

2016 CAPITAL CREDIT ALLOCATION NOTICE

Please note that your 2016 capital credit allocation is on your November billing statement. This represents your share of the operating margins realized by your cooperative for the year indicated. These margins have been equally allocated to all participating members based upon total dollar billing or usage. These margins (payments in excess of expenses) become patronage capital and are used by your cooperative for operating capital, necessary revenues, storm damage, and other contingencies.

Should you cease to purchase energy from the cooperative and change your present address, you should notify the cooperative. If you have any questions regarding the capital credit allocation, please call our Capital Credit Department at (715) 372-4287.



NOTICE TO DUAL FUEL MEMBERS

Load control test set for November 15

Please be advised that the Winter Preparedness Test for Dual Fuel Members is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15. This load control test is performed before the winter full load control season to ensure that members are familiar with the control sequence and to ensure that backup heating systems have been validated for proper function.

If you're ever wondering if you're being controlled, you can always check by visiting www.bayfieldelectric.com and clicking on the "Am I Being Controlled?" tab under the Solar/Load Management section.

If you have any questions regarding dual fuel or load management, you can contact Larry at 715-372-4287.

Your donations can help those in need

Bayfield Electric will serve as a drop-off point for a collection of non-perishable food items and new/unused personal care items this holiday season. Donations can be made at our office in Iron River through December 15. We will be working with The Brick Ministries in Ashland to get these donations distributed to those in need. The items will be divided throughout their food pantries located in Ashland, Mellen, Cable, and Cornucopia.

Some most-needed donation ideas include:

Non-perishable Foods

- Peanut butter
- Canned fruits/vegetables
- Pasta
- Whole grain cereals
- Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts)
- Soup

Personal Care Items

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Lotion/Soap
- Socks
- Hairbrushes
- Cosmetics/Perfumes (these can help boost confidence, especially for a job interview)





Disaster strikes in Florida

What would you do? What did we do?

Imagine... you turn on the news to watch the weather and hear of the possibility of a hurricane heading your way. You start thinking of how you can prepare. Shortly after, you, along with millions of others, are evacuating your homes and leaving everything behind. Shelters start filling up with those who have nowhere else to go. You stand by as historic destruction takes place in your state, and you wonder what will be left when you can return home.

Fast forward to how you would feel returning to the heat and humidity in the wreck that used to be your hometown, with no power and no water. What would you do? This is the situation millions of Florida residents found themselves in as Hurricane Irma ripped through The Sunshine State.

At one point, 6.7 million people were out of power, which is about one third of Florida's population. As you can imagine, they're still recovering from the damage it caused, and they couldn't do it alone. What could we do to help when we're all the way in Wisconsin? We sent our linemen to do what they do best—restore power!

Volunteer line crews from 18 Wisconsin electric coopera-

tives joined together to help with Florida's massive recovery effort. Most of Bayfield Electric's linemen volunteered to help, so we had to choose two names from a hat. Dustin McKay and Nathaniel Madison had the opportunity to assist in the cleanup and restoration of power.

Nat remembered how the people were so appreciative. He recalled how "they would look at us, look at our trucks, and look back at us to ask why we would go all that way to help. Well because it's our job and that's just what we do."

They were honored to be there to help in such a time of need. This is a perfect demonstration of our cooperative principles, in this case, Cooperation Among Cooperatives and Concern for Community. Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together. By recruiting extra help, recovery times from the storm damage is shortened.

It's comforting to know that during disasters like these, we can count on other co-ops to step in and help when we need it most. Thank you to all of the linemen who work in difficult conditions to supply us with reliable electricity.



Want to help?

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers a few helpful tips for anyone interested in helping those affected by the storm:

Cash is best. Financial contributions to disaster relief organizations are the fastest and most effective method of donating. These organizations know what items and quantities are needed and often buy in bulk with discounts, and if possible, purchase through area businesses, which supports their economic recovery.

Confirm donations needed. Critical needs change fast—confirm items BEFORE collecting. Pack and label carefully and confirm correct delivery locations.

Connect to volunteer. Trusted organizations operating in the affected area know where volunteers are needed, and can ensure appropriate volunteer safety, training, and housing.

For more information, visit www.fema.gov/hurricane-irma.



Bayfield Electric line workers Nathaniel Madison, left, and Dustin McKay, right, preparing to leave for Florida.

Kaela Collins from Jacksonville, Florida, reached out to us by sending a thank-you card to personally thank the linemen who went to their aid. She said that she "really respects the people that do this job. It is a hard, dangerous, and thankless job. Thank you to those that left the comfort of their homes and families to help us in Florida."

Be aware of what's behind that big buck—



IT COULD COST BIG BUCKS!

Here in the northland, we get pretty excited about hunting season. We're here to remind you to stay safe out there and think about where you shoot. Hunters should be cautious not to shoot near or towards power lines, power poles, or substations. A stray bullet can cause damage to equipment, could be deadly to the shooter, and can potentially interrupt electric service to large areas. This can cause inconvenience, damages, and hazards to members on the line while the lineman does some hunting of his own checking lines to locate the problem.

Landowners are also encouraged to take note of non-members who are hunting on their property and remind them to be aware of power lines.

Some main safety points to remember while you're out in the woods:

- Do not shoot at or near power lines or insulators.
- Familiarize yourself with the location of power lines and equipment on your land.
- Be especially careful in wooded areas where power lines may not be as visible.
- Do not use power line poles to support equipment or stands.

NOT SURE WHAT TO GIVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

BEC Gift Certificates are available!



We all know someone who seems to have everything. If you have such a person on your holiday shopping list and they're on Bayfield Electric's lines, consider a gift certificate for their electric bill! Call our billing department to learn how to obtain a gift certificate.

The board of directors and employees of Bayfield Electric wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Our office will be closed on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, in observance of Thanksgiving.



Month of November

Billing date: November 10, 2017
 October usage
 Bills due upon receipt
 Gross due after November 30, 2017
 Disconnect date: December 31, 2017

WINTER'S COMING! Be alert for peak alerts

Winter will be here soon, and with that comes the time for peak alerts for cooperative members.

When do peak alerts occur? Peak alerts are more likely to occur on colder days during the winter months. On these days, the demand for electricity is at its highest, which also brings the need to conserve energy use.

What can I do? The key is to reduce your consumption between the hours of 5 and 10:30 p.m. on these cold winter days. This helps Bayfield Electric save on our wholesale power bill, and this savings is passed along to you, the member. By turning off unneeded lighting and appliances, you can help save a substantial amount!

How do I know when it's a peak alert time? On these coldest days, the peak alert messages will be broadcasted on our website, www.bayfeldelectric.com, and on the following radio stations:

- WATW 1400 AM
- WBSZ 93.3 FM
- WNXR 107.3 FM
- WIMI 99.7 FM
- WJJ4 96.7 FM

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