



HOW CAN I MAKE MY BILL SMALLER?

As always, the cooperative encourages members to make their homes as energy efficient as possible. We offer a lot of helpful information on our website under the "Together we Save" tab. We have many rebates available. There are also several programs available for members who are having difficulty paying their electric bill. Please contact your local district office or Bayfield Electric's billing department for more information.



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Let's Work Together

If you're having difficulty paying your electric bill, please let us know. We'll work with you to make acceptable payment arrangements. Under certain circumstances, we may also direct you to agencies that may be able to provide assistance. If you receive a disconnection notice, please call us at 715-372-4287 or 800-278-0166 as soon as possible to make payment arrangements.

SmartHub:

An easy way to manage your electric bill

SmartHub means you have options when it comes to managing your electric bill with Bayfield Electric Cooperative. Have you ever wondered when your lowest or highest electric usage took place? Have you wondered why your bill is what it is? SmartHub helps you determine those answers. If you have not signed up, you're missing out on a lot of smart benefits including:

- Pay your bill online
- Set up your bill for automatic payments
- View your billing history
- View and manage electric usage

It's easy to sign up. Just go to www.bayfieldelectric.com and click on the SmartHub icon in the upper right-hand corner. All you need is your account number, last name, and an email address. Or, you can download the SmartHub app onto your smartphone or tablet.



TOGETHER WE SAVE

As a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, Bayfield Electric Cooperative participates in a national energy-efficiency campaign. The *Together We Save* campaign is designed to inspire consumers to take simple steps to reduce energy consumption—and thereby save money. Check out www.TogetherWeSave.com, a gateway through which everyone can easily learn simple steps to save energy and the estimated cost-savings impact of those actions. Whether it's unplugging unused appliances or adding an extra layer of insulation in the attic, *Together We Save* shows how simple energy-saving techniques are and encourages consumers to take a step beyond thinking about changing some of their habits to actually taking action.

www.TogetherWeSave.com



Daylight Saving Time Starts
Sunday, March 8



SPRING
Forward

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

Did you know... Daylight Saving Time can save energy? Experts studied the impact of Daylight Saving Time on overall energy consumption in the United States. They found that the extra four weeks of Daylight Saving Time saved about 0.5 percent in total electricity each day. If you were to study individual states, you may find different results, but overall, the four-week extension of daylight saved 1.3 billion kilowatt-hours. That amount of electricity could power 100,000 houses for a year! If you want to maximize your energy savings this season, visit our website at www.bayfieldelectric.com and click on "Together we Save" for energy saving tips.

-Charles Q. Choi- *Scientific American*, a Division of Nature America Inc.

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Available!



The Keeping the Lights on license plate recognizes the work of Wisconsin utility workers. You may see a few of our vehicles driving around town with these. It is available to any Wisconsin driver for an issuance fee of \$15.00.

Go to <https://wisconsin.gov> for more information.

SPRING BREAK TIPS

If you plan to vacation this month, Safe Electricity has tips to lower your electric bill and keep your home safe while you're away.



Unplug some of your household appliances. Your house has many items that use electricity while plugged in, even if they are turned off. Unplugging these items not only saves energy, but in some cases, can prevent fires in your absence. Some ideas to unplug are: TVs, cable boxes, microwave ovens, toasters, and unused extension cords.

Use programmable timers. If you choose to leave household lights on for security reasons, Safe Electricity suggests putting them on programmable timers so they do not run constantly. Not only does this save energy, but it also prevents lights from overheating while still giving the appearance someone is home at night.

Adjust the refrigerator control to a warmer setting. The fridge can be as high as 40 degrees without spoiling food; the freezer can reach 5 degrees. On these settings, refrigerators use up to 40 percent less electricity.

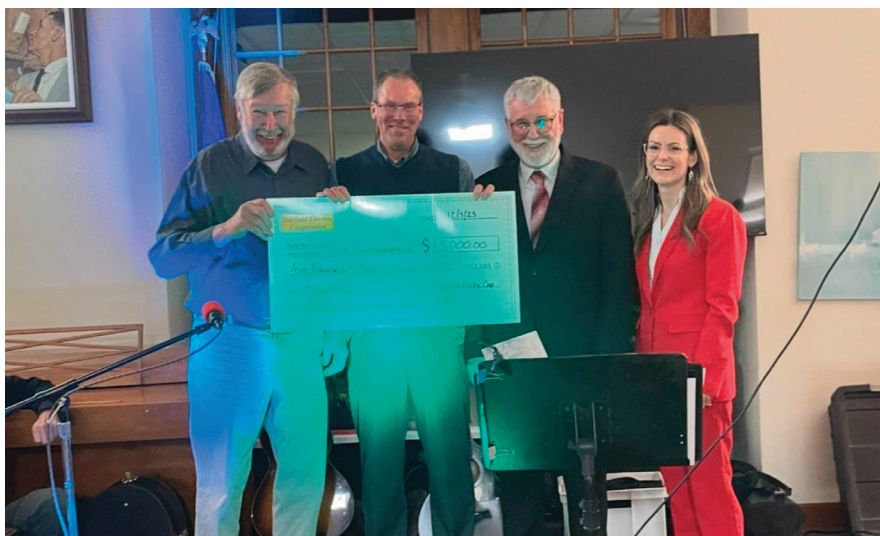
Set the thermostat higher than is typically comfortable. By doing this, you can cut heating costs by 10 to 30 percent. You can shut the air conditioner off during your absence, or consider setting it to a higher than normal temperature, such as 85 degrees.

Turn down the water heater. A large percent of the cost of running a water heater comes from keeping the water warm. If you are going on a lengthy trip, turn down the water heater's temperature to the coolest setting. This can save you up to \$10 a month.

Bayfield Electric hopes you enjoy your vacation, and that you keep your home safe while you are away. For more safety tips visit SafeElectricity.org.

SOUTH SHORE EDUCATION FOUNDATION DONATION

A donation check for \$5,000 was presented to the South Shore Education Foundation. The contribution was made possible through the Federated Youth Foundation, a nonprofit organization that administers a trust used by Wisconsin cooperatives. The foundation receives funding from unclaimed capital credits and patronage from cooperatives across the state. What keeps this local is that through the Federated Youth Foundation, in conjunction with Bayfield Electric, the money goes back to the communities where it originally came from and supports community needs. Cooperative members are investing in the next generation.



Left to right: Russell Bailey, Board Director, District 1; Kevin Kavajecz, President, South Shore Education Foundation; Mark Santiko, Board Director, District 2, and Board President; Danielle Mikula, Superintendent/District Administrator, South Shore School District.

WATT'S UP, LOCALS?

Do you know of something fun going on in the area? Or are you planning an event that could use an extra push with free advertising? Let us know! We would be happy to share events happening in our area right here in the magazine. Contact Amanda at (715) 372-4287 if you would like us to advertise any fun events coming up in the future.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

As spring arrives, take advantage of milder temperatures to save energy at home. Open windows on pleasant days to bring in fresh air instead of running your HVAC system. It's also a great time to replace dirty air filters, which helps your system run more efficiently and improves indoor air quality. As daylight increases, turn off unnecessary lights and rely on natural sunlight when possible. Small seasonal adjustments like these can reduce energy use, lower monthly bills and help keep your home comfortable as winter transitions into spring.

MONTH OF MARCH

Billing Date:

March 10, 2026

February Usage

Bills Due Upon Receipt

March 30, 2026

Disconnect Day

March 16, 2026

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