



DO THE SUMMER SHIFT

Moving non-essential electricity use to off-peak times helps the cooperative control energy costs

The Summer Load Management season is in full swing. The season began May 1 and extends through October 31. The Summer Full Load Control strategy targets the months of June, July, and August. You can help us manage our load by doing the Summer Shift.

How does Summer Shift work? The goal of the Summer Shift program is to move non-essential electricity use to before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m., June through August. These are times when electricity use is not at its peak and, therefore, is not as expensive for the cooperative to purchase on the open market.

If members shift their electricity use, they may not necessarily save energy. They could use the same amount of electricity, but at a different time of the day. That is still beneficial because it means the cooperative’s wholesale power provider—Dairyland Power Cooperative—did not have to purchase as much power when electricity costs were more expensive. When the cooperative saves, members do as well, in the long run.

How do I participate? It’s easy! All you have to do is save some of your energy-intensive chores like running the dishwasher or doing the laundry for later in the evening—or

do them earlier in the morning. Here are some other simple ways you can help the cooperative manage its load and, ultimately, its wholesale costs:

- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees (or a level that is comfortable for the home, but a few degrees higher than normal).
- As the heat rises in the afternoon, close curtains and shades to block the sun and keep your home cooler. Use a ceiling fan or table fan to help circulate air.
- Set up a schedule for your smart thermostat and smart lighting options, ensuring a minimal amount of energy is used between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Run your dishwasher at night whenever possible and let the dishes air dry.
- Wash your clothes in cold water, and take advantage of the solar energy right outside your window by hanging your laundry outside to dry.

Please check out our website, www.bayfieldelectric.com, for more information about load management.



IMPROVING YOUR YARD?

Know what's above and below before you start

When the temperatures begin to warm, many of us begin planning improvements to our outdoor spaces. This could include building a deck, adding a patio or firepit, or assembling play equipment for your family to enjoy. However, it is important to plan for safety prior to adding an outdoor structure or improving your yard.

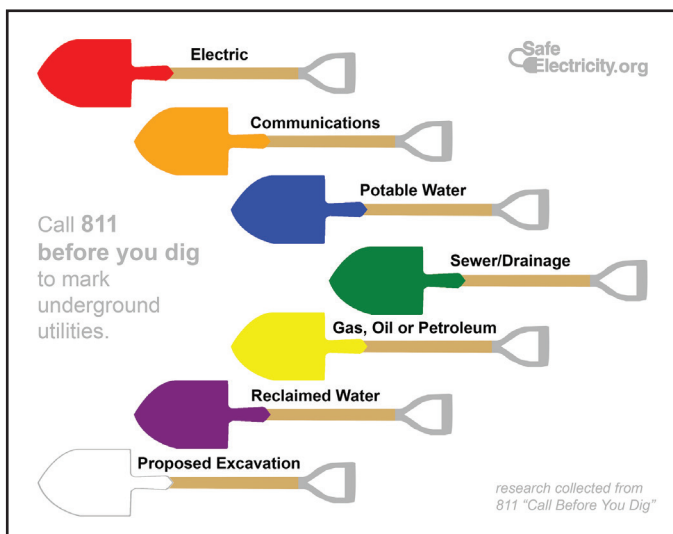


Power Line Awareness

Being aware of power line locations near your home is vitally important for your and your family's safety. Even drop-down lines—the lines that bring power to your home—have voltages running through them and can be dangerous. Always look up and around for power lines before starting any outdoor project. Also know what's below before starting any digging job.

Bayfield Electric Cooperative and Safe Electricity offer these tips to keep in mind while working in your yard:

- Assume that all power lines are always energized and keep at least 10 feet between a power line and you or any item you are holding.



- Call 8-1-1 to mark underground utilities as part of planning and before any digging. This service is free.
- Once underground utilities are marked, the 8-1-1 “Call Before You Dig” service recommends that the area within 18 to 24 inches of either side of the marked lines be dug by hand with a fiberglass shovel, not by machine.
- Do not install tree houses, playsets or swing sets, pools or decks and any associated structures within 25 feet of a power line. Consider the height and reach of play equipment (including the arc of a swing) and all deck and pool structures in relation to power lines.
- Educate your children about power line safety and how electricity can jump. Teach them to never touch a power line or get too close to one, either directly or with a toy or object, before sending them outside to play. This is especially important if they climb trees, fly kites, or use remote-control devices like an airplane or drone.
- Use caution when moving ladders and operating long-handled tools around trees and power lines.
- Also use caution and look up and around for power lines when you are elevated, whether it be on a ladder, boom lift, scaffolding, or your roof.
- When planting and trimming trees, keep in mind that specialized tree-trimming experts certified by OSHA in utility clearance are the only people legally allowed to trim within 10 feet of power lines.



THANK YOU!

In April we celebrated Lineman Appreciation Day. We would like to thank John and Dorothy Budiash for the amazing lineman cake that they made in honor of our linemen and their years of service. We would also like to thank Pat Blomfelt for the thoughtful meat and cheese trays that she had delivered to our office for the linemen's safety meeting. Thank you for your kindness!



ALWAYS Report Your Power Outage

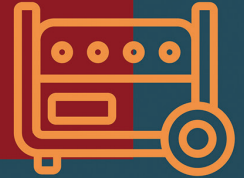
If your power goes out, you should never assume that someone else will call it in. While that might be true in some cases, there are other times where an outage is isolated.

In the event that your service is interrupted, the first thing you should do is check your fuses or breakers to make sure the problem is not your own. Next, check to see if your neighbors have power. This gives the line crews an idea of the extent of the outage.

You can report an outage anytime, day or night, by calling **715-372-4047**. This is our designated outage line. If you call our regular office number to report an outage, you will need to press option 1 so your call can be transferred. If you have information about the cause of the outage (tree limb, broken pole, etc.) please tell the dispatcher as this can help speed the restoration of service.

Please be patient! Your service will be restored as soon as possible. Line outages will be repaired first, then individual services will be next.

What to do before using a PORTABLE GENERATOR



Prepare

Install battery operated carbon monoxide (CO) alarms throughout your home; ensure they are working properly.

Position

Place a portable generator at least 20 feet from windows and doors; do not use one in a garage or carport.



Read

Carefully review and then follow all manufacturer's instructions.

Protect

If it is wet outside, keep it dry by placing it on a tarp. Position it under a portable canopy (not a carport).



Refuel Safely

Turn off your portable generator and let it cool down before refueling.

Inspect and Maintain

Inspect a portable generator before each use and make sure it is properly maintained.



Using a portable generator can be useful during an outage; however, use one correctly to prevent CO poisoning and to stay safe.





Annual Cable CARE 5K or 10K Walk/Run July 4, 2023

Sign up now for the Annual CARE run in downtown Cable. There's an option to do a 5K walk OR 5K or 10K run. Beverages and snacks are provided after the race. There will also be a 4th of July parade and a cookout at the Cable Town Park following the race—you're encouraged to stay and enjoy the festivities! Runners are eligible for age group prizes, which are CARE dollars that may be used at eligible businesses.

Registration fees are \$35 + \$3.10 sign-up fee and for children 17 and under \$25. Register now to claim your spot and T-shirt! Online registration is preferred. See more information at www.cableareacare.org.

Happy
Father's Day

Remember Dad
on June 18!

MONTH OF JUNE

Billing date:
June 9, 2023

April usage

Gross due after
June 29, 2023

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Looking for additional ways to save energy this summer? Your laundry room is a great place to start. Wash clothes with cold water, which can cut one load's energy use by more than half. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up when you can. When drying clothes, separate the heavier cottons. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.

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