



BEWARE OF 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 is important for consumers to stay on top of the latest scam reports.

Recently, 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, Bayfield Electric 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 the co-op 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.

Tips for avoiding a scam:

- Block unwanted calls and text messages. If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it’s real, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy, or look up their phone number.
- Resist the pressure to act immediately. Honest businesses will give you time to make a decision.
- Never give money someone who insists you pay with cryptocurrency, a wire transfer service, a payment app, or gift cards.

Source: Federal Trade Commission Consumer Advice

TEXTING AND CALLING NOTIFICATIONS

Is your information up to date?

We ask you to please make sure your account information is up to date, especially phone numbers. We sometimes communicate with our members through texting. The main number we have on file for you can be found on the bottom of your monthly bill. If this needs to be updated simply write a note on the stub 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.



CO-OP MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY IS COMING!

October is National Cooperative Month and we want to celebrate!

Keep your eyes peeled for more information about our Member Appreciation Day in October’s magazine.

More details to come.

LET US HELP YOU GROW YOUR BUSINESS



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.

Purpose

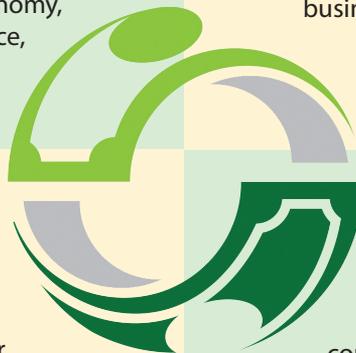
The Revolving Loan Fund seeks to enhance the quality of life in the rural areas of Wisconsin by contributing to the long-term improvements in the general economy by promoting quality job creation and retention, diversification of the economy, improving the skills of the rural workforce, and providing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

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.

Eligibility

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



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 be in collaboration 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.



DORM SAFETY: 101

AVOID ELECTRICAL OVERLOAD



It's the time of year when college campuses are preparing for students moving all of their worldly possessions into their home away from home—the dorm!



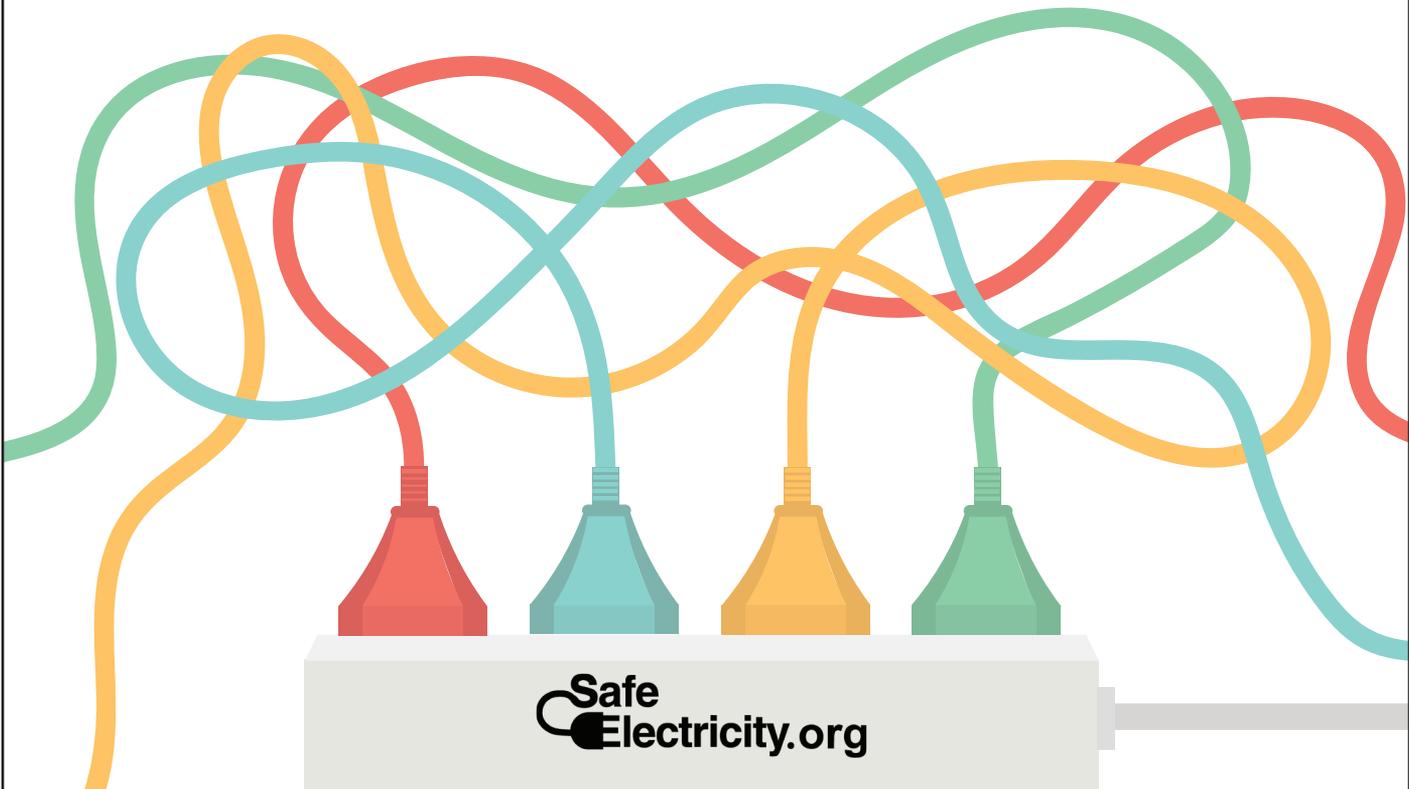
Safe Electricity urges everyone to make sure their college-bound students take precautions to prevent and protect themselves from campus-related fires and shocks. **Do not overload your electrical outlets, power strips, or extension cords.** Use power strips with an over-current protector that will shut off power automatically if there is too much current being drawn.



Potentially older wiring in student housing and apartments may not be able to handle the increased electrical demand of today's college student. If use of an appliance frequently causes power to trip off or if its power cord or the outlet feels hot, the appliance should be disconnected immediately and the condition reported to a resident assistant or housing manager.

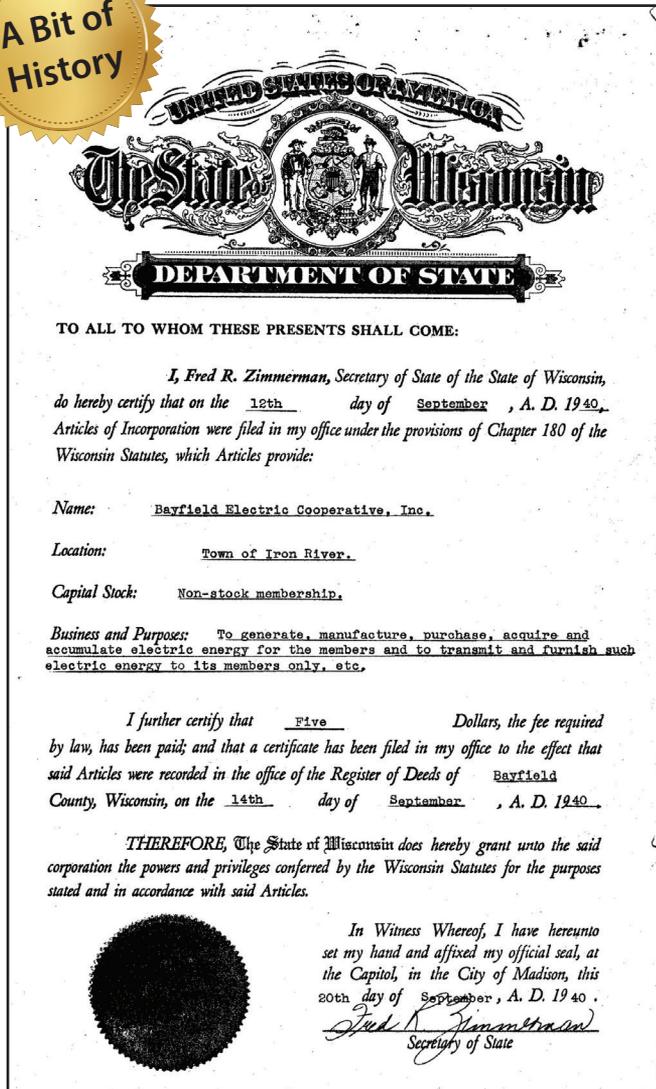


Visit SafeElectricity.org for a complete list of safety steps to prevent and reduce the risk of electrical fires.





A Bit of History



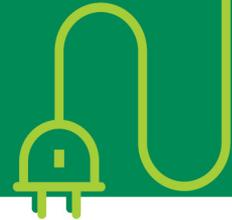
Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Did you know fall is the perfect time to schedule a tune-up for your heating system? Home heating accounts for a large portion of winter energy bills, and no matter what kind of system you have, you can save energy and money by regularly maintaining your equipment.

Combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings can save about 30% on your energy bills.

Source: Dept. of Energy



MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Billing date: September 8, 2023
 August USAGE
 Gross Due after September 28, 2023
 Disconnect September 13, 2023

HAPPY LABOR DAY

Our office will be closed Monday, September 4

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