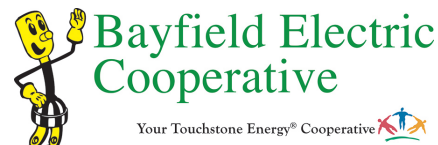


# BE ALERT TO PHONE SCAMS



Every day, millions of Americans are targeted by scammers through phone calls, emails, text messages, or online. Scammers' tactics can change daily, which is why it's important for consumers to stay on top of the latest scam reports.

Just last month, multiple Bayfield Electric Cooperative members were targeted through a phone scam where the scammers demanded immediate payment and threatened to shut off power if payment was not received. Remember, BEC will



never threaten immediate disconnection and will never demand a member's financial information over the phone.

Our increasingly connected world provides scammers with more opportunities to connect with unsuspecting consumers. Be vigilant, and please report any utility scams to BEC so we can let others in our community know. If you are ever unsure, simply hang up and give our office a call. Together, we can help our friends and neighbors from being victimized.



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## DO YOU NEED TO COME INSIDE THE OFFICE?

If you've been to our Iron River office recently, you may have noticed a few additions to our front entry way.

First, a durable second drop box has been added, located conveniently to the left of the front doors for you to use. Secondly, a door bell has been added to the right of the front doors.

Here's how it works: Would you like to come inside to make a payment by cash or check vs. use the two drop boxes available outside? Have a billing question you would rather discuss in person? Or, are you building a new construction and have questions on the paperwork you'd like to discuss in person? Simply ring the doorbell and someone will be there shortly to open the door for you!





# GROWING A BUSINESS IN OUR AREA?

**We can help obtain funds for qualifying projects**

Through Bayfield Electric Cooperative's revolving loan fund, business assistance loans are available for qualifying economic development projects within our service area. This program is in conjunction with the USDA. Consider developing your business in northern Wisconsin. We would be proud to be your power supplier! For more information, please contact our office at 715-372-4287.



## Revolving Loan Fund FAQs



### Purpose

The Revolving Loan Fund seeks to enhance the quality of life in the rural areas of Wisconsin by contributing to the long-term improvements in the general economy by promoting quality job creation and retention, diversification of the economy, improving the skills of the rural workforce, and providing needed community services to benefit rural citizens.



### Eligibility

In general, eligible projects can include any business venture, government public body, or non-profit entity involved in a community or economic development project that promotes the purpose of the loan.



### Ineligibility

Ineligible uses of the loan include, but are not limited to, pre-development cost, refinancing of existing debt, and general improvement loans related to normal replacement needs of a business.



### Financing Information

The loan seeks to minimize its financial participation in all projects. The loan is not intended to compete with other public or private lenders. The loan will collaborate with other lenders to provide the financial package necessary to help realize the project.

*Loan amount, terms, and conditions shall be determined by the Bayfield Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. Loan project must include a minimum of 20% funding from other sources.*



# Dormitory 101:

## Make Room for Safety

The car is loaded up and check-in is about to start on college campuses across the country. While you want to have all the comforts of home at school, there are some **electrical safety tips to keep in mind** as you set up your new space.

- **Do not** overload outlets, extension cords, or power strips.
- Use power strips with **overcurrent protectors**. This will shut off the power if there is too much power being drawn.
- Only purchase and use electrical products tested for safety. Some commonly **approved safety labels** include **UL**, **CSA**, and **MET**.

- **Unplug small appliances** when not in use and all electronics when away for extended periods.
- Keep all electrical appliances and **cords safely away from bedding, curtains, papers**, and other flammable material.

Check with your **university's housing department** on specific housing rules before planning to bring hot plates, coffee makers, toasters, microwaves, and portable heaters.

For more information on dorm safety, visit:

**Safe**  
**Electricity.org**





## NEW: Texting and calling notifications

We ask you to please make sure your account information is up to date, especially phone numbers. We have recently started to communicate to our members through texting. The main number we have on file for you can be found right on the bottom of your monthly bill. If this needs to be updated simply write a little note on the paystub and return it to us with your payment or give our office a quick call. If we have a planned power outage or are doing routine transformer or pole inspections in your area, you'll hear from us! Please note: Notifications will come from a different number rather than our main phone line.



### Summer storms keep our linemen busy

A few large storms with heavy wind swept through the area at the end of July. Check out Island View Lodge's Facebook post they had summarizing damages, which also featured this picture of BEC lineman Adam Waddle.



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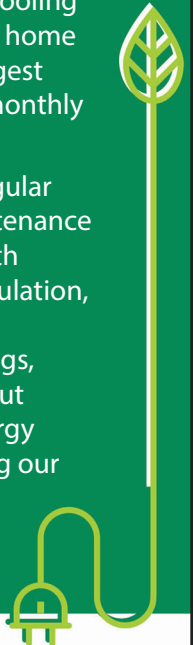
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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Energy used for cooling and heating your home makes up the largest portion of your monthly energy bills.

By combining regular equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings, you can save about 30% on your energy bills while helping our environment.

Source: [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)



## MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Billing date: September 10, 2021

August usage

Bills due upon receipt:  
September 30, 2021

Disconnect day:  
September 14, 2021

