stations - MoneyGram

Payments are accepted at all MoneyGram locations at no charge. Bring these with you:

- Cash – enough for your payment (Cash or debit card only.)
- Your Midwest Electric account number
- Receive Code: **15105**



Sign up today for a \$2
monthly bill credit

Enroll in e-billing and
AutoPay today

Community Calendar

- ♦ Sept 1 - 7 **170th Annual Van Wert County Fair**, Van Wert County Fairgrounds, vanwertcountyyfair.com
- ♦ Sept 4 **Max's Trader Days & Water Dog Races**, Allen County Fairgrounds, allencofair.com
- ♦ Sept 5 **Feastival 2026**, Auglaize County Fairgrounds, [Wapakoneta facebook.com/share/1BSi9oCBNf](https://www.facebook.com/share/1BSi9oCBNf)
- ♦ Sept 11 **Menchhofer Farms Opening Day**, Menchhofer Farms, Coldwater, [facebook.com/MenchhoferFarms](https://www.facebook.com/MenchhoferFarms)
- ♦ Sept 13 **Battlefield Tours**, Fort Recovery Museum, fortrecoverymuseum.com
- ♦ Sept 13 **Puppy Pals Live**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, vanwertlive.com
- ♦ Sept 17 - 20 **Delphos Canal Days**, Downtown Delphos, delphoscanaldays.com
- ♦ Sept 18 **Vienna: Billy Joel Tribute**, Pangle Pavilion, Lima lifaevents.com
- ♦ Sept 19 **Boutique Singo & Shop**, Auglaize County Fairgrounds, [Wapakoneta facebook.com/share/1Hb4WgLGuT](https://www.facebook.com/share/1Hb4WgLGuT)
- ♦ Sept 19 **An Evening with Jason Crabb**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, vanwertlive.com
- ♦ Sept 19 **Glen Templeton**, Grand Opera House, St. Marys, grandoperahouselive.com
- ♦ Sept 19 **Food Truck Rally**, Boardwalk, Celina boardwalkvillage.com
- ♦ Sept 20 **Rally for the Shield Car Show**, Faurot Park, Lima [facebook.com/share/199TgHqcVE](https://www.facebook.com/share/199TgHqcVE)
- ♦ Sept 21 **Beetle Juice the Musical**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, Lima, limaciviccenter.com
- ♦ Sept 24 - 26 **15th Annual Bluegrass Festival**, Van Wert County Fairgrounds, [facebook.com/share/18yaVzVB5T](https://www.facebook.com/share/18yaVzVB5T)
- ♦ Sept 25 - 28 **Murder on the Orient Express**, Grand Opera House, St. Marys, crescentplayers.org
- ♦ Sept 26 **RPM Motorcycle Races**, Allen County Fairgrounds, Lima, allencofair.com
- ♦ Sept 26 **Harvest Moon Festival & Freedom Cruise Car Show**, Downtown Van Wert, [facebook.com/share/19MJf6DvrX/](https://www.facebook.com/share/19MJf6DvrX/)