

# COMMUNICATION IS KEY TO SUCCESSFUL CONSTRUCTION



Bayfield Electric  
Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Are you still thinking about building a new house this year? Or a little weekend getaway? Maybe you're just adding another grain dryer to your farm. Any way you look at it, there's still time, and communication is the key to a successful new service request.

The first step in getting power to your site is to call the office well in advance. We need a meeting with you out at the site to get a plan together and your cost estimate to you. This first meeting with a staking technician should be done once you know the site layout. We need to know where your building is going as well as the placement of the well and septic, driveway, and any potential future outbuildings if it's a residential construction. If it's a farm or commercial construction, metering placement is necessary, as well as the whole site layout.

Once you know all of that, give Troy a call at our office at 715-372-4287 to schedule your meeting. He'll get all of the required information and set up a time for you, your electrician, or general contractor to meet with our staking technician. Our staking technician will work with you on a best route, get a tentative plan in place, and a cost estimate to you.

Once your estimate is paid in full, all necessary paperwork is handed in, and your meter socket is installed by a licensed electrician, we will get the staking technician back out there to get the project ready for installation.

**Pro Tip:** If you are building, take a look at our rebate page on our website. There's just about something for everyone. You can find rebates on heating, lighting, appliances, water heaters and even for installing an electric vehicle charger.





# Congratulations!

These member students were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Bayfield Electric Cooperative! A special lineman scholarship was awarded to a student planning to attend Lineman's school.



Jace Bletsch, Drummond



Abigail Lahti, South Shore



Jayme Harma, Hurley



Eliana Seeger, Ashland



Kristen Nortunen, Mellen



Nicholas Makela,  
Northwestern



Brianna Erickson,  
Washburn



Brody Koosmann  
Mellen School District  
Lineman Scholarship




# HOW DO WE CONTACT YOU?

Help us help you by keeping your contact information up to date


Every now and then we may need to contact you whether it's because we have a billing question, we have to take your electrical service out of power for a maintenance reason, or we just simply have a question regarding your account. We have a handful of phone numbers on file that bounce back as disconnected, changed, or it's altogether the wrong person. We list your phone number that we have on file on the bottom

third of your electric bill. Please take a moment to verify that the number we have on file is still the best contact number to reach you at. If it is not the correct number, you can make the correction on the stub and mail it in with your monthly payment. Or you can always call the office at 715-372-4287 to notify us of a change. If you utilize SmartHub, you can also change your contact information through the app or desktop site.




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# GREEN *electricity* for **EVERYONE**

There are many ways to power a home, farm, or business through the Evergreen program. In addition to supporting renewable energy, members can choose which opportunity is best for their lifestyle. Evergreen Everyone, Evergreen Everyday, Evergreen Everywhere, or even Evergreen Everything are all options to select from. Join more than 40 members who have already signed up to purchase Evergreen, your energy choice for the future. The Evergreen program is your investment to a cleaner and greener world for only \$1 per share, per month. To learn more, check out our website at [www.bayfieldelectric.com/renewables](http://www.bayfieldelectric.com/renewables).



## HAVE SOME FUN AT THE *County Fairs*

Iron County – August 4-7  
Bayfield County – August 11-14  
Ashland County – August 18-21



**MONTH  
OF  
AUGUST**

Billing date: August 10, 2022

July usage

Gross due after August 30, 2022

Disconnect: August 15, 2022

**Christopher Kopel, CEO**


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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

An easy way to save energy is to seal air leaks and holes where plumbing pipes run through walls in your home. You can also check wall-mounted cabinets for plumbing holes or air gaps in the back.

Fill any holes or gaps with spray foam. Wear protective gloves and use a damp rag for cleanup.

Source: Dept. of Energy

