

WINTER'S HERE

Be alert for peak alerts

Winter is well upon us, and with that comes the time for peak alerts for cooperative members. A peak alert is likely to occur on colder days during the winter months. On these days, the demand for electricity is highest, which also brings the need to conserve energy use whenever possible. The level of demand determines a large portion of the cooperative's energy costs during this time. Reducing or delaying your electrical usage during a peak alert helps lower this cost.

The key is to reduce your consumption from 5–10 p.m. on these coldest winter days. This helps Bayfield Electric save on our wholesale power bill, and that savings is passed along to the members. By turning off unneeded lighting and appliances, the amount saved can be substantial.

You may visit www.bayfieldelectric.com under the Load Management tab to find current times and dates for controls. Peak-alert messages also run on the following stations:

WATW 1400 AM
WBSZ 93.3 FM

WNXR 107.3 FM
WJJH 96.7 FM



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LOAD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM HELPS CONTROL POWER COSTS

The Load Management Program helps balance electrical supply and demand. The goal is to keep the amount of electricity used in balance with the amount of electricity generated, which results in a reduced need for future power plants. Load management is energy conservation at work.

Dairyland Power Cooperative, our wholesale power supplier, estimates that the program saves its system 70 megawatts of electricity in the summer and 160 megawatts in the winter—the equivalent size of a small power plant. It does so by reducing the system's total demand during peak use hours—generally from 5–10 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the Load Management Program, please contact our office.



THE ONE THOUSANDTH CUSTOMER of Bayfield Electric Cooperative was Mrs. William Meierotto. Linemen are, from left to right, Louie Osredkar, Isadore Sznajder, George Pohjonen, William Raivala, and Oscar Lahti.



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!



On January 2 we congratulated Gary Tarasewicz on his retirement after 32 years with Bayfield Electric. Gary was a journeyman lineman/staking technician for new services, service changes and projects. Gary will enjoy his retirement by spending time fishing, hunting, and doing a little traveling. The same day, we welcomed his son, Matt Tarasewicz to join the line crew. Congratulations Gary, and welcome to our team, Matt!

BAYFIELD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S 2020 REBATE PROGRAM

BEC members are eligible to receive rebates on energy efficient appliances, lighting, HVAC, water heaters, and more! If you install energy efficient products at your property, just submit a rebate form, receipt, and any other applicable documentation to the BEC office. Forms are available at the BEC office or on our website at www.bayfieldelectric.com.

New incentives for 2020!

- \$50 incentive for an Energy Star Freezer. Freezer must be ≥ 10 cubic feet to qualify.
- \$50 incentive for an Inductive Range.
- \$5 incentive for a Smart Power Strip/ Bar.
- The EV Charging Station incentive has been increased from \$200 to \$400.

Equipment	Specifications and Required Information	Quantity	Incentive	Total Incentive
Dishwasher	Must be ENERGY STAR appliance (link: https://www.energystar.gov) to qualify.	1	\$50	\$50
Freezer	Must be ENERGY STAR appliance (link: https://www.energystar.gov) to qualify.	1	\$50	\$50
Refrigerator	Must be ENERGY STAR appliance (link: https://www.energystar.gov) to qualify.	1	\$50	\$50
Inductive Range	All inductive ranges qualify for this incentive.	1	\$50	\$50
Smart Power Strip/Bar	Must be ENERGY STAR appliance (link: https://www.energystar.gov) to qualify.	1	\$5	\$5
EV Charging Station	Must be a Level 2 EV charging station (link: https://www.energystar.gov) to qualify.	1	\$400	\$400

NEW BILL FORMAT

The new bill design is a result of our desire to provide our members with the most information possible in the best format available. Please note you can now see your daily service charge vs. monthly.

Make bill-paying even easier by going paperless! Go to www.bayfieldelectric.com to sign up for SmartHub, our free, online bill-paying service!



Space Heater Safety Tips

Space heaters are a great way to warm specific rooms in your home without having to crank up the thermostat, but using space heaters doesn't come without risk! Use the tips below to keep your home safe.

DO: Plug your space heater directly into the wall outlet.

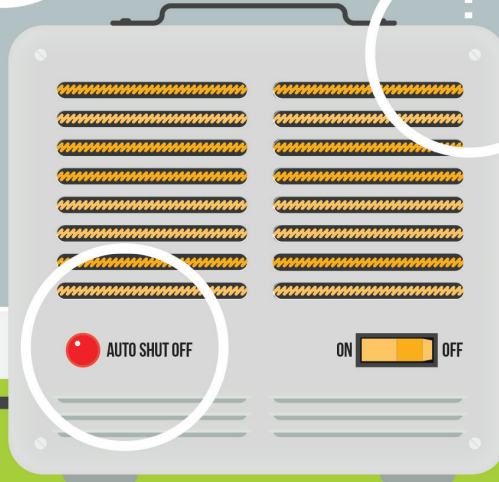


DO: Keep your space heater in low-moisture rooms.

DO: Keep your space heater at a safe distance (at least 3 feet) from kids, pets and flammable items.



DO: Buy a unit with an automatic shutoff in case the unit tips over, or you forget to shut it off.



DO: Always follow the directions and take a broken space heater to a qualified appliance service center.



DON'T: Leave your space heater unattended. Always unplug it before you leave the house or go to bed.



DON'T: Use an extension cord to plug in your space heater. It can cause the heater to over-heat, and can be a tripping hazard.

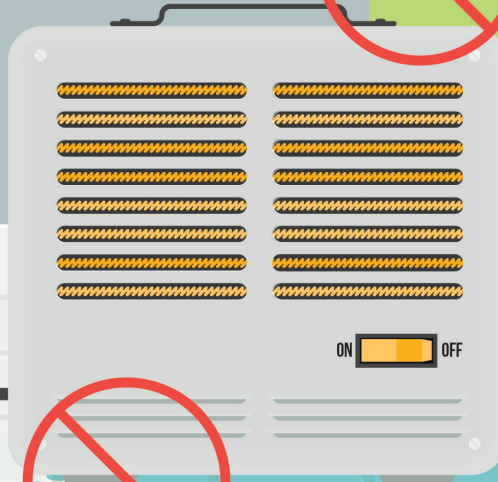
DON'T: Place your space heater near curtains, clothing, furniture or bedding.



DON'T: Try to repair a broken space heater yourself.



DON'T: Put your space heater in your bathroom. The moisture can damage the unit, which could cause it to malfunction.





DO YOU DEPEND ON LIFE-SUPPORT EQUIPMENT?

We need to know!

While Bayfield Electric Cooperative strives to maintain the best possible service with a minimum of outage time, occasional outages, either planned or uncontrolled, do occur. We at Bayfield Electric need to know the names and locations of cooperative members who depend on life-support equipment. It is important that this information be current and accurate. We will make every effort to give priority to restoring service to members on life-support systems. If you or a member of your family depends on life-support equipment, please fill out the following form and mail it to us as quickly as possible.

YES, I DEPEND ON LIFE-SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Account/Location _____

Type of Support Equipment _____

Do you have an emergency standby generator to operate this equipment?

Yes _____ No _____

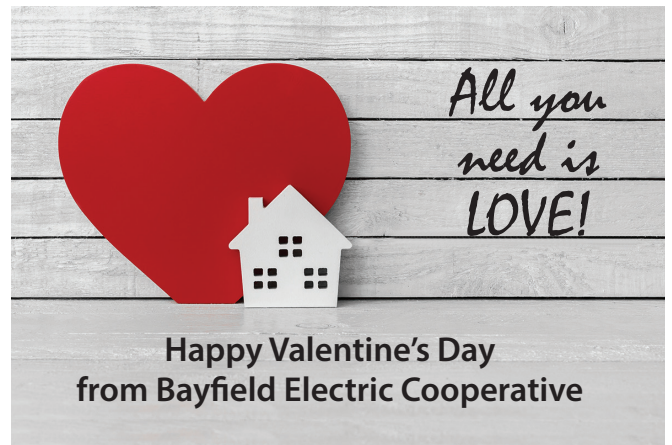
*Mail this form to Bayfield Electric Cooperative,
P.O. Box 68, Iron River, WI 54847*

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Are you using your fireplace efficiently? Remember to turn down the thermostat when burning a fire, and close the damper when a fire is not burning.

Source: energy.gov



**Happy Valentine's Day
from Bayfield Electric Cooperative**

Month of February

Billing date: February 7, 2020

January usage

Bills due upon receipt

Gross due after February 27, 2020

Disconnect date: February 12, 2020

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