



Member Contact



Boone Electric Cooperative's Monthly Newsletter

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Websites Just For You

Two new websites provide information about being storm smart and a more informed cooperative member.

Two new websites offer a place cooperative members can go to find helpful information prior to the spring stormy season and information that helps understand just what it means to be a cooperative member. Each of these sites were created by the electric cooperative family to help members be safe and aware.

BeStormSmart.coop provides a wide range of information to use before and after any kind of storm that might interrupt power. Find out what to pack in a storm safety kit -- everything from food and water to important papers and medicines. The site also offers a number of different videos and other information about preparing for natural disasters and power outages.



www.BeStormSmart.coop

Generator safety and powerline safety are two key components of the new BeStormSmart.coop site. A portable generator can be deadly if it is not used properly. Never plug a generator directly into a home breaker box. If the generator is plugged into the household circuit, power could reverse, sending electrical current back out on the power lines and putting line workers in danger.

In addition, always use a generator outside and in a well-ventilated area to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

The Power Line Safety portion of the site teaches the importance of staying away from power lines, both those on the ground and still attached to utility poles as normal. Do not carry a ladder, fly a kite or climb a tree that is near a utility line. Call 911 immediately when you see a downed power line and do not go near it.

A Kid's Page offers young people coloring pages, videos and other safety information just their size, plus fun games to play with Special Agent Storm. Encourage youngsters to visit the page and also become Storm Smart.

MembersFirst.coop is designed to show members what comes after they sign the dotted line as a member of an electric cooperative. The site explains capital credits, what it means to be a member-owner and outlines the seven cooperative principles.



www.MembersFirst.coop

Find information about reliable energy and being more energy efficient, as well as how electric cooperatives serve local communities.

Find each of these helpful websites from a quick link at our website at www.BooneElectric.coop.

Do you use the card?

Are you enjoying the savings that the Co-op Connection Card offers? If not, you are missing out. Save locally and across the country simply by showing your card.

Welcome this new area business to the Co-op Connections Card program:

Harold's Doughnuts, Columbia
\$1 off a dozen doughnuts
www.haroldsdoughnuts.com



Mark your calendar --

Boone Electric
Annual Meeting
Friday, July 10
Battle High School

Energy Tip of the Month



Summer is right around the corner! Have you changed your home's air filter? Filters get loaded with more and more particles as they do their job. This actually has the effect of making them more efficient, but it also increases resistance and reduces airflow. Remember to check filters once a month.

Source: www.EnergySavers.gov

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Buy Wind Energy

Renewable Choice program lets members buy energy generated from renewable sources.

Boone Electric Cooperative was the first in Missouri to offer members the chance to purchase all or part of their electricity from renewable energy sources. The program is called Renewable Choice, and the energy is primarily produced by commercial wind turbines, but can also come from other sources.

Because renewable energy is more expensive than generating electricity from coal, each 100-kWh block of energy you purchase costs \$2. While we cannot guarantee that those renewable electrons will be the ones flowing into your meter, we can guarantee that the amount you purchase will be delivered on the power grid. By choosing Renewable Choice, you are supporting the development of renewable energy.

Over the years, many members have inquired about creating their own renewable energy source. By choosing Renewable Choice, members have the opportunity to help conserve our natural resources without having to absorb the extreme costs of producing your own renewable energy.

If you have questions or would like to sign up for Renewable Choice, contact our office at (573) 449-4181.



Boone Electric's power supplier purchases all the wind power generated by five large commercial wind farms.

Power in Your Hands

SmartHub app allows you to manage your account at the touch of a button.

One of our goals at Boone Electric Cooperative is to provide the most innovative tools that provide convenient access to the data members want to see. SmartHub allows members to pay their bill, check usage, report service issues and contact the Cooperative at anytime from a mobile device or the web.

To find SmartHub on the web, simply click the View/Pay Bill tab on the homepage at www.BooneElectric.coop. Set up a user name and password to have access to your account anytime, day or night. The web version has a profile page available for you to maintain your personal information, password, security pass phrase and stored payment methods.

SmartHub mobile apps are available for free download to mobile phone and tablet devices. In the Apple Store, search for SmartHub. Download the app, then search for Boone Electric Cooperative. For Android users, search for SmartHub on Google Play Store. Find the SmartHub app and download it, then search for Boone Electric Cooperative.

Use SmartHub to receive notifications about your account, such as bill availability and past due dates. It also allows you to monitor energy usage and set up markers to monitor changes in usage based on events. You can also sign up for our AutoPay option from either the web version or the mobile version.

Members who want the ability to interact and manage their account 24/7 can do that easily with SmartHub. Please call Boone Electric at 573-449-4181 if you have any questions.



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