

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

AUTOMATED ALERTS ADD VALUE

Maximize your all-in-one SmartHub account

Great news: We haven't had a rate increase since 2010, and we don't expect an increase in 2019! The takeaway? Your electricity is a tremendous value, but so are all the value-added services Midwest Electric provides you.

This includes Outage Alerts and High-Use Alerts (or Usage Alerts), both of which you can sign up for through SmartHub. Go to midwestrec.com > My Home > Access My SmartHub Account to learn how to register and manage your account.

Outage Alerts let you know when your power is out and

give you an estimated restoration time. High-Use Alerts notify you when your home's energy use exceeds the "threshold" you set, allowing you to make adjustments to avoid a high electric bill. *You can choose whether to receive these alerts via email, text, or mobile feed.*

Create a SmartHub account at midwestrec.com or download the free mobile app. You can then utilize all these alerts by signing up for them. We promise it's easy!



HERE'S A VALUE
TO WAKE YOU UP.



POUND OF COFFEE

1936.....\$0.14
2018.....\$8.08

PRICE INCREASE: 5,671%

ELECTRICITY

1936.....\$0.05
2018.....\$0.11

PRICE INCREASE: 120%

We know you like your coffee hot and your electricity affordable. For the past 82 years, we've helped keep it a stable value.

2019 GRADS

Need cash for college? We're giving away \$11,000 in 2 scholarships from Midwest Electric!



WANT TO LOWER YOUR HOME'S ENERGY USE (AND ELECTRIC BILL)?

Consider using our online energy audit program or one of our in-person audit methods:

- **Over-the-phone** – simply call us at 1-800-962-3830 for free, customized advice.
- **Basic Audit** – At no cost, we will do a walk-through at your home or business and identify potential savings.
- **Advanced Audit** – This service features a blower door test to determine air infiltration problem areas plus an infrared thermal gun scan. We provide an extensive follow-up report with specific recommendations to help you prioritize opportunities. This service is provided by a RES-Net-certified HERS rater for \$200, but you can get it FREE if you implement one of our recommendations afterward.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

*Don't delay.
Apply by
Jan. 15, 2019.*

- Visit www.midwestrec.com > My Community > Scholarships.
- Email kschmerge@midwestrec.com
- Stop by the co-op office: 06029 County Road 33A St. Marys, OH
- Pick them up from your guidance counselor.

TAX NOTICE ON THIS MONTH'S BILL

Your December electric bill will include information to use in your income tax filing: your total annual contribution to the Midwest Electric Community Connection Fund. This will be on the left side of your bill, about halfway down, and will say "YTD ROUNDUP AMOUNT" next to the dollar amount (typically between \$4-\$12). This is tax deductible and represents the 12-month total of your monthly round-up contributions to benefit our local community. Thank you for your generosity!



NO MORE LANDLINE PHONE? Call us at 800-962-3830 to update your contact information so we can notify you for planned outages, account questions, and more.

Lay off the pedal if you have a heat pump



With a geothermal or air-source heat pump, be careful when changing the thermostat. Lowering it and then raising it back up more than a few degrees at a time could cause your back-up heat to run, which is much more expensive.

Community Calendar

- ◆ Dec. 31
- ◆ Jan. 1
- ◆ Jan. 5-6
- ◆ Jan. 12
- ◆ Jan. 13
- ◆ Jan. 26
- ◆ Jan. 27
- ◆ Jan. 27

Office closed at 11:30 a.m. for New Year's holiday

Office closed for New Year's Day: Enjoy the holiday with your family!

Tri-State Gun Show, Allen County Fairgrounds (647-0067)

Dueling Pianos, The Overdrive, Celina (925-9999)

Cinderella, Lima Civic Center (224-1552)

Tim Cavanagh, Bob and Tom Comedian, The Overdrive Celina (925-9999)

Own the Bridal Show, UNOH Event Center (230-1613)

David and Jenn Doubilet, National Geographic, Niswonger Performing Arts Center (238-6722)