



Message from your CEO:

THANKS FOR ATTENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING



Bayfield Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Members gathered at the Bad River Lodge & Casino to participate in Bayfield Electric's Annual Meeting in May. Members shared snacks and refreshments while engaging in presentations from Bayfield Electric representatives. Among the many guests who attended were speakers Tim Clay, VP of operations at WECA, Jim Halvorsen of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, and William Bailey of Chequamegon Bay Renewables.

Keeping with tradition, each member who attended the meeting received a \$20 credit on their bill, and a name was drawn for a TV. Members were also able to participate in an open panel discussion. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. We hope to see you again next year!



At the top: Members gathered at the Bad River Lodge & Casino for Bayfield Electric Cooperative's annual meeting. Above: Serving on the board of directors are (left to right) Carl Schutte, James Kinzie, Russell Bailey, Robert Kretzschmar, Mark Santikko, Barry Radloff, Roy Settgas, Michael Nelson, and Curtis Berweger. Left: Members sign up for door prizes. Below: Board President Mark Santikko, at podium, and CEO Christopher Kopel address the members.



10 TIPS FOR SUMMER ENERGY USE

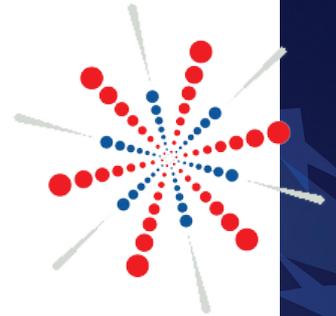
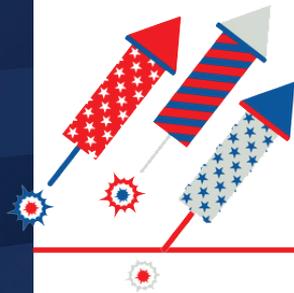
- 1 Clear the Air:** Open windows to allow fresh (free!) air to circulate.
- 2 Cook Outside:** Enjoy a few hours of sunshine by using your grill or smoker to add festive flavors to meals.
- 3 Search and Seal:** Cracks and spaces let conditioned air outside; seal them with caulk and weather stripping. Check for gaps between stationary objects like door and window frames.
- 4 Natural Light:** Open blinds and curtains, and turn off the lights to take advantage of the natural light and save energy.
- 5 Be Fan Friendly:** Use ceiling fans to circulate airflow. If your ceiling fans are still in winter mode, switch them so the blades turn counter-clockwise, pushing the cool air down towards you. Just remember to turn the fans when you leave a room; fans cool people, not rooms.
- 6 Atmospheric Adjustment:** Remember to adjust your thermostat settings for the summer months, keeping it as high as comfortably possible and turning it up when no one is home. Use a programmable thermostat if you tend to forget to adjust the thermostat yourself.
- 7 Tune Up:** Schedule an appointment with your HVAC technician to identify any potential problems with your system.
- 8 Peak Savings:** Think about supply and demand. Plan household chores that require electricity, such as laundry and running the dishwasher, during off-peak hours (when energy demand is low).
- 9 Take Charge:** Consider disconnecting electrical devices you don't use regularly until you need them. Plugged-in devices use energy even when not in use.
- 10 Move Outdoors:** Time spent outdoors offers opportunities to turn off lights, televisions, computers, and home appliances. You'll be more active, have more fun, and save more money.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

FIREWORKS SAFETY

Fireworks displays are best left to the experts; however, if you choose to use legal fireworks, keep the following safety tips from the National Safety Council in mind:

- Never allow young children to use fireworks. Older children should use them only under close adult supervision.
- Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should use protective eyewear.
- Use fireworks away from people, houses, and flammable material, and never point or throw them at another person.
- Light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting.
- Soak spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding.
- Consider safer alternatives to sparklers, which can burn at about 2,000 degrees, for young children. Glow sticks are a safer option.



WATER SAFETY

If you're planning to spend your Fourth of July at the lake, keep these safety tips from Safe Electricity in mind:

- Do not swim around docks with electrical equipment or boats plugged into shore power.
- If you are in the water and feel electric current, shout to let others know, try to stay upright, tuck your legs up to make yourself smaller, and swim away from anything that could be energized.
- If you own a boat and/or dock, make sure it has proper safety equipment, complies with applicable standards and codes, and is checked out at least once a year.

GRILL SAFETY

Electric grills are a safe option for preparing your July 4 picnic because there are no flames, gases, or carcinogens. However, you should still consider some basic safety tips:

- Do not leave the grill unattended.
- Turn off and unplug electric grills after use and before cleaning.
- Inspect the power cord, plug, and heating element before you plug in and operate an electric grill.
- Never expose/immerse an electric grill cord in water.





It's *Blueberry* Time!

Mark your calendars for the annual Blueberry Festival taking place July 23–24 at Moon Lake Park in Iron River. Festivities include:

- Food and craft vendors
- Kid's tractor pull
- Live entertainment
- Carnival rides
- Pie eating contests
- Cardboard boat races
- Parade
- Face painting
- Raffle drawing
- And so much more!

Visit www.irlions.com for complete details.
The 2022 festival ends at 8 p.m. Sunday evening.

**MONTH
OF JULY**

Billing date: July 8, 2022
June usage
Gross due after July 28, 2022
Disconnect: August 15, 2012

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know the combined use of large appliances like dishwashers, clothes dryers and washing machines account for the largest percentage of electricity use in the average U.S. home? Take small steps to save energy when using these appliances.

Only run full loads in the dishwasher, and thoroughly scrape food from dishes before loading. Dry towel and heavier cottons separate from lighter-weight clothing, and clean the lint screen after every use. Wash clothing in cold water to save energy used to heat water.

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