



## NEW: Texting and Calling Notifications

We ask you to please make sure your account information is up to date, especially phone numbers. We have recently started to communicate to our members through texting. The main number we have on file for you can be found on the bottom of your monthly bill. If this needs to be updated simply write a note on the stub and return it to us with your payment or give our office a quick call. If we have a planned power outage or are doing routine transformer or pole inspections in your area, you'll hear from us!

Please note: notifications will come from a different number rather than our main phone line.



## STAY ALERT TO UTILITY SCAMS

Every day, millions of Americans are targeted by scammers through phone calls, emails, text messages, or online. Scammers' tactics can change daily, which is why it is important for consumers to stay on top of the latest scam reports.

Recently cooperative members were targeted through a phone scam where the scammers demanded immediate payment and threatened to shut off power if payment was not received. Remember, Bayfield Electric Cooperative (BEC) will never threaten immediate disconnection and will never demand members' financial information over the phone.

Our increasingly connected world provides scammers with more opportunities to connect with unsuspecting consumers. Be vigilant, and please report any utility scams to BEC so we can let others in our community know. If you are ever unsure, simply hang up and give our office a call. Together, we can help our friends and neighbors from being victimized.

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Get on the schedule for the remainder of 2022 now.

If you're still planning to build a new home or add service to a recreational piece of property this year, please contact Bayfield Electric to discuss your electrical service needs.

We can also offer you Energy Star rebates.

# LET US HELP YOU GROW



Through Bayfield Electric Cooperative's revolving loan fund, business assistance loans are available for qualifying economic development projects within our service area. This program is in conjunction with the USDA. Consider developing your business in northern Wisconsin. We would be proud to be your power supplier! For more information, please contact our office at 715-372-4287.



## Purpose

The revolving loan fund seeks to enhance the quality of life in the rural areas of Wisconsin by contributing to the long-term improvements in the general economy by promoting quality job creation and retention, diversification of the economy, improving the skills of the rural workforce, and providing needed community services to benefit rural citizens.

## Eligibility

In general, eligible projects can include a business venture, government public body, or non-profit entity involved in a community or economic development project that promotes the purpose of the loan.

## Ineligibility

Ineligible uses of the loan include, but are not limited to, pre-development cost, refinancing of existing debt, and general improvement loans related to normal replacement needs of a business.

## Financing Information

The loan seeks to minimize its financial participation in all projects. The loan is not intended to compete with other public or private lenders. The loan will collaborate with other lenders to provide the financial package necessary to help realize the project.

**Loan amount, terms and conditions shall be determined by the  
Bayfield Electric Cooperative Board of Directors.  
Loan project must include a minimum of 20% funding from other sources.**



# 7 CAMPUS SAFETY TIPS

## Every College Student Should Know

Share these safety tips to your young adults who are about to hit campus for the first time or return for another year.

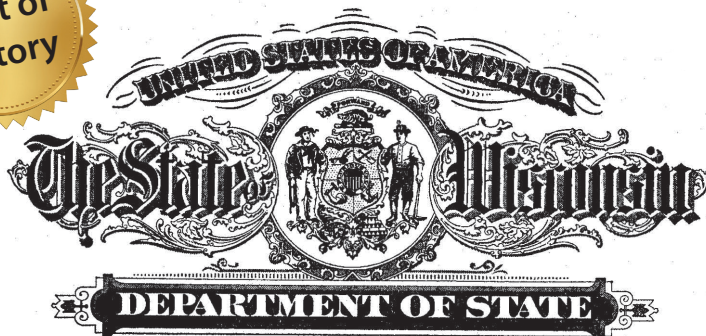
- 1** Do not overload electrical outlets, power strips, or extension cords. Use power strips with an overcurrent protector.
- 2** Be aware of your surroundings, especially when listening to music or texting.
- 3** Unplug small appliances when not in use and all appliances when away for extended periods.
- 4** This tip still holds true: Never walk alone at night.
- 5** Avoid using generic cubes or cords. They could overheat, shock, or burn you.
- 6** Locate the emergency call buttons or phones across campus in case of an emergency.
- 7** Do not put your cell phone on or under your pillow or bedding. It could overheat or catch fire.



**Safe**  
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A Bit of  
History



TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

*I, Fred R. Zimmerman, Secretary of State of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that on the 12th day of September, A. D. 1940, Articles of Incorporation were filed in my office under the provisions of Chapter 180 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which Articles provide:*

*Name: Bayfield Electric Cooperative, Inc.*

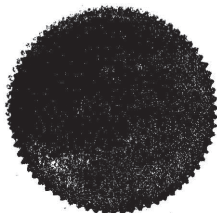
*Location: Town of Iron River.*

*Capital Stock: Non-stock membership.*

*Business and Purposes: To generate, manufacture, purchase, acquire and accumulate electric energy for the members and to transmit and furnish such electric energy to its members only, etc.*

*I further certify that Five Dollars, the fee required by law, has been paid; and that a certificate has been filed in my office to the effect that said Articles were recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Bayfield County, Wisconsin, on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1940.*

*THEREFORE, The State of Wisconsin does hereby grant unto the said corporation the powers and privileges conferred by the Wisconsin Statutes for the purposes stated and in accordance with said Articles.*



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the Capitol, in the City of Madison, this 20th day of September, A. D. 1940.*

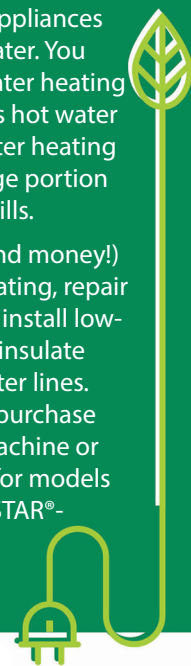
*Fred R. Zimmerman  
Secretary of State*

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Our faucets and appliances use a lot of hot water. You can lower your water heating costs by using less hot water in your home. Water heating accounts for a large portion of home energy bills.

To save energy (and money!) used for water heating, repair any leaky faucets, install low-flow fixtures, and insulate accessible hot water lines. When it's time to purchase a new washing machine or dishwasher, look for models that are ENERGY STAR®-certified.

Source: Dept. of Energy



## MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Billing date:  
**September 9, 2022**

August usage

Gross due after  
**September 29, 2022**

Disconnect Date:  
**September 14, 2022**

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## Bayfield Electric Cooperative

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