

HOT LINES



Midwest Electric, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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News about your community and cooperative

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IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

YOU MAY BE CONTACTED FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

Surveys are coming in April by phone and email | We appreciate your insight so we can improve



In April, Midwest Electric will be working with NRECA Market Research Services to complete member satisfaction surveys by phone and email. If you are contacted, we would greatly appreciate a few minutes of your time to share your opinions of the cooperative. These calls/emails are not scams, so rest assured your privacy and information will be secure.

We strive to provide all members with safe, affordable, reliable, and clean electric service. By participating in the survey, you will help us make decisions that benefit you, your family, and your neighbors.

Thank you! All information is confidential.



Sign up today for a \$2 monthly bill credit*



*Effective January 2022, new subscribers to Midwest Electric's SmartHub e-bill and Auto Pay features will receive a monthly \$2 credit on their Midwest Electric bill (\$1 credit for e-bill and \$1 credit for Auto Pay). Should you unsubscribe to e-bill or Auto Pay, the credits will no longer apply. If you're already enrolled, you'll receive the monthly credit!



Goodbye late fees

Save time and money by enrolling in SmartHub's Auto Pay feature. With Auto Pay, you no longer have to worry about writing a check, paying for postage, or mailing out your payment. Plus, your payment is always on time.



When we save money, you save money

By enrolling in SmartHub's e-bill feature, Midwest Electric saves money on postage and printing and passes the savings on to you. Your bills and payment records are accessible on SmartHub — no more hard copies!

Learn more

- To create a SmartHub account, visit www.midwestrec.com
- Contact us by email (info@midwestrec.com), phone (800-962-3830), or in person (M–F, 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m.)



Download the app by searching for "SmartHub" on either the Apple Store or Android Market. Once the app is open, type in "Midwest Electric" as the provider. (The login information is the same for both the website and mobile app.)

Plant trees safely

Before you dig, call 811 to locate buried utility lines.

LOW TREE ZONE

Avoid planting within 20 ft. of power lines. If planting is unavoidable, only plant shrubs and small trees that reach a mature height of 15 ft. or less.

MEDIUM TREE ZONE

Plant medium trees (under 40 ft. when mature) at least 25 ft. away from power lines.

LARGE TREE ZONE

Plant large trees (over 40 ft. when mature) at least 50 ft. away from power lines.

Over 40 ft.



Run for our board



Three of the eight seats on the co-op board of directors are up for election. Any member residing in a district up for election may become a candidate by obtaining a petition form from the co-op's office and getting at least 15 valid signatures of members residing in that district.

For 2022's elections, petitions may be filed by members who reside in the following districts:

Learn more about the board process at midwestrec.com > My Co-op > Annual Meeting and Co-op Board.

District 1 (3-year term): Auglaize and Shelby counties

District 3 (3-year term): Van Wert County

District 4 (3-year term): Mercer and Darke counties

To obtain a petition form or learn more, call our office at 800-962-3830. Petitions are due by May 2 at 8 a.m. in our office.

Community Calendar

- ◆ March 5-6 **Tri-State Gun Show**, Allen Co. Fairgrounds, 8:30 am - 3 pm
- ◆ March 6 **Lima Symphony Orchestra - Family Concert**, 3 pm, limasympphony.com or 419-222-5701
- ◆ March 6 **Church Basement Ladies**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, 2 & 6 pm, [vanwertlive.com/events](http://vanwertlive.com/events/category/ticketed-events)
- ◆ March 10 **Chicks With Hits: Terri Clark, Pam Tillis, Suzy Bogguss**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, vanwertlive.com/events
- ◆ March 11-13 **Lima Noon Optimist Home Show**, Allen Co. Fairgrounds, Fri. 5-9 pm, Sat. 12-8 pm, Sun. 11 am - 4 pm
- ◆ March 12 **Revenge of the 80's Tour**, The Overdrive, Celina 6-9 pm
- ◆ March 13 **Daylight Savings Time, Spring Forward Cabin Fever Hike**
- ◆ March 13 **Mom 2 Mom Sale**, Van Wert Co. Fairgrounds, vanwertcountyfair.com
- ◆ March 16 **The Music of ABBBA**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, Lima, 7:30 pm
- ◆ March 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- ◆ March 19 **Quellhorst Farm Mom & Me Spa Day**, Quellhorst Farm Venu, Wapakoneta, 10 am - 2 pm
- ◆ March 20 **Saint Patrick's Day Events**, 5K Run/Walk, American Legion, St. Henry, 11:30AM
- ◆ March 24 **Straight No Chaser**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, Lima 7:30 pm
- ◆ March 26 **Reverse Raffle**, Mercer Co. Fairgrounds, 5 pm
- ◆ March 27 **Reverse Raffle**, Van Wert Co. Fairgrounds