



COMMUNICATION IS KEY to Successful Construction

Are you still thinking about building a new house this year? Or a little weekend getaway? Maybe you're just adding another grain dryer to your farm? Any way you look at it, there's still time, and communication is the key to a successful new service request.

The first step in getting power to your site is to call the office well in advance. We need a meeting with you out at the site to get a plan together and your cost estimate to you. This first meeting with a staking technician should be done once you know the site layout. We need you to know where your building is going as well as the placement of the well and septic, driveway, and any potential future outbuildings if it's a residential construction. If it's a farm or commercial construction, metering placement is necessary, as well as the whole site layout.

Once you know all of that, give Troy a call at our office at 715-372-4287 to schedule your meeting. He'll get all of the required information and set up a time for you, your electrician, or general contractor to meet with our staking technician. Our staking technician will work with you on a best route, get a tentative plan in place, and a cost estimate to you.

Once your estimate is paid in full, all necessary paperwork is handed in, and your meter socket is installed by a licensed electrician, we will get the staking technician back out there to get the project ready for installation.

PRO TIP:

If you are building, take a look at our rebate page on our website. There's something for just about everyone. You can find rebates on heating, lighting, appliances, water heaters, and even for installing an electric vehicle charger.





GO GREEN WITH EVERGREEN



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To learn more, check out our website at www.bayfeldelectric.com/renewables.



Linemen Achieve Journeyman Status

Bayfield Electric Linemen Blake Reijo, left, and Matthew Tarasewicz, right, were recently recognized for achieving Journeyman Line Worker status. To achieve this, Blake and Matt attended many hours of classes at Chippewa Valley Technical College, safely performed on-the-job training, and passed the statewide line worker test. Congratulations, Blake and Matt!

HOW DO WE CONTACT YOU?

Every now and then we may need to contact you whether it's because we may have a billing question, we have to take your electrical service out of power for a maintenance reason, or we may just simply have a question regarding your account.

We have a handful of phone numbers on file that bounce back as disconnected, changed, or altogether the wrong person. We list your phone number that we have on file on the bottom third of your electric bill. Please take a moment to verify that the number we have on file is still the best contact number at which to reach you. If it is not the correct number, you can correct it on the stub and mail it in with your monthly payment. Or you can always call the office at 715-372-4287 to notify us of a change.

If you utilize SmartHub, you can also change your contact information through the app or desktop site.

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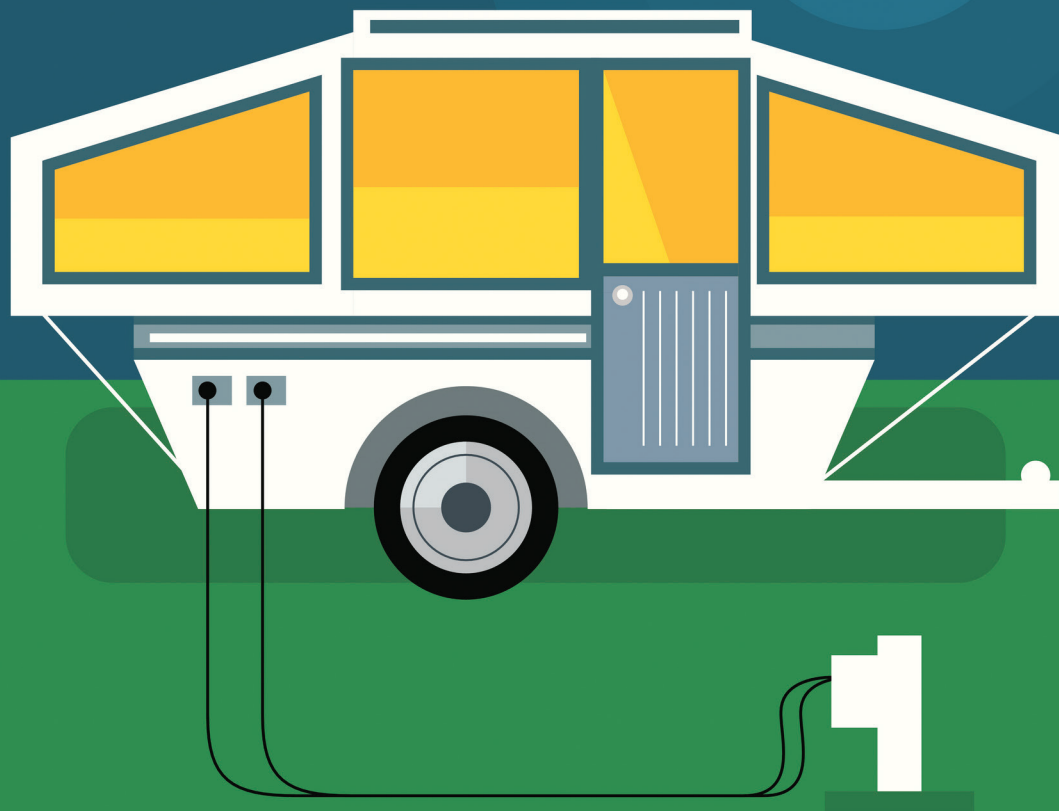
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If you would like to have your payment drafted from your checking/savings account or credit card every month - sign up for the Auto-Pay program on SmartHub.

KEEP SAFE WHEN CAMPING



Are you planning to spend the remaining summer weekends camping? Because you'll be in the great outdoors, electrical safety might not be at the top of your mind. However, your camping experience will most likely involve electricity in ways you might not consider.

Although your home most likely has safeguards such as GFCIs in place to help protect you from shocks, outdoor outlets may not be as safe, depending on the campsite. And generators—if you use them—require even more caution. Stay safe by following these electrical safety tips:

Before you leave

- Pack a fire extinguisher rated for electrical fires.
- Inspect all electronics to make sure they are in good working order.
- If you'll be plugging in an RV at the camp spot, use a heavy duty, four-wire cord with a grounding wire, not an extension cord.
- Your RV should have permanently installed carbon-monoxide and fire detectors, and you should check them regularly.

If you use a campground hook-up

- Give the hook-up a visual inspection before plugging in. Does it appear to be in good condition? If a campground hook-up appears to be damaged, put safety first and request another spot.
- Bring the proper cord.
- Never plug more than one RV into a single hook-up.
- As with a generator, plug your RV in before turning appliances on.

If you use a generator

- Whether you are powering your RV with a generator, or with a campground hook-up, know the amperage your RV draws, and the amperage available. If you try to draw more amperage than is available, you can cause serious damage to the electrical source and your RV.
- Turn your generator on and have it running before you turn appliances on.
- Never sleep with the generator on.

Source: SafeElectricity.org



2021 ART CRAWL

Friday, August 13: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday, August 14: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday, August 15: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

After a one-year hiatus the artists are looking forward to sharing their creativity with the public as they welcome visitors to their studios and galleries. Twenty-one sites will host more than 32 artists. Take the studio art tour through Stone Lake, Springbrook, Hayward, Cable, and Drummond. This is a fun event for the whole family! For a fun, interactive map please visit www.cablehaywardarts.org.



MONTH OF AUGUST

Billing date: August 10, 2021

July usage

Bills due upon receipt:
August 30, 2021

Disconnect day:
August 13, 2021

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When shopping for new light bulbs, know the difference between lumens and watts. Lumens measure the amount of light produced by the bulb. Watts measure energy consumption.

Energy-saving LEDs come in a variety of color and brightness levels and last 15–25 times longer than incandescent bulbs.

Source: www.energy.gov



Head on over to the County Fairs!

Iron County
August 5–8, 2021

Bayfield County
August 12–15, 2021

Ashland County
September 19–25, 2021



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