

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS THAT HELPED CELEBRATE CO-OP MONTH

In celebration of National Co-op Month this year, Bayfield Electric Cooperative randomly drew member accounts and contacted 20 winners to receive a \$30 bill credit. Congratulations to the winners and thank you!

We use hotline demonstrations to help you, the members, better visualize the power of your electricity. Live demonstrations allow for discussion and observations, which leads to increased self-awareness and understanding of how an electrical system works. It also increases awareness of



dangerous situations and how to recognize and avoid them.

As providers of safe and reliable electricity, we have the responsibility to educate our community. If you or someone you know is part of an organization that would like to see a hotline demonstration, give us a call! We have done demonstrations for many schools and fire departments, and we would love to spread the knowledge. Our office number is 715-372-4287.

Hey kids! Color this Christmas safety message!

HOLIDAY SAFETY

with Safety Sadie



Make sure your pets have a safe holiday, too. Watch them around light strands, cords, and bulbs, to make sure they don't chew on them.

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ALL REBATE PAPERWORK DUE DECEMBER 31



All rebate applications must be submitted to Bayfield Electric Cooperative by December 31, 2025. Rebates may be issued until funds are depleted. Any qualified items purchased after December 31, 2025 will receive the 2026 rebate amount, if available. Please visit our website, www.bayfieldelectric.com, or call our office, 715-372-4287, to learn more.

Happy Holidays!

Happy Holidays from Bayfield Electric Cooperative! Our offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25, and Thursday, January 1 to celebrate the holidays.



Deck the Halls Safely



While decorating can be one more thing to mark off an extensive holiday to-do list, take a little extra time when using electrical light strands or other plug-in decorations and while using a ladder.

Be on the lookout for damaged light strands, plugs and electrical cords, and discard items that are cracked, old or frayed. Safe Electricity provides these additional holiday decorating safety tips:

- When decorating outside, be aware of overhead power lines. Imagine a 10-foot circle around a power line, and do not let any body part or item (such as light strands or a ladder) enter that 10-foot area.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands that can be daisy chained (plugged into one another).
- Make sure lights and extension cords are properly rated; that is, those that are used outside should be rated for outdoor use.
- Before hanging lights, check the strands for broken bulbs as well as fraying or bare wires that could present electrical hazards. Always discard damaged strands.

- Turn off all lights before leaving home or going to sleep or ensure they are timed to do so.
- Do not run cords under carpets, through doorways or in a way that could cause a tripping hazard.
- Plug lights and decorations that are used outdoors into an outlet with ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection. GFCIs detect and prevent dangerous situations where an electric shock could occur.
- When using holiday lights, whether indoors or out, look for certification by an accredited independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories.
- Puppies and other pets love to chew on electrical cords, including light strands and extension cords. Keep cords out of sight or hidden with a cord cover.
- Be careful when using extension cords around crawling babies and toddlers. Check for long electrical cords that span the floor and secure them with cord covers to avoid hazards.

Here's to a happy and safe holiday season. For more information on electrical safety, visit safeelectricity.org.



FOUR WAYS SANTA SAVES ENERGY IN HIS WORKSHOP

The holiday season is finally upon us, and Santa and his elves have been especially busy as they gear up for their biggest night of the year. It's no secret that Santa is known for running an efficient workshop—how else could he make all those toys in time for Christmas Eve? Rumor has it that one way Santa ensures an efficient workspace is through energy-saving measures.

1 Santa leaves his decorations up year-round, so by using LED holiday light strands, he's able to save on his monthly energy bills. LED holiday strands can last up to 40 seasons, which make them a great option for any festive home.

2 Santa requires several power tools to make a year's worth of new toys. That's why he insists on using cordless power tools with the ENERGY STAR® rating. According to energystar.gov, if all power tools in the United States used ENERGY STAR®-rated battery chargers, 2 billion kWh hours of electricity could be saved—that's equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1.7 million tons!

3 Mrs. Claus loves to keep warm by the fire in the evenings, and Santa knows one of the best tricks to ensure fireplace efficiency. While a fireplace can keep a small area of your home cozy and warm, it can also pull heated air from the room through the chimney. That's why Santa always closes the fireplace flue when a fire isn't burning.

4 Santa also saves energy by using power strips. Power strips are ideal for workshops, craft nooks, game rooms and other spaces in your home. With one simple switch, you can conveniently control several devices and electronics that are plugged into the power strip.



This holiday season, let's take a page from Santa's book and remember to save energy when possible. With these four tips, you'll be well on your way to savings (and hopefully, Santa's "nice" list!).



Happy Holidays
from Bayfield Electric

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

To maximize your fireplace's efficiency, always keep the damper closed when the fireplace is not in use. An open damper is like an open window, allowing warm indoor air to escape and cold air to enter. Consider installing a fireplace insert, which improves heat output by circulating warm air into the room rather than letting it escape up the chimney. Also, burn only seasoned hardwood to ensure a hotter, cleaner burn. Regularly clean and inspect your chimney to maintain safe and efficient operation.

Source: energy.gov

MONTH OF DECEMBER

**Billing date:
December 10, 2025**

November usage

**Gross due after
December 30, 2025**

**Disconnect Date:
January 14, 2026**

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