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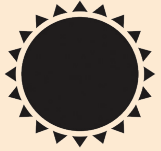
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News about your community and cooperative

IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO



Is rooftop solar right for you?

To help determine whether rooftop solar is right for you, our energy advisors will look at the:

- overall energy efficiency of the home/building
- age and pitch of the roof
- orientation of the sun in relation to the home/building
- tree coverage near the home/building
- weather patterns for the region

Unlike a solar company that has one objective — to sell their products and services — we look at the total energy picture and help you determine the best options for your home. Rooftop solar isn't the answer for everyone. A co-op energy advisor will also discuss the many financial considerations:

- Is there a large, up-front payment required or are fees spread out over time?
- Will the homeowner own the panels or will they be leased?
- Are there any hidden costs? (i.e., does the roof need to be replaced before installing the panels?)
- Are there ongoing maintenance fees?
- Are there rebates or other financial incentives available?



- Is the estimated energy savings worth the investment?
- Is it more cost effective to invest in other energy-saving measures?

Most importantly, an energy advisor will provide perspective on the total energy puzzle. Taking into account current energy consumption, the home “envelope,” and the age and efficiency of the HVAC system and home site, we can help co-op members determine whether rooftop solar is the best choice given the homeowners’ objectives.

When assessing solar options, it is an excellent time to examine other potential energy efficiency improvements for your home. For example, it may make sense to insulate the attic at the same time as installing solar.

We recognize that consumer interest in green energy sources and renewables is at an all-time high, and we stand ready to help our members determine their best options. Call us to start a conversation.

Save the date: Nov. 6 and 7

Member Appreciation Days & ACRE political action breakfast

- Free food, CASH giveaways, door prizes, legislative updates affecting you and your co-op, high-voltage safety demos, energy advice and booths, and more!



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Want to make a *difference* in your community?

We are looking for trustees to serve on our Community Connection Fund board, which helps allocate grants every quarter. No experience is necessary. Please contact Dave at dwaltermire@midwestrec.com for details.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Cookware Tip: Copper-bottomed pans heat faster on the stove. In the oven, ceramic and glass dishes are better than metal. With ceramic and glass dishes, you can turn the oven down about 25 degrees, and your meal will cook just as quickly.

Source: energy.gov

Community Calendar

- ◆ Ongoing **Farmers Market**, every Saturday morning until Oct., Wapakoneta courthouse parking lot
- ◆ Sept. 2 **121st Annual Durbin Bean Bake**, Celina, 10 am - 5:30 pm
- ◆ Sept. 2 **Labor Day Parade**, downtown Lima, 10 am (419-302-4395)
- ◆ Sept. 7 **Ottawa River Clean-Up**, 9 am - 12 pm (419-221-5177)
- ◆ Sept. 7 **Walk To End Alzheimer's**, OSU Lima - Cook Hall, 9 am - 12 pm (419-227-9700)
- ◆ Sept. 10 **Ride With The Rangers**, Lima Stadium Park, 6-7 pm. Bring your bike! Free (419-221-5195)
- ◆ Sept. 20-22 **Delphos Canal Days & Parade**, downtown (419-695-1771)
- ◆ Sept. 22 **Unlikely General 'Mad' Anthony Wayne and the Battle for America**, author Mary Stockwell, Ft. Recovery State Museum (419-375-4384)
- ◆ Sept. 26 **Annual Cruise-In**, Cridersville, 4-7 pm (419-645-4468)
- ◆ Sept. 27-28 **New Bremen Pumpkin Festival & Artisan Showcase**, Crown Pavilion, newbremenpumpkinfest.com
- ◆ Sept. 28 **The Grand Lake Marathon**, Celina, grandlakemarathon.com