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JNEC's January 2022 Newsletter

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## **& Register Your Electric Account**

JNEC offers online access to your account so you can see your current bill, past bills, payments, and more! You can sign up for automatic payments with a checking account, savings account, or credit card. You can also make a one-time payment online.



## **YOUR UNIQUE ENERGY NEEDS**

Many members are looking for ways to control their energy use and reduce their impact on the environment. The best way to do this is to be aware of how much energy you use each month and where it is being used. You can use JNEC's online billing tool (or read your meter) to track your electricity use. This information will help incorporate more energy-efficient habits into your daily routine. If you still have questions, give us a call. We are here to help!

### **Lifestyle Makes a Difference**

You have control over your electricity use by choosing the appliances and devices you use on a regular basis. The way you use these electric devices has a greater impact on your consumption of electricity than the number you own. There are other factors to consider when reviewing your monthly electricity use.

### **Family Size**

There is a direct relationship between the number of people living in a home and the amount of energy used. If friends or relatives visit, you can expect to use more energy for hot water, charging and using electronics, cooking/baking, doing laundry, etc.

## Why is my electric bill higher than my neighbor's?

Your electric bill is a result of your habits and behaviors, as well as the choices you make to stay comfortable. It reflects the amount of electricity consumed by you and your family in the past month. Your neighbor's home may be different in terms of the number of people living there, lifestyle, size and age of the home, equipment/electronics, etc. These and other factors make a comparison with your neighbor less meaningful. Don't overlook hobbies or businesses that operate from home. They also affect the amount of electricity you use.

### CHECK

If your electric bill seems higher than expected, sometimes you'll find equipment using electricity that you thought was turned off. It could be a well pump, heat tape, baseboard electric heat, or basement, closet and attic lights.

### RECORD

Take action to better understand how energy is used in your home. To start, track your current consumption utilizing your cooperative's online bill pay program. Advances in technology allow you - the member - to utilize these tools to monitor trends or patterns over time. If you're not enrolled in an online bill pay program, set a time each day to jot down the reading on the electricity meter outside your home. Your analysis will be more accurate if you take your readings at the same time each day.

Subtract the previous day's reading from the current reading to determine how many kilowatt-hours (kWh) were used.

Contact your electric cooperative if you have questions regarding your energy use. Their trusted energy experts can walk you through what could be causing increased electricity consumption throughout the day. Sometimes increased usage issues may require having a qualified electrician to check wiring and appliances for faults or other malfunctions.

### ACT

#### Do Something About Your Electric Bill

You can have more power over your electric bill by acting on the information presented here.

#### Use Less

Change your habits. Start with easy changes.

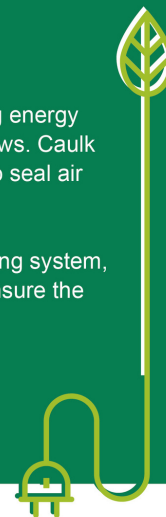
- Utilize a programmable or smart thermostat to adjust temperatures when no one is home.
- Adjust the AC a few degrees warmer in the evening.
- During the winter, lower the thermostat setting when you go to sleep.
- Select efficient lighting options like LEDs. "Smart" LEDs can be managed from your smartphone. Place them in areas where lights are on the most.
- Take care of your heating and cooling systems by replacing filters and cleaning coils.
- Advanced power strips can reduce the amount of standby electricity used. They can sense when certain devices are on, off or in standby mode, and automatically cut power to certain outlets.
- Turn off lights when you leave a room.
- Keep lighting fixtures clean.
- Use less water. Set the thermostat on your water heater to 120°F or less.
- Fix faucet leaks.
- Insulate hot water pipes.
- Use the oven light to check on food instead of opening the oven door.
- Contact your cooperative for "101 Ways To Save" from Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives, with more easy tips to help you save energy and save money.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

About 30% of a home's heating energy is lost through inefficient windows. Caulk and weatherstrip all windows to seal air leaks.

When running your home heating system, lock all operable windows to ensure the tightest seal possible.

Source: Dept. of Energy



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## SCHOLARSHIPS



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON JNEC'S WEBSITE AT

[www.jnec.com](http://www.jnec.com)

Applications will also be in area high schools in December and January.

Fourteen scholarships are available from Jasper-Newton Electric Education Fund as follows:

- Two (2)-Four year, \$4000 scholarships at \$500 per semester
- Eleven (11)-One Year, \$1,000 scholarships
- One (1)- One Year, \$1,000 scholarship

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DEADLINE FOR RETURNING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS TO JNEC



Set the thermostat to 68°F or lower during the winter; 78°F or higher in the summer, especially when your home is not occupied.

You can use a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust temperatures to accommodate weekly schedules. Consider buying a smart thermostat that can be controlled from your smart phone.



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