

HOT LINES

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News about your community and cooperative



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IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

\$1,000 *in giveaways*

TO NEW AND CURRENT PAC MEMBERS



America's Electric Cooperatives | PAC



Sign by Nov. 30, 2023, for your chance to win. One \$500 drawing and two \$250 drawings. For both current members already enrolled and new signups. Find details online at www.midwestrec.com or complete the form below.

For just \$2.08/month, you can defend your way of life through PAC.

America's Electric Cooperatives PAC is a bipartisan political action committee that:

- ★ Focuses on issues that affect electric co-ops like Midwest Electric
- ★ Keeps co-op member energy bills affordable to improve quality of life
- ★ Protects our nation's economy and jobs when making energy laws



I want to help keep the voice of rural electric cooperatives heard in the political process by participating in America's Electric Cooperatives | PAC.

Monthly Bill Addition

REGULAR: \$2.08 PER MONTH (\$25/YEAR)

CENTURY CLUB: \$8.33 PER MONTH (\$100/YEAR)

PRESIDENT'S CLUB: \$41.66 PER MONTH (\$500/YEAR)

OTHER \$ _____

I affirm that my contribution has been made with non-corporate funds

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

COOPERATIVE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

*Federal Election Law requires the following information for contribution exceeding \$200:

EMPLOYER: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

Contributions to the NRECA America's Electric Cooperatives PAC are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Contributions to America's Electric Cooperatives PAC are voluntary and will be used for political purposes. You have the right to refuse to contribute without reprisal. Federal law prohibits contributions from foreign nationals who lack permanent resident status. Any contribution guidelines presented are merely suggestions. You are free to contribute more or less than the suggested amounts, or not at all. NRECA will not favor or disadvantage anyone by reason of the amount contributed or a decision not to contribute.

Serving up Holiday Savings



The holiday season is just around the corner and soon, colder temperatures. So we thought this month would be a good time to remind Midwest Electric members of a few programs and efficiency tips to help lower your monthly energy use.

Programs designed to help you save.

Winter months typically bring some of the highest energy use of the year, and therefore, higher bills. Making minor, low-cost improvements, like adding attic insulation, weatherstripping exterior doors, and caulking around old, drafty windows can make a positive impact on energy bills. If you're not sure where to start, contact us to schedule a free home energy audit.

We also offer competitive electric rates, and a discounted residential rate program if you have an air source heat pump or geothermal.

Cook up energy savings in the kitchen.

If you plan to have family and friends over this holiday season, you can cook up energy savings by using small counter top appliances like microwaves, air fryers and slow cookers when possible, as they use much less energy than the stove top or oven.

When using the oven, bake multiple dishes at once for maximum efficiency. When using the stove top, match the pan size to the burner to maximize the stove top's efficiency.

Remember, we're here to answer any questions you have about managing energy use or your monthly bills.

From your friends at Midwest Electric,

Happy Thanksgiving

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR YOU, TO HELP YOUR FAMILY SAVE:

-  Bill credits for going paperless or AutoPay
-  Rebates for energy efficient appliances
-  Rebates for electric water heaters
-  Rebates for air source heat pumps and geothermal
-  Smart thermostat rebate
-  EV charger rebate
-  Insulation and air-sealing rebate (if you have electric heat)
-  Energy efficient new home construction rebate
-  Reduced electric rate for heat pumps and geothermal
-  In-person or phone energy audit
-  Online access to your monthly, daily and hourly electric use
-  Online energy calculators



Community Calendar

- ◆ Nov 1 **OSU Marching Band**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, www.vanwertlive.com
- ◆ Nov 3 **Mayberry Market: Christmas Wonderland**, Auglaize County Fairgrounds, www.wapakoneta.com/event
- ◆ Nov 3 & 4 **Christian Comedy Dinner & Show**, Zion UMC of Elida, 419-303-4848
- ◆ Nov 4 **Bicycle Museum of America Selfie Cycle Tour**, New Bremen, www.cyclenuts.link
- ◆ Nov 4 **Holiday Bazaar Craft Fair**, Eagles Club Room, Wapakoneta, www.wapakoneta.com/event
- ◆ Nov 4 **Grand Funk Railroad**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, www.vanwertlive.com/events
- ◆ Nov 4 **Cooper Farms Turkey Trot**, Cooper Farms, St. Henry, www.raceentry.com/cooper-farms-turkey-trot/race-information
- ◆ Nov 5 **Splish Splash: Music of Bobby Darin**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, www.vanwertlive.com/events
- ◆ Nov 10 **The Kings of Queen**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, www.vanwertlive.com/events
- ◆ Nov 11 **Coldwater Knights of Columbus 5K Run/Walk**, St. Charles Center, Carthegena <https://bit.ly/3RDYHbB>
- ◆ Nov 12 **Mean Girls**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, www.limaciviccenter.com/meangirls
- ◆ Nov 17 **CeeLo Green**, Veterans Memorial Civic Center, www.limaciviccenter.com/ceelogreen
- ◆ Nov 18 **Large Prize Bingo**, St Marys Eagles 767, St. Marys, 419-953-8337
- ◆ Nov 26 **Blaze of Lights**, Bluffton, www.explorebluffton.com/blaze-festival
- ◆ Nov 29 **Christmas Tree Festival**, Allen County Historical Society & Museum, Lima, <https://bit.ly/3LGqBjp>



Community Connection Fund



Midwest Electric recently donated \$15,710 to 15 west-central Ohio charities and community projects through the cooperative's Community Connection Fund. This brings the total to over 1.33 million in donations back to the communities we serve. Thank you for your support!



Read about the latest recipients of grants by visiting our website.

