

HOT LINES



Midwest Electric, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

March 2021

News about your community and cooperative

419.394.4110 | 1.800.962.3830
www.midwestrec.com


IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO



We want to hear from you!

Member satisfaction surveys in April

If you are contacted by phone or email, we would greatly appreciate a few minutes of your time to share your opinions of the cooperative so we can keep improving.



Someone you know could have **unclaimed cash** waiting for them!

Check at midwestrec.com. Click the "My Coop" tab, then "Patronage Cash Back."



Since the first poles were set, your electric co-op has continued its mission of providing affordable, reliable, and safe electricity for its members. Technology has changed since 1936, but our dedication to our community remains the same.



THE UNBEATABLE

value

OF ELECTRICITY

The average member's electric bill is less than \$6 per day... That's less than a Big Mac!



DISCONNECTS:

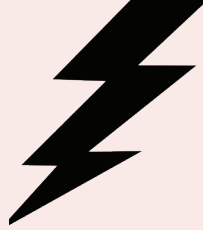
Electric bills are due by the 10th of each month. If your bill is unpaid by the time of the next monthly billing, then that month's printed bill will include wording which says ****Disconnect Notice.****

Payments to avoid a disconnection of service must be received in our office or through our website by the date listed on that ****Disconnect Notice.**** In addition to the printed notice on your bill, we will make many attempts to contact members who are behind on payments.

We are flexible about making payment arrangements with members who respond to our contact attempts.

However, once an account is disconnected, no payment arrangement can be made. The full amount due, plus fees, must be paid at this point.

A collection fee will be added if an account is disconnected for non-pay. Accounts disconnected for non-pay will be sent to a collections agency, with appropriate information sent to reporting agencies.



TREE SEEDLING REIMBURSEMENT

Midwest Electric has a special offer to help you plant trees in the right place this spring. We will reimburse you for buying a tree seedling packet from your local Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD).

- Purchase must be from the SWCD. Offer limited to the first 300 members.
- The reimbursement will be in the form of an electric bill credit (limit \$15). You must send your receipt or proof of purchase.

Instructions:

Contact your local SWCD. Typically, they require an order form that can be mailed or downloaded from their websites, and they require payment

when your order is placed. Deadlines are usually in early March. Delivery is normally mid-April.

- Allen County SWCD, 419-223-0040
- Auglaize County SWCD, 419-738-4016
- Mercer County SWCD, 419-586-3289
- Van Wert County SWCD, 419-238-9591
- Darke County SWCD, 937-548-1752
- Shelby County SWCD, 937-492-6520
- Putnam County SWCD, 419-523-5159



Starting a digging project? Call 811 first!

It's the law to call at least 48 hours beforehand to identify underground lines.



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.

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

For 2021's elections, petitions may be filed by members who reside in the following districts:

- District 2 (3-year term): Allen and Putnam 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 5 at 8 a.m. in our office.

Community Calendar

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the coronavirus situation, many events may be canceled or postponed. Please seek updated information before traveling.

- ◆ March 6-7 **Tri-State Gun Show**, Allen Co. Fairgrounds, Lima, www.allencofair.com/events
- ◆ March 13 **Spring Mom 2 Mom Sale**, Van Wert Co. Fairgrounds, www.vanwertcountyfair.com/events/
- ◆ March 13 **Alex Williams**, Rhythm & Brews, Wapakoneta, www.rhythmandbrews.com/live-shows
- ◆ March 13-14 **Lima Noon Optimist Home Show**, Allen Co. Fairgrounds
- ◆ March 14 **Daylight Savings Time**
- ◆ March 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- ◆ March 18-21 **Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Musical**, Elida Theatre, Elida High School, \$12 for sale at office
- ◆ March 20 **First Day of Spring**
- ◆ March 20 **Quartless Auction**, Van Wert Co. Fairgrounds,
- ◆ March 26-27 **Home Sweet Home: Vintage Inspired Market**, Allen Co. Fairgrounds, Lima, www.allencofair.com/events
- ◆ March 27 **Reverse Raffle**, Van Wert Co. Fairgrounds