

# THE FAQs ON EVs

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You've probably heard that many automakers are transitioning several or all of their new vehicles to electric-only models over the next 10 years.

Regardless of the type of car you drive today, the electrification of the transportation sector is underway.

We regularly receive inquiries about electric vehicles from Miami-Cass REMC members, so I thought it would be helpful to respond to some of those frequently asked questions.

**Q: WHY IS MIAMI-CASS REMC COMMUNICATING ABOUT ELECTRIC VEHICLES?**

**A:** It's no secret that consumer interest in electric vehicles (EVs) is growing, and Miami-Cass REMC is providing information so that our members can make informed decisions when considering an EV purchase.

**Q: WHY IS MY CO-OP INVOLVED IN EV INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES?**

**A:** Electric utilities are planning now to ensure they have the necessary electric infrastructure in place to meet future EV charging needs — without jeopardizing the ability to keep reliable power flowing to our local homes and businesses. As your local energy provider, Miami-Cass REMC is best suited to advise and help our members plan for the future.

**Q: CAN I CHARGE MY EV USING AN EXISTING OUTLET, OR DO I NEED A SPECIAL OUTLET?**

**A:** All EVs come with a 110-volt-compatible (Level 1) charging unit that can be plugged into any standard household outlet. For an eight-hour overnight charge, this will enable traveling around 36 to 40 miles a day. If you typically drive longer distances or are in a hurry, a Level 2 charger takes about half the time and provides about 180 miles of range over an eight-hour charging period. A Level 2 charger must be installed by a licensed electrician.

**Q: DOES THE OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE AFFECT THE RANGE OF AN EV?**

**A:** Outside temperatures, particularly colder weather, can impact the range of an EV. Unlike a gas-powered vehicle, where the heat is mostly coming from the engine, an EV must produce cabin heat and manage an optimal battery temperature with energy that comes from the battery, which can reduce battery range.

**Q: WILL AN EV MEET MY DAILY DRIVING NEEDS?**

**A:** If you are like most Americans and drive an average of 30 miles a day or less, an EV can likely meet your daily needs.

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**Q: WHAT KIND OF INCENTIVES ARE AVAILABLE FOR EVS?**

**A:** There are a variety of tax credits, rebates and other incentives available for EV purchases. Go to the website [afdc.energy.gov/laws/electric-vehicles-for-tax-credit](https://afdc.energy.gov/laws/electric-vehicles-for-tax-credit) to learn about federal incentives available through the Clean Vehicle Credit program, and visit [afdc.energy.gov/laws/all?state=IN#State%20Incentives](https://afdc.energy.gov/laws/all?state=IN#State%20Incentives) to learn about Indiana’s state incentives.

**Q: SHOULD I LET MY CO-OP KNOW IF I PURCHASE AN EV?**

**A:** If you purchase an EV, please let us know so we can better serve you. As more Miami-Cass REMC members buy EVs, it’s helpful to know where they’re located in our area so we can ensure we have the necessary infrastructure in place to meet charging needs and provide reliable power to our local homes and businesses.

We understand that making the switch to an EV is a big decision. Whether you’re ready to make an EV purchase or wondering if an EV can meet your daily driving needs, we’re here to help you make an informed choice. Give us a call at 765-473-6668 or contact us at [mcremc.coop](https://mcremc.coop).

**ROB SCHWARTZ**  
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## STEPS TO REPLACING A UTILITY POLE

Utility poles remain the backbone of most electric distribution systems. After more than 80 years since electric cooperatives first set them throughout rural Indiana, they remain the most cost-effective way to safely support power lines, insulators, transformers and more.

**1** Assess the situation.

**2** Secure the scene and call in a crew.

**3** Obtain supplies and tools.

**4** Replace the damaged pole.

## IN THE EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ...

# Myles MCDONALD



When he started on Jan. 9, Myles McDonald became the latest addition to the Broadway Broadband powered by Miami-Cass REMC team. He reports to Parker Long, construction supervisor, and is currently performing aerial construction. Prior to coming to Broadway Broadband, he worked for Comcast as a cable technician.

McDonald is a native of Logansport and a 2018 graduate of Logansport High School. While in high school, he joined the Army National Guard and served our country for four years.

Fresh out of basic training, McDonald went to work at the

Cass County Jail as a guard. While he was growing up, he thought he would like to pursue a career as a police officer. However, after spending time as a guard, McDonald decided to pursue a different path.

He likes being able to work outside and stated that he enjoys the REMC's more family oriented environment versus the "corporate" environment of his previous job. McDonald also said that he appreciates how each team member is a part of the larger picture of bringing high-speed internet to the underserved in our communities. His advice to anyone starting out in his position is to not be afraid to ask questions and to

come in with a readiness to learn.

McDonald enjoys traveling and said the most interesting place he has visited was Las Vegas. He spends much of his spare time coaching boys' elementary-aged basketball for the YMCA and Babe Ruth baseball to middle school boys.

He is also self-employed, running a sports memorabilia business on the side. What started as a hobby four years ago bloomed into a business a couple of years ago. On his bucket list would be visiting all 32 Major League Baseball stadiums in the United States.

The staff and board of directors are glad to have him as part of the Broadway Broadband family.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Washing windows and screens is a great way to practice energy efficiency during spring cleaning.

Clean windows and screens make your home brighter by allowing more sunlight in, reducing the need

for lamps and fixtures. Clean screens also allow more fresh air in the home when the windows are open to recycle indoor air.

Natural light and clean air are energy savers, and they enhance overall

health and productivity.

Source:  
Department  
of Energy





### Chocolate cookie cheesecake dip

**TIME:**

One hour, ten minutes  
(includes chilling time)

**FEEDS:**

6-8 people

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 8-ounce block of cream cheese, at room temperature
- ¼ cup mascarpone cheese, at room temperature
- 3 T. brown sugar
- 1 t. vanilla extract
- ¼ t. kosher salt
- 1 ¼ cups crushed crispy chocolate chip cookies

**RECIPE:**

Combine the cream cheese, mascarpone, brown sugar, vanilla and salt in a medium bowl. Mix together with a rubber spatula until smooth and combined. Add the crushed cookies and fold together. Refrigerate until ready to serve. (The dip is best if made at least 1 hour in advance). Bring to room temperature for 30 minutes before serving.

**Serving suggestions:** pretzel rods, shortbread or other sweet and salty items to dip.

resource: foodnetwork.com



# Board meets in JANUARY

1. Counted seven board members attending. Attorney Jeremy Fetty also attended.
2. Fetty presented the legal report.
3. Rob Schwartz presented the monthly CEO report.
4. Minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.
5. Financial report given by Schwartz.
6. December monthly operating, member services and safety reports were reviewed and approved.
7. Set the next board meeting for Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. at the REMC headquarters

## DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE RISK OF OVERLOADS

**DON'T RELY ON EXTENSION CORDS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF INADEQUATE ELECTRICAL OUTLETS. IF YOU HAVE AN OVERLOADED OUTLET, HEAD TO YOUR CIRCUIT PANEL AND RESET IT.**

Electrical overloads can occur when your home draws more electricity than a circuit can safely handle. When a circuit receives too much electricity, it causes the circuit breaker to trip. That shuts power off to the entire circuit.

There are several signs that indicate an overloaded circuit. Among them:

- Flickering, blinking or dimming lights.
- The outlet switch covers are warm to the touch.
- Burning odors from outlets or switches.
- Frequently tripped circuit breakers.
- Crackling, sizzling or buzzing from receptacles.
- Mild shock or tingles after touching appliances, receptacles or switches.
- Power tools, appliances or electronics seem to lack adequate power.

