



Bayfield Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



SAVE WITH BAYFIELD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S 2023 REBATE PROGRAM

BEC members are eligible to receive rebates on energy efficient appliances, lighting, HVAC, water heaters, and more! If you install energy efficient products at your property, submit a rebate form, receipt, and any other applicable documentation to the BEC office. Forms are available on our website at www.bayfeldelectric.com.



DISTRICTS 5, 6, AND 9 UP FOR ELECTIONS

Want to run for director?

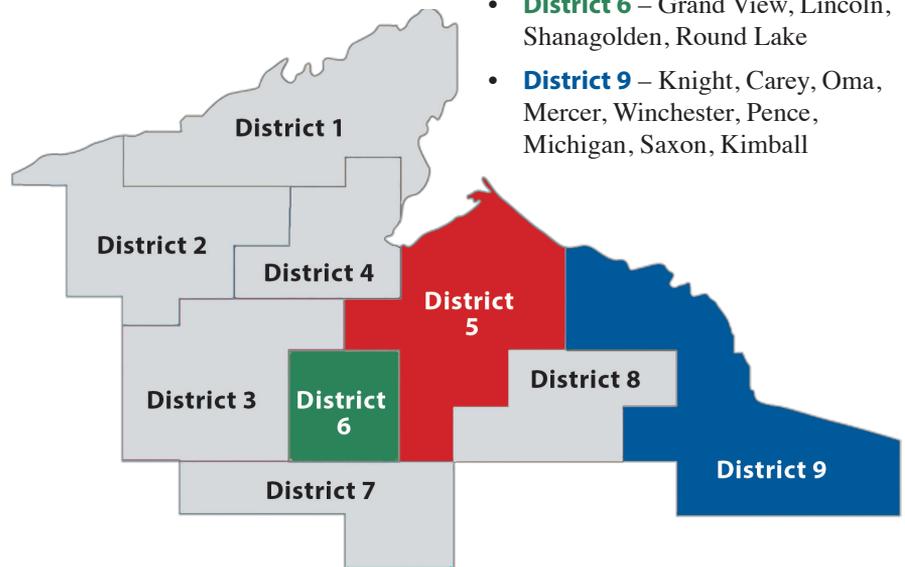
Nomination petitions are due February 10

As approved by the annual membership meeting in June 2014, the cooperative Bylaws now provide that all candidates for positions on the cooperative board of directors must be nominated exclusively by petition, signed by at least 10 cooperative members from the district for which the candidate is seeking election, and filed with the cooperative at least 90 days prior to the annual meeting, which would

be by February 10 this year.

Interested members, please contact our office for the Verification of Qualification, Declaration of Candidacy, and Official Petition Form to circulate for the required signatures. The following are the districts that will be up for election this year:

- **District 5** – Sanborn, Gingles, Kelly, White River, Marengo
- **District 6** – Grand View, Lincoln, Shanagolden, Round Lake
- **District 9** – Knight, Carey, Oma, Mercer, Winchester, Pence, Michigan, Saxon, Kimball



Bayfield Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON

BE ALERT FOR PEAK ALERTS

Winter is well upon us, and with that comes the time for peak alerts for cooperative members. A peak alert is likely to occur on colder days during the winter months. On these days, the demand for electricity is highest, which also brings the need to conserve energy use whenever possible.

The level of demand determines a large portion of the cooperative's energy costs during this time. Reducing or delaying your electrical usage during a peak alert helps lower this cost. The key is to reduce your consumption between the hours of 5 and 10 p.m. on these coldest winter days. This helps Bayfield Electric to save on our wholesale power bill, which is passed along to the members. By turning off unneeded lighting and appliances, you can help save a substantial amount.

You may visit www.bayfieldelectric.com under the Load Management tab to find current times and dates of control. Peak-alert messages also run on the following stations:

- **WATW 1400 AM**
- **WBSZ 93.3 FM**
- **WNXR 107.3 FM**
- **WJJH 96.7 FM**

What Load Management?

The Load Management Program helps balance electrical supply and demand. The goal is to keep the amount of electricity used in balance with the amount of electricity generated, which results in a reduced need for future power plants. Load management is energy conservation at work.

Dairyland Power Cooperative, our wholesale power supplier, estimates that the program saves its system 70 megawatts of electricity in the summer and 160 megawatts in the winter...the equivalent size of a small power plant. It does so by reducing the system's total demand during peak use hours—generally between 3 and 9 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in the Load Management Program, please contact our office.



By taking simple steps such as turning off unneeded lights during times when the demand for energy is at its peak, you can help your cooperative—and your fellow members—save energy and reduce power costs.



DO YOU DEPEND ON LIFE-SUPPORT EQUIPMENT? We need to know!

While Bayfield Electric Cooperative strives to maintain the best possible service with a minimum of outage time, occasional outages, either planned or uncontrolled, do occur. We at Bayfield Electric need to know the names and locations of cooperative members who depend on life-support equipment. It is important that this information be current and accurate. We will make every effort to give priority to restoring service to members on life-support systems. If you or a member of your family depends on life-support equipment, please fill out the form at right and mail it to us as quickly as possible.

Yes, I depend on life-support equipment

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Account/Location _____

Type of Support Equipment _____

Do you have an emergency standby generator to operate this equipment?

Yes _____ No _____

Mail this form to Bayfield Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 68, Iron River, WI 54847

WINTER WONDERLAND WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the words associated with winter in the puzzle? Use the word bank to check your work.



E	M	C	C	G	H	S	L	B	N	F	L	L	B	L
P	K	E	A	R	M	U	F	F	S	L	R	L	K	L
P	B	A	V	I	S	I	I	E	A	X	A	A	K	L
X	W	E	L	H	S	E	T	B	W	N	D	I	C	U
P	B	C	N	F	G	O	W	T	K	I	I	C	B	S
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Z	I	R	Y	L	L	I	H	C	O	U	J	S	K	W
C	X	I	R	Q	H	C	Z	L	C	A	X	W	W	L
P	H	F	O	Y	V	S	I	W	O	H	O	C	S	M
B	P	I	P	C	O	O	Y	J	C	D	A	J	Y	L
I	Z	W	Q	F	H	E	V	F	M	D	S	P	S	P
Y	F	E	U	H	Z	V	D	N	L	W	R	B	Q	F

WINTER ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP:

Instead of turning up the heat in your home, wear an extra layer of clothing or get cozy under your favorite blanket!

WORD BANK:

- snowflake
- mittens
- scarf
- snowball
- chilly
- icicles
- cocoa
- earmuffs
- fireplace
- blanket



What better way to show your love than by keeping your loved ones safe? These five simple steps will help keep your home safe from potential electrical hazards.

HOME ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS



Never overload an electrical socket with too many plugs. Check all outlets to ensure they are cool to the touch, have protective faceplates, and are in proper working order.



Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Not only could this be a tripping hazard, but the cords can overheat, and the constant foot traffic can make the wires frayed or broken over time.



Make sure you're using the right extension cord for the job, and never double up. Remember that extension cords are meant to be temporary.



Install safety caps and covers over all electrical outlets to keep children from inserting objects—including their fingers—into the outlet.



Use ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages, and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI protected.

Sources: Safe Electricity, Electrical Safety Foundation International

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Do you have a home office? Set equipment like printers and scanners to automatically switch to sleep or energy-saver mode when not in use. In addition to saving energy, the equipment will stay cooler, which will extend its life.

Another way to save in the home office is to use energy efficient lamps for task lighting. Small lamps use less energy than whole-room lighting.



MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Billing date:
February 7, 2023

January usage

Bills due upon receipt

Gross due after
February 27, 2023

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