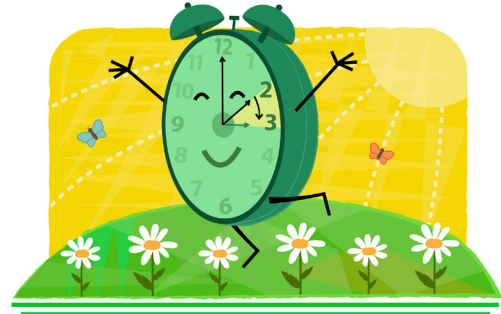




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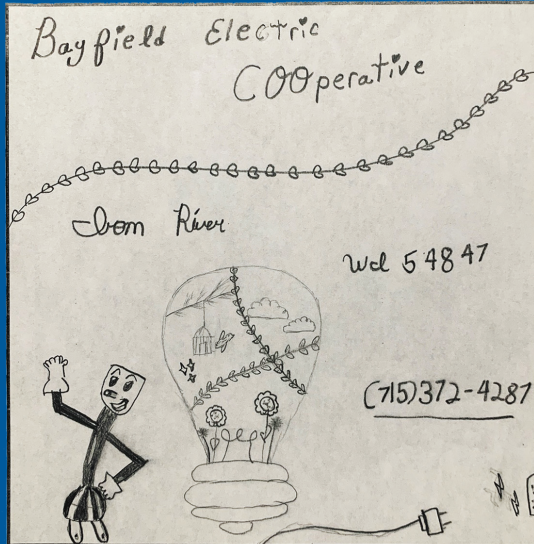
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



Spring Forward!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
STARTS SUNDAY, MARCH 13

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 our website at www.bayfieldelectric.com and click on "Together we Save" for energy-saving tips.—*Charles Q. Choi- Scientific American, a Division of Nature America Inc.*



NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION WEEK

Bayfield Electric Cooperative practiced the seventh cooperative principle, Concern for Community, by sponsoring a student-designed ad in the *Daily Globe's* student writing and advertising design contest. Students were invited to complete a writing assignment or design an ad. Teachers forwarded the entrants from their class and Bayfield Electric chose a winner from the finalists. Ellah Linna designed the winning ad for Bayfield Electric. Congratulations, Ellah!

TOGETHER WE SAVE



As a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, Bayfield Electric Cooperative participates in a national energy-efficiency campaign. The **Together We Save** campaign is designed to inspire consumers to take simple steps to reduce energy consumption—and thereby save money. Check out www.TogetherWeSave.com, a gateway through which everyone can easily learn simple steps to save energy, and the estimated cost-savings impact of those actions. Whether it's unplugging unused appliances or adding an extra layer of insulation in the attic, **Together We Save** shows how simple energy-saving techniques are, and encourages consumers to take a step beyond thinking about changing some of their habits to actually taking action.



HOW CAN I MAKE MY BILL SMALLER?

As always, the cooperative encourages members to make their homes as energy efficient as possible. We offer a lot of helpful information on our website under the “Together we Save” tab. We have many rebates available. There are also several programs available for members who are having difficulty paying their electric bill. Please contact your local district office or Bayfield Electric’s billing department for more information.

Seven Cooperative Principles

VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

1

DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

2

MEMBERS’ ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefitting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

3

AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

4

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so that they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

5

COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

6

CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

7



Spring Break



Are you planning to take a vacation this month?
Safe Electricity offers the following tips to help lower your electric bill and keep your home safe and secure while you're away.

- **Unplug some of your household appliances.** Your house has many items that use small amounts of 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 items to unplug are: TVs, cable boxes, microwave ovens, toasters, coffee makers, and unused extension cords.
- **Use programmable timers for lights.** If you choose to leave any household lights on while you're gone for security reasons, put 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 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 a little lower than is typically comfortable.** By doing this, you can cut heating costs by 10 to 30 percent. But don't turn it lower than 55 degrees or you could risk frozen pipes if the weather turns very cold while you're gone. If you use a programmable thermostat, you can set it so that the heat returns to a higher setting on the day you return, so your home is nice and comfortable when you walk in the door.
- **Close the blinds and curtains.** This will make it easier for your house to hold the heat inside while the thermostat is set a little lower than usual.
- **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 Cooperative hopes you enjoy your vacation, and keep your home safe while you are away using these "SafeElectricity.org" tips.



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 right onto your smart-phone or tablet.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When was your cooling system last serviced? Most manufacturers recommend an annual tune-up for your home's cooling system. March is a great time to schedule this service so you can beat the summer rush when the pros are busiest.

A qualified professional can check the amount of refrigerant, accuracy of the thermostat, condition of belts and motors and other factors that can impact the efficiency of your system.

Source: Dept. of Energy



MONTH OF MARCH

Billing date:
March 10, 2022

February usage

Bills due upon receipt:
March 30, 2022

Disconnect Day:
March 15, 2022

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

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.



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