

Reliability and Rates



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As your not-for-profit cooperative, REC works to balance 24/7 uninterrupted service with keeping your power bills as low as possible.

To ensure dependability, and fast response when there is a problem, equipment, people and technology are a must.

These are vital to safely maintain, improve and restore our power delivery system. Costs for them continue to increase.

Expenses for the power and service you expect from your co-op are also rising.

That's why REC is seeking approval from the Virginia State Corporation Commission for a distribution rate increase to take effect in January 2023.

What does this mean for you?

- Residential members will likely see a 4% rate adjustment. That equals a \$7.78 increase for accounts with an average use of 1,350 kWh per month.
- Many commercial and industrial members will see an increase of about 2%.

This rate adjustment will help REC continue to power you with safe, reliable electricity.

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We Are Here for You!

Through payment arrangements, convenient payment options, and access to resources that can assist, REC has member service representatives available to help you find the right solutions to help you through these difficult times.

Member-owners who are not facing financial hardships can support others during these challenging times as well. Please take advantage of the opportunities through The Power of Change and our Gift Certificate program.

Find the latest on how REC can help (and you can help others) at myrec.coop/heretohelp.



Cold Weather **Affects Your Bill**

Temptations come in many forms this time of year. Leftover holiday candy, the urge to ignore your snooze button on Monday morning, and the arrow pointing upward on your thermostat.

We'll leave you to your own discretion on the candy and the snooze button. But when it comes to your thermostat, REC's energy experts urge you to make a different decision.

Raising your thermostat can significantly impact your winter electric bill.

Instead, try these steps instead.

TURN DOWN FOR SAVINGS!

Set your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower. We know - but trust us on this one. This one step can make a big difference when it comes reducing your energy usage - and keeping your bill as low as possible.

If you have a programmable thermostat, set it to adjust 4 to 6 degrees lower when no one is home or when sleeping. Then set it to increase the temperature in stages, but limit the increase by 1 to 2 degrees at a time.

AVOID USING A WOOD-BURNING FIREPLACE.

While cozy to sit by or watch, a roaring open heart fire will draw out the warm air from a 3,000-square foot house in just one hour. Overall, it serves as an energy drain. REC recommends reducing their use as much as possible.

SAY "NO" TO ENERGY-HOGGING SPACE HEATERS.

Use space heaters only in small rooms - or, preferably, not at all. Space heaters are energy hogs and their benefit often outweighs their cost. Instead, reach for an extra layer of clothing or a lap blanket.

KEEP YOUR CRAWL SPACE SEALED.

If you have a crawl space, close the foundation vents and seal the crawl space access door with weather stripping. That will help to keep the cold air from entering underneath the house and ultimately into the conditioned area of your home that you want to keep warm in the winter.



Find more energy-saving tips
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