




SAVING ENERGY SAVES MONEY



Bayfield Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

By saving energy, you save money. As a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, Bayfield Electric Cooperative participates in a national energy-efficiency campaign that encourages members to make their homes as energy efficient as possible. The Together We Save campaign is designed to inspire consumers to take simple steps to reduce energy consumption—and thereby save money.

Visit www.TogetherWeSave.com, a gateway through which everyone can easily learn simple no-cost or low-cost measures for saving energy, as well as the estimated cost-savings impact of each of those actions. Together We Save also takes you step by step through larger home-improvement projects, whether you're tackling it yourself or working with a professional contractor.

Whether it's unplugging unused appliances or adding an extra layer of insulation in the attic, Together We Save helps you make home and lifestyle changes that will help you save.

Rebates Available

In addition to the helpful energy-saving information we provide on our website, www.bayfieldelectric.com, Bayfield Electric offers rebates for certain purchases that improve your home's energy efficiency, such as Energy Star-rated appliances, LED light bulbs, heating and cooling equipment, and electric vehicle charging stations. There are also rebates available for agriculture, commercial, and industrial operations.

These rebates are time sensitive and available until funds run out. You can find more information including downloadable incentive forms by clicking on Rebates under Member Services in the menu of our website.

We also have information about several programs available for members who are having difficulty paying their electric bill. Please visit our website or contact our billing department to learn more.

Let's Work Together

We understand that sometimes energy efficiency measures aren't enough. If you're having difficulty paying your electric bill, please let us know. We'll work with you to make acceptable payment arrangements. Under certain circumstances, we may also direct you to agencies that may be able to provide assistance. If you receive a disconnection notice, please call us at 715-372-4287 or 800-278-0166 as soon as possible to make payment arrangements.



KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE NOW AVAILABLE!

The Keeping the Lights on license plate recognizes the work of Wisconsin utility workers. You may see a few of our vehicles driving around town with these. The specialty plate is available to any Wisconsin driver for an issuance fee of \$15. Go to wisconsin.gov for more information.



An easy way to manage your electric bill

SmartHub means you have options when it comes to managing your electric bill with Bayfield Electric Cooperative. Have you ever wondered when your lowest or highest electric usage took place? Have you wondered why your bill is what it is? SmartHub helps you determine those answers. If you have not signed up, you're missing out on a lot of smart benefits including:

- Pay your bill online
- Set up your bill for automatic payments
- View your billing history
- View and manage electric usage

It's easy to sign up for SmartHub. Just go to www.bayfieldelectric.com and click on the SmartHub icon in the upper right-hand corner. All you need is your account number, last name, and an email address. Or, you can download the SmartHub app onto your smartphone or tablet.

**Smart hub has a new look!
Go to our website at
www.bayfieldelectric.com
and select the billing tab. If you
have any questions, click on the
menu item for a video about the
Smarthub redesign.**



STEPS TO TAKE BEFORE SPRING BREAK

If you plan to take a vacation this month, consider these tips from Safe Electricity before you leave. These small steps will help keep your electric bill low and your home safe while you're away.

- **Unplug some of your household appliances.** Your house has many items that use electricity while plugged in, even if they are turned off. Unplugging these items not only saves energy, but in some cases, can prevent fires in your absence. Some ideas to unplug are: TVs, cable boxes, microwave ovens, toasters, and unused extension cords.
- **Use programmable timers.** If you choose to leave household lights on for security reasons, Safe Electricity suggests putting them on programmable timers so they do not run constantly. Not only does this save energy, but it also prevents lights from overheating while still giving the appearance that someone is home at night.
- **Adjust the refrigerator control to a warmer setting.** The fridge can be as high as 40 degrees without spoiling food; the freezer can reach 5 degrees. On these settings, refrigerators use up to 40 percent less electricity.
- **Set the thermostat higher than is typically comfortable.** By doing this, you can cut heating costs by 10 to 30 percent. You can shut the air conditioner off during your absence, or consider setting it to a higher than normal temperature, such as 85 degrees in the warmer months.

- **Turn down the water heater.** A large percent of the cost of running a water heater comes from keeping the water warm. If you are going on a lengthy trip, turn down the water heater's temperature to the coolest setting. This can save you up to \$10 a month.

Bayfield Electric hopes you enjoy your vacation and keep your home safe while you are away using these "SafeElectricity.org" tips.



5 EASY WAYS TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR Vacation

1. Set or program your thermostat to 85 degrees while you are away.
2. Unplug small appliances and electronic devices including gaming systems so that they don't draw power.
3. Adjust your hot water heater. For a natural gas water heater, turn it to low. For an electric version turn it off at the circuit breaker.
4. Shut all your curtains and blinds.
5. Make sure your sump pump is working.

Safe Electricity.org



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS SUNDAY, MARCH 10

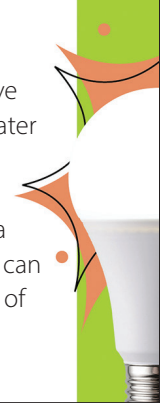
Did you know... Daylight Saving Time can save energy? Experts studied the impact of Daylight Saving Time on overall energy consumption in the United States. They found that the extra four weeks of Daylight Saving Time saved about 0.5 percent in total electricity each day. If you were to study individual states, you may find different results, but overall, the four-week extension of daylight saved 1.3 billion kilowatt-hours. That amount of electricity could power 100,000 houses for a year! If you want to maximize your energy savings this season, visit www.bayfieldelectric.com and click on "Together we Save" for energy-saving tips.

—Charles Q. Choi- Scientific American, a Division of Nature America Inc.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Lengthen the life of your clothes dryer with regular cleaning. Clean the lint filter after every load, which improves air circulation and safety. Check the lint trap opening and use a vacuum to remove any lint that's fallen inside the opening.

If you use dryer sheets, check the lint filter for residue buildup. Remove any residue with hot water and a nylon brush or toothbrush. Over time, dryer sheets can leave a film on the filter, which can affect the performance of the motor.



Watt's up locals?

Do you know of something fun going on in the area? Or are you planning an event that could use an extra push with free advertising? Let us know! We would be happy to share events happening in our area right here in the magazine. Contact Amanda at (715) 372-4287 if you would like us to advertise any fun events coming up in the future.

MONTH OF MARCH

Billing date:
March 8, 2024

February usage
Bills due upon receipt

Disconnect day:
March 13, 2024

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