

# Electric Line Newsletter



## CWEC SCHEDULES VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative will be hosting a virtual annual meeting on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020, at 6 p.m.

When the original annual meeting that was scheduled for April 21 was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was hoped that it could be rescheduled for a future date and still be held in-person. Due to the continued impact of COVID-19, the CWEC Board of Directors opted to pursue hosting a virtual meeting.

We are still in the planning stages of the virtual annual meeting, and will be releasing more information, as well as how to register when it becomes available, no later than July 17. This information will be available via our website, social media, mail, and SmartHub.

When the registration information is available, members will need to register online to receive an email invitation to the virtual meeting. Members must have their billing account number when registering for the meeting.

After registering, members will receive an email that will contain a link to the meeting on Aug. 13. Members will need to log in using the link that was emailed to them.

Be sure to follow our website at [www.cwecoop.com](http://www.cwecoop.com) and our Facebook page for the latest information about the virtual meeting.

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Office Hours: Monday thru  
Friday; 7:30 a.m.—4 p.m.

## Important Dates:

July: National Picnic Month

July 3: CWEC Office Closed

July 4: Independence Day

July 4: Electric Bill Due

July 11: All American Pet  
Photo Day

July 15: Pet Fire Safety Day

July 25: National Hire a  
Veteran Day



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## WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU SAVE

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) is here for you, and given the challenging times we've all experienced the last few months, we'd like to share some information and ideas to help you save energy and money.

Summer is a great time to conduct an energy audit of your home and identify ways to boost energy efficiency. Understanding how your home uses energy can help you determine the best ways to modify energy use and keep more money in your wallet.

An energy audit is one of the best ways to determine how energy efficient your home is—an audit can also identify areas for potential energy savings. CWEC offers its members two home energy audit options. We would like to help you save money on your electric bill by looking at ways to control your energy use. The best way to do this is to be aware of how much energy you use each month and how it is being used in your home. For more information about the energy audits visit: [www.cwecoop.com/energy-audits](http://www.cwecoop.com/energy-audits). If you'd prefer to do an energy audit yourself, try ENERGY STAR®'s online audit. Visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started. But keep in mind, an online audit won't be as thorough as an in-home audit.

### Shifting to off-peak periods

Electric rates based on time of use offer co-op members the ability to lower their electricity costs without reducing the amount of electricity used. By performing some of your daily chores such as running the dishwasher or doing laundry during off-peak hours (when people are using less electricity), you can see meaningful savings on your energy bills.

Use your programmable thermostat to adjust the settings so that your heating and air conditioning systems sync with the off-peak rate periods. Use automatic timers to run hot tubs, pool pumps, water heaters and other appliances in the same way. Be sure to program the timers to coincide with the less expensive off-peak times.

### Putting power in your hands

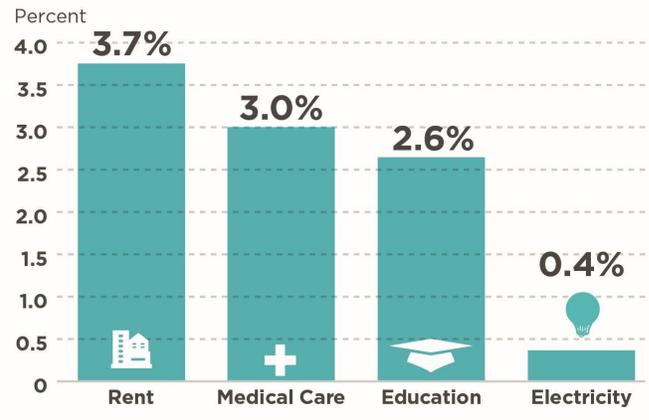
Lastly, if you have recently purchased a new energy efficient appliance or product, make sure you are taking advantage of any special offers or rebates that are available.

As your trusted energy advisor, we're here to help. If you have questions about your bill or additional ways to save energy, please let us know. We're only one click or phone call away.

## ELECTRICITY REMAINS A GOOD VALUE

The cost of powering your home rises slowly when compared to other common expenses. Looking at price increases over the last five years, it's easy to see electricity remains a good value!

Average Annual Price Increase 2014-2019



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Consumer Price Index