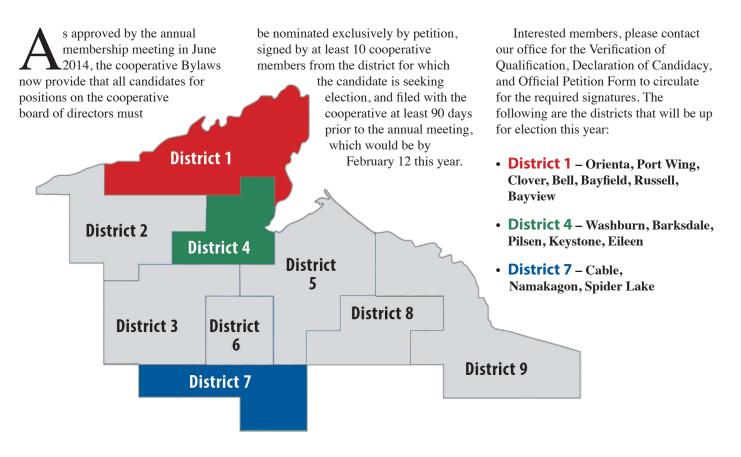




## DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 7 UP FOR ELECTIONS

## Bayfield Electric Cooperative Seeks Director Candidates





## SAVE WITH BAYFIELD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S 2024 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.bayfieldelectric.com.

# WINTER'S HERE BEALERT FOR PEAK ALERTS

White 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, and that savings is passed along to the members. By turning off unneeded lighting and appliances, the amount saved can be substantial. You may visit www.bayfieldelectric.com under the Load Management tab to find current times and dates of being controlled. 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 is the Load Management program?

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.



### 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 lifesupport 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 |

What better way to show your love than by keeping your loved ones safe? Here are five simple steps you can take to eliminate potential electrical hazards in your home.

# FOR THE LOVE OF SAFETY

Use the Right Sized Bulbs



match a lamp or light fixture's recommended wattage.

| Use    |  |
|--------|--|
| Outlet |  |
| Covers |  |

Use outlet covers or install tamperresistant receptacles to keep little ones from sticking fingers or objects into electrical outlets.

#### **Avoid Overloading Outlets**

Never overload an electrical socket with too many plugs. Make sure all outlets are cool to the touch and have protective faceplates.

#### Keep Appliances Away from Water

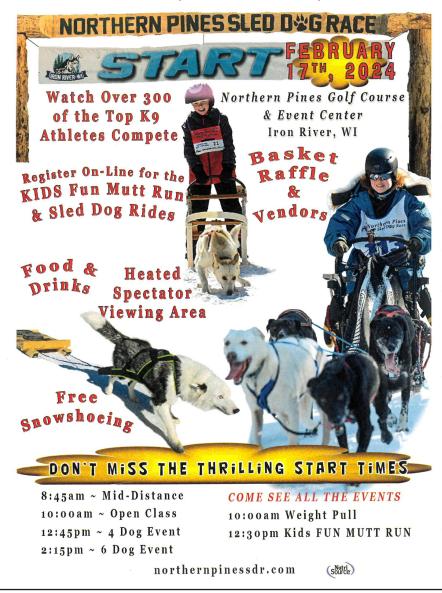
Remember that electricity and water don't mix. Keep all electrical devices away from water.

#### Don't Overextend Extension Cord Use

Use the right extension cord for the job, and never double up. Extension cords are meant to be temporary.

### Northern Pines Sled Dog Race

Come join the fun at Northern Pines Golf Course on Feb. 17! Watch over 300 top K9 athletes compete. Register online for the kids fun Mutt Run at northernpinessdr.com. There will be a basket raffle and vendors. Keep warm in the heated spectator area.



### ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Area rugs are an easy, costeffective solution to cold floors. Adding area rugs to hard-surface flooring can add warmth to any room and keep your feet cozy on cold winter days.

Choose rugs made from wool or other natural fibers and plush or highpile textures for the most insulation. Place rugs in areas where you need additional warmth, like the foot of a bed or under a coffee table. Area rugs can enhance the aesthetic of your home and keep you cozier.

# MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Billing date: February 9, 2024 January usage Bills due upon receipt Gross due after February 29, 2024

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