



April 2024

CWEC 86TH ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR APRIL 18

The many conversations with Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) members are one of the many reasons we look forward to CWEC's annual meeting. You, the members we serve, always bring value to the discussion, and our co-op team is energized by these interactions.

If you've never attended the annual meeting, we encourage you to participate. Why? Because input from members like you matters and helps drive the direction of the co-op.



At the annual meeting, we report on current initiatives and discuss the financial health and priorities for the coming years. And equally important, this is an opportunity for CWEC to hear from you.

If you've never been to an annual meeting or it's been a while, we hope you'll stop by. Join us for refreshments, conversation, door prizes and more. All members who attend the event will receive a \$20 bill credit.

Your CWEC team will be ready to answer any energy-related questions you may have, from electric vehicle options to ways to manage your home energy use. We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting at 6 p.m. on April 18 at Iola-Scandinavia High School.

MEET THE CWEC DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

The CWEC Annual Meeting is also a time to vote for new directors who will represent you and our community's interests in the co-op. As a member of CWEC, you have the power to help shape our community's energy future.

Electric co-ops are democratically controlled by the members we serve, which means you have a say in who governs our co-op. By voting in the annual director election, you can weigh in on the leaders who will make important decisions about the future of the cooperative and our local energy needs.

CWEC's board of directors are community-minded individuals with different skill sets. We rely on them to help us make more informed decisions on long-term priorities and investments. CWEC has seven directors who live in the co-op's service area. We consider them the eyes and ears of the community because they provide their unique perspective on various local issues.



2024 CWEC DIRECTOR ELECTIONS INFORMATION

SAFETY REMINDER

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) reminds all its members that it is unsafe to remove any of the newly installed meters for any reason. If you have electrical work that requires a meter to be pulled, please call the CWEC office at 715-677-2211 so arrangements can be made to have CWEC personnel safely pull the meter.



CWEC METER TAMPERING POLICY

WHATEVER IT TAKES: LINEWORKERS POWER LIFE

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) lineworkers work every day in all weather conditions to make sure our community has the power to live their lives. It's hard work,

but it's very rewarding. As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 8, we hope this will give you a better look into what the lineworkers face and more importantly, why they do it.



The Danger

A lot of people know linework is dangerous because lineworkers work near high-voltage electricity. Move just the wrong way or lose focus for a split second, and it could be deadly. They have to be aware of their surroundings and the safety of the person next to them. They often work on energized power lines, and they can't always tell the lines are energized by just looking at them. They work with an element of danger that requires concentration, and there is no margin for error. The environment compounds the pressure, because when you need power most is usually when the weather is worst. Lineworkers often work in storms with rain, wind, extreme heat and cold, in the dark, or on the side of the road next to fast-moving traffic. Yes, it's dangerous, but that's what they're trained to do.

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If you see roadside crews, please slow down and move over when possible.



Work Zone Awareness Week: April 15-19



CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Now that the weather has finally warmed up, it's time to get moving on the yardwork that needs to be done. Some of this yardwork may include the need for digging on your property. If that is the case, property owners need to take proper safety

steps.

The first step to ensure safe digging is to call Diggers Hotline at 811. Diggers Hotline is a free service that must be used if you plan on doing any kind of digging in order to avoid damaging underground lines. A property owner must call Diggers Hotline at least three working days before they start digging.

Wisconsin Statute 182.0175 requires that property owners notify Diggers Hotline before they excavate, grade, trench, dig, drill, augur, tunnel, scrape, plow cable or pipe.



RED Electric
ORANGE Communications
PURPLE Reclaimed Water, Irrigation
WHITE Proposed Excavation
YELLOW Gas, oil or petroleum
BLUE Potable Water
GREEN Sewer
PINK Temporary Survey

**Know what's below.
Call 811 before you dig.**

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GROW YOUR SUMMER ENERGY SAVINGS: CWEC CAN HELP YOU SAVE MONEY

One of the great things about summer is the opportunity for fresh, homegrown food, whether it's from the local farmers' market or from the abundance of garden tomatoes shared by a neighbor. It's amazing how just a few seeds, some fertilizer and water can turn into a bounty.

5 WAYS TO SAVE THIS SUMMER

When summer temperatures rise, so do our energy bills. Here are a few ways you can reduce energy use and grow your summer savings.

- 1. Raise your thermostat.**
The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temp, the more you'll save.
- 2. Install window coverings**
like blinds or light-blocking curtains to prevent indoor heat gain during the day.

- 3. Seal leaks with caulk and weatherstripping** around windows and exterior doors. Air leaks force your air conditioner to work harder and run longer than necessary.
- 4. Run ceiling fans** for additional cooling but turn them off when you leave the room.
- 5. Lower your water heater thermostat** to 120 degrees to reduce standby heat loss.



Source: Dept. of Energy

When we think about energy efficiency, we think about that bounty of food, and how with just a few simple actions, you can use less electricity and reap the rewards of energy savings.

You don't need to be a farmer or botanist to know that plants need water--just like you don't have to be a lineworker or engineer to know that adjusting the thermostat or turning off lights can reduce your monthly electric bill. In fact, if you read Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's publications regularly and follow us on Facebook, you know there are a lot of things you can do at home to save electricity and money.

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