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Grow your summer energy savings



One of my favorite things about summer is the opportunity for fresh, homegrown food, whether it's shopping at the local farmers market or sharing the abundance of garden tomatoes with a neighbor. It's amazing how just a few seeds, some fertilizer, and water can turn into a bounty.

When I think about energy efficiency, I think about that bounty of food and how, with just a few simple actions, you can use less electricity and reap the rewards of energy savings.

You don't need to be a farmer or botanist to know that plants need water — just like you don't have to be a lineworker or engineer to know that adjusting the thermostat or turning off lights can reduce your monthly electric bill. In fact, if you read Miami-Cass REMC's pages in Indiana Connection regularly and follow us on Facebook and Instagram, you know there are a lot of things you can do at home to save electricity and money.

Summer months bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. But why? Cooling your home accounts for a large portion of your monthly energy use, and the hotter it gets, the harder and longer your air conditioner works to keep you cool.

I would like to share a few ways we're here to help you save — not only during the dog days of summer but throughout the year.

One of the great things about being part of Miami-Cass is that we're locally owned by you, our members. So instead of making profits, we can focus on helping our community. That's why we've developed incentives and programs to help you keep your money in your wallet.

REBATES

Miami-Cass REMC offers multiple ways to give you money back for efficient equipment you purchase, like heat pumps and water heaters. Many of our rebates can be claimed by simply filling out a form. Find a list of all our rebates at mcremc.coop.

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR USE

Use SmartHub to track your energy use. You can even get alerts when your use spikes so you can make changes in real-time.

WAYS TO PAY

If you're having a difficult time paying the higher bills that come with increased use in the summer, contact us to see about programs and how we can assist you.

Most people don't know everything about electricity, and that's why we're here to help. There are no investors making profits here. Just knowledgeable people with local jobs, working for our neighbors to ensure there is electricity available when you need it. Contact us, and we can work with you to find more ways to save energy and money.



ROB SCHWARTZ
CEO

**OUR OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON MAY 27 FOR
MEMORIAL DAY**



Happy
RETIREMENT

SCOTT RICHARDSON

May your days ahead be filled with happiness, health, and new adventures.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Looking for an easy way to manage home energy use? Smart plugs are inexpensive and offer convenient solutions for scheduling and controlling your favorite electronic devices. With smart plugs, you can easily manage your coffee maker, lighting, home office equipment, video game consoles and more. Smart plugs can help you manage devices through a smart phone app, your home assistant or voice control. By conveniently powering off or scheduling devices, you can save energy and money! *Source: Energy.gov*



Welcome

TO THE
TEAM



Ryan Covert



I.T. Manager

MARCH BOARD MEETING

1. Counted seven board members attending. Attorney J. Michael Deweese also attended via teleconference.
2. Board officer elections: Jim Savage, president; Todd Smith, vice president; Cindy Scott, secretary/treasurer
3. Jim Savage presented the WVPA monthly report.
4. J. Michael Deweese presented monthly legal report.
5. Rob Schwartz presented monthly CEO report.
6. Minutes from previous board meeting were approved.
7. Financial reports reviewed and approved.
8. February monthly operating, member services, human resources, and safety reports were reviewed and approved.
9. Set next board meeting for Tuesday, April 30, 7 p.m. at the REMC headquarters.

WEATHERING THE STORM

TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE BEFORE AND AFTER A STORM HITS.

BEFORE THE STORM

Keep your phone charged and consider getting an external battery so your phone can charge without electricity.

Have a battery-operated radio for weather updates.

Unplug appliances and other electrical items. Damage can occur from power surges as a result of nearby lightning strikes.

Prepare an emergency kit and create a family communication plan.

If someone in your home uses a life-sustaining medical device that requires electricity, alert your electric cooperative now. Plan to have a battery or emergency generation on hand before an outage occurs.

AFTER THE STORM

If you see fallen power lines while driving, turn around—**never drive over them.**

If a power line falls on your vehicle, stay inside, call 911, and exit only if your life is in immediate danger from a fire or other reason. Then, jump clear of your vehicle being certain to never touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time; then shuffle away keeping your feet together at all times.

While checking for damage outside your home, **watch for hazards from exposed nails, broken glass, and broken tree branches** dangling on other limbs.

Use flashlights, not candles, to inspect your home during a power outage to prevent fire risks.

Don't touch downed power lines or anything in contact with them. Call 911 to report them, as they could still be energized.

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