

WE'RE HERE TO HELP



As co-op members spend more time at home with the COVID-19 pandemic, they may see a surge in home energy use. Some steps members can take to help control their bills include:

Program your thermostat to maximize energy savings. Setting your thermostat one degree lower when heating or one degree higher when cooling can reduce energy use by up to 5 percent.



Substitute LEDs for conventional light bulbs. Lighting can amount to up to 12 percent of monthly energy use. LED bulbs can cut lighting costs by 75 percent.



Do full loads of laundry and wash with cold water. Using warm water instead of hot can cut a load's energy use in half, and using cold water will save even more.



Unplug appliances and electronics when not in use. Small appliances and electronics use energy even when not in use. When powered on, game consoles, televisions, and similar electronics are responsible for up to 12 percent of energy use.



Air dry dishes. This step can cut your dishwasher's energy use by up to 50 percent.



Members who have questions about paying their bill can contact our office today. We are more than happy to work with you on making payment arrangements.

We're all in this together!

MY CO-OP



Board Meeting... Social Distance Style

After using Zoom for the last two meetings, the board of directors decided to have an in-person meeting at the beginning of June, with a few exceptions. To take the most precautions possible, the meeting was held in the garage. Tables were set up 6 feet apart with one board member per table. Everyone used the back garage door rather than going through the office. Hand sanitizer and masks were provided. All in all, we made the best of the situation and the meeting was a success!



REMINDER: Summer Load Management Season

This is a reminder that the Summer Load Management season is in full swing. The season began May 1 and extends through October 31. Please take a moment to view the table for a summary of control and restoral times for all control strategies and load classes.

The Summer Full Load Control strategy targets the months of June, July, and August. If you have any questions or concerns or are curious what load management is, please check out our website.

CONTROL TIMES

Load Description	Control Class	Control Start	All Loads Controlled	Restoral Start	All Loads Restored
Off-Peak ETS - Weekdays	Class 3- MF	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM
Off-Peak ETS - All Days	Class 3- DLY	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM
Small Water Heaters	Class 1A	7:00 PM	Economic Control can occur anytime between Start and Restoral times, depending on market prices.		11:00 PM
Large Water Heaters	Class 1B	6:00 PM			12:00 AM

LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE DONATIONS

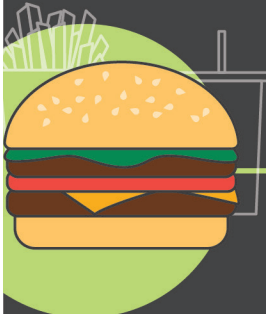
Cable and Grand View Fire Departments recently received donations from Bayfield Electric Cooperative. The Cable Fire Department will put theirs towards the purchase of additional personal protective gear, in case another pandemic comes around in the near future. The Grand View Department's donation will be used to help purchase a new generator to have as a backup at the station.

Bayfield Electric donated \$1,000, which was matched by CoBank's "Sharing Success" program. CoBank created the fund in 2012 to benefit cooperative and the charitable groups they support.



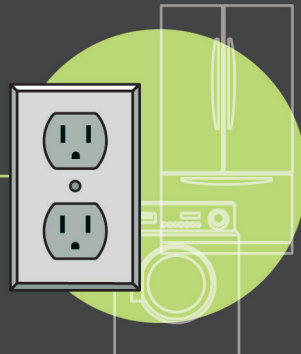
Bayfield Electric Directors Curt Berweger (above) and Barry Radloff (left) present checks to the Grand View and Cable Fire Departments, respectively.

THE VALUE OF ELECTRICITY



\$5.30

average cost of a Big Mac® value meal



\$3.87

average daily cost of power

Electricity is expressed on a daily basis using EIA 2018 Average U.S. Monthly Residential Bill of \$117. Big Mac® is a registered trademark of McDonald's Corporation. McDonald's Corporation does not endorse or sponsor this material.

Sources: Economist.com and EIA, 2018 data.



While it may seem like a good idea to cover that “big green box” in your yard with pretty shrubs, like the one at left, this restricts access to the box and creates a safety hazard. Keep the boxes—known as transformers—clear of obstructions, like the one at right.

BEAUTIFY YOUR YARD, NOT UTILITY EQUIPMENT, THIS SUMMER

Green or gray utility boxes, known as transformers, are part of the supply chain that helps provide power to your neighborhood.

What are the boxes for? Their job is to step down high-voltage electricity to a lower voltage needed for the underground wires supplying power to the lights and appliances in homes.

Please do not paint, enhance, block, or otherwise obstruct these transformers. By respecting all utility equipment, including meters and transformers, you can help keep the power on and your local utility workers safe.

As you beautify your yard this spring, Bayfield Electric Cooperative and Safe Electricity remind you of these safety tips:

- Do not plant shrubs and trees close to transformers or other utility equipment. Limiting or restricting access to the transformer in your yard could delay restoration work during an outage and create a serious safety hazard. We need at least 10 feet of clearance in front of the transformer (the side that is padlocked), as well as four feet of clearance on the other three sides.
- Contact us if the transformer becomes unlocked or if it or any other type

of utility equipment appears to be damaged.

- Call 8-1-1 prior to digging around a transformer and respect the clearance requirements noted earlier. If you dig near a transformer even beyond the clearance requirements, you could inadvertently hit a live underground wire. Always call 8-1-1 prior to any digging.

- Keep a clear path to the transformer. Although the transformer seems like it is in “your yard,” it is technically on an easement, and our workers need clear access to it to maintain equipment and keep power running smoothly.
- Always teach children they should not sit on, open, or play around the big green boxes.

Call 811 before you dig to mark underground utilities.

Safe Electricity.org

research collected from 811 “Call Before You Dig”



Arvid Wentala



Oscar Lahti



BEC General Managers

- Arvid Wentala 1940–1962
- David Harrison 1962–1963
- Robert Monkman 1963–1964
- Oscar Lahti 1964–1988
- Carl Melchiors 1988–2012
- Diane Berweger 2012–Present



Carl Melchiors



Diane Berweger

ALWAYS REPORT YOUR POWER OUTAGE

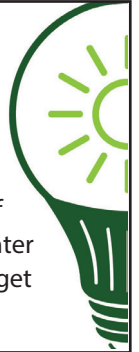
If your power goes out, you should never assume that someone else will call it in. While that might be true in some cases, there are other times where an isolated outage is the problem.

In the event that your service is interrupted, the first thing you should do is check your fuses or breakers to make sure the problem is not your own. Next, check to see if your neighbors have power. This gives the line crews an idea of the extent of the outage.

You can report an outage anytime, day or night, by calling 715-372-4047. This is our designated outage line. If you call our regular office number to report an outage, you will need to press option 1 so your call can be transferred. If you have information about the cause of the outage (tree limb, broken pole, etc.) please tell the dispatcher as this can help speed the restoration of service.

Please be patient! Your service will be restored as soon as possible. Line outages will be repaired first, then individual services will be next.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Spending more time at home? Try an online energy audit to assess the overall efficiency of your home. Visit www.energystar.gov, then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started.

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Keeping your body in motion!

MONTH OF
JULY

Billing date: July 10, 2020

June USAGE

Bills due upon receipt

GROSS DUE AFTER July 30, 2020

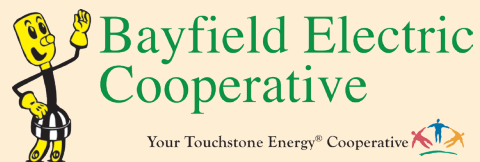
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