

# HOT LINES



Midwest Electric, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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News about your community and cooperative

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www.midwestrec.com

## IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

### \$1.47 MILLION RETURNED

Patronage capital refunds show the VALUE of the Cooperative Difference

Midwest Electric will distribute \$1,473,997 in patronage capital to 7,487 current and former members this month. More good news: We haven't had a rate increase since 2010, and over those past 8 years, we've returned nearly \$10 million in cash back and invested \$17 million in reliability upgrades.

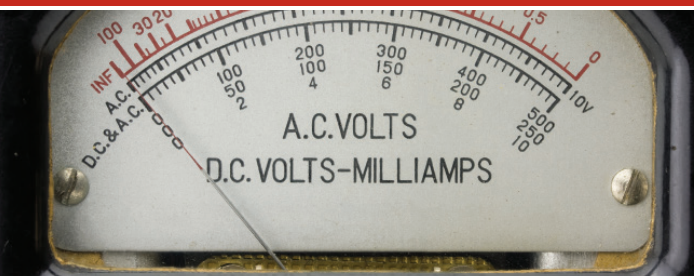
Patronage is your equity ownership in your electric cooperative. It helps us pay for

electric improvements; then we pay it back to you! This month's cash back goes to those of you who used our service in 2001 and 2002. A typical residential member will receive around \$148.

Since 1955, we have returned \$33 million. For this month's payment, eligible members will receive the refund as a credit on their electric bill or as a separate check.






**Did you know?**



**NO GREATER VALUE THAN ELECTRICITY**

The average cost of one day's worth of electricity is about \$6. It's actually a better deal today than it was in 1940.

**With \$1 of electricity, you can:**

-  Keep a 9-watt light on for 1,111 hours
-  Watch 151 movies
-  Wash clothes for 20 hours

## No Power? Report it quick.



Members can now use SmartHub to report an outage



The above screenshots are from the iPhone SmartHub mobile app. Similar options are available on the Android mobile app or from our website, [www.midwestrec.com](http://www.midwestrec.com). You can sign up for automatic outage alerts and restoration time updates via text, email, or mobile feed. Create an account today!

# WHERE TO GET HELP WITH UTILITY BILLS:

If you need help with your utility bills and are facing a possible shut-off of services, there are places you can go for help.

## HEAP

Columbus, OH  
1-800-282-0880  
www.energyhelp.ohio.gov

## ALLEN COUNTY

### West Ohio Community Action Partnership

540 S. Central Ave., Lima  
419-227-2586

### Allen Co. Job & Family Services

1501 S. Dixie Hwy., Lima  
419-228-2621 | www.co.allen.oh.us/job

## AUGLAIZE COUNTY

### West Ohio Community Action Partnership

13093 Infirmiry Road, Wapak  
419-227-2586 | www.wocap.org

## Auglaize Co. Job & Family Services

12 N. Wood St., Wapakoneta  
567-242-2700 | www.auglaizecounty.org

## Mercy Unlimited

38 E. Auglaize St., Wapakoneta  
419-738-3161 | www.mercyunlimited.org

## St. Vincent DePaul Center

107 W. Pearl St., Wapakoneta  
419-738-7456 | Wed-Fri, 9 am to noon

## MERCER COUNTY

### West Ohio Community Action Partnership

420 N. Brandon, Suite A, Celina  
419-227-2586

### OUR Home Family Resource Center

117 W. Fayette St., Celina  
419-586-4663 | www.ourhomefrc.com

### Mercer County Job & Family Services

220 W. Livingston St., Suite 10, Celina  
419-586-5106  
www.mercercountyohio.org/jfs

## PUTNAM COUNTY

### Putnam County Job & Family Services

1225 E. Third St., Ottawa, OH  
567-376-3777

### Putnam County Community Action

Main office in Findlay: 1-800-423-4304  
Satellite office in Ottawa: 419-523-5345

## VAN WERT COUNTY

### Van Wert County Job & Family Services

114 E. Main St., Van Wert  
419-238-5430

### Van Wert County Community Action

114 E. Main St., Suite 1, Van Wert  
419-238-4544

If you're getting behind in your electric bill with Midwest Electric, please call us. We might be able to work out payment arrangements for your past due amount, and we will help you with service agencies. Remember, we are on your side and want to help out however possible!

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS:

We offer two different scholarships totaling \$11,000 for graduating high school seniors.

**Applications are due Jan. 15.** Winners will be eligible to complete for additional statewide funds from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives in Columbus. Call us or email [kschmerge@midwestrec.com](mailto:kschmerge@midwestrec.com) for details. Applications are available at [www.midwestrec.com](http://www.midwestrec.com) > My Community > Scholarships.



## REBATES & INCENTIVES

- \$500 — Geothermal or air-source heat pump
- \$200 — Air sealing
- \$200 — Insulation
- \$200 — Electric water heater
- \$500 — Replace propane with electric water heater
- FREE energy audits & customized advice

Please call our office at 1-800-962-3830 for details or visit [www.midwestrec.com](http://www.midwestrec.com) > My Home > Rebates.

Do you know how much your space heater costs to run?



Use our Space Heater Calculator to find out! Go to [midwestrec.com](http://midwestrec.com) > My Home > Energy Calculators. For mobile devices, search for our Together We Save app. After downloading (it's free), search for Midwest Electric Ohio.

## Community Calendar

- ◆ Dec. 1-24 **Fort Festival of Trees**, Ft. Recovery Public Library, Celina, [www.celinamercer.com](http://www.celinamercer.com)
- ◆ Dec. 1 **29th Annual Apollo Christmas Craft Show**, 419-998-2917
- ◆ Dec. 1 **The Nutcracker**, Niswonger Performing Arts, Van Wert, 419-238-6722
- ◆ Dec. 1-2 **Christmas Tree Festival**, Lima, 419-222-9426
- ◆ Dec. 8 **Michael McDonald Season of Peace**, Niswonger Performing Arts, Van Wert, 419-238-6722
- ◆ Dec. 15 **Train Show & Swap Meet 2018**, Lima, 567-259-3340
- ◆ Dec. 22 **Oak Ridge Boys Christmas**, Civic Center, 419-224-1552
- ◆ Dec. 24-25 **Office closed for Christmas:** Enjoy the holiday with your family!