

# Electric Line Newsletter

## No A/C? No problem.

Not all of us are fortunate enough to enjoy the luxury of air conditioning. For the past two years, I lived in a college house that lacked central air conditioning (and heat, for awhile there). Through my experiences, I have learned a few different methods of staying cool during the summertime when air conditioning was not an option.



Like most college kids, I consider myself to be a thrifty individual. When I had moved into my first-ever home, I soon found out that we did not have air conditioning. I couldn't buy a window A/C unit because my money was going towards items like bills and groceries. So, a little bit of research was in order to see how I could remedy this situation.

My bedroom felt like a literal *sauna*. I learned that all I needed was some ice, a bucket, and a fan. Almost everyone has these three items. By setting up a bucket of ice in front of your fan, you will be able to blow cool air throughout your room/home without having to spend money on an expensive A/C unit.

Surprisingly, there are even more simple solutions. During the day time, I kept my blinds closed to keep the heat from the sun out, and only opened my windows at night to allow cool air in. Sometimes a set of good blinds are all you really need.

Long before I had my A/C problems, I gathered a decent amount of ice packs. A trip to your local grocery store may be in order for this next tip. If you're like me and simply cannot sleep in heat, freeze some ice packs and bring them out at bed time. I wrapped three ice packs in wash cloths and brought them to bed. Easy.

Wisconsinites are built for cold weather. Summer can be uncomfortably hot, but with these simple tricks, you may be able to outsmart mother nature.

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## Important Dates

July 4th: Independence Day  
July 25th-27th: Youth Leadership Congress  
July 9th-13th: CWEC Trivia  
July 23rd-July 27th: CWEC Trivia



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## Fire up the Savings!

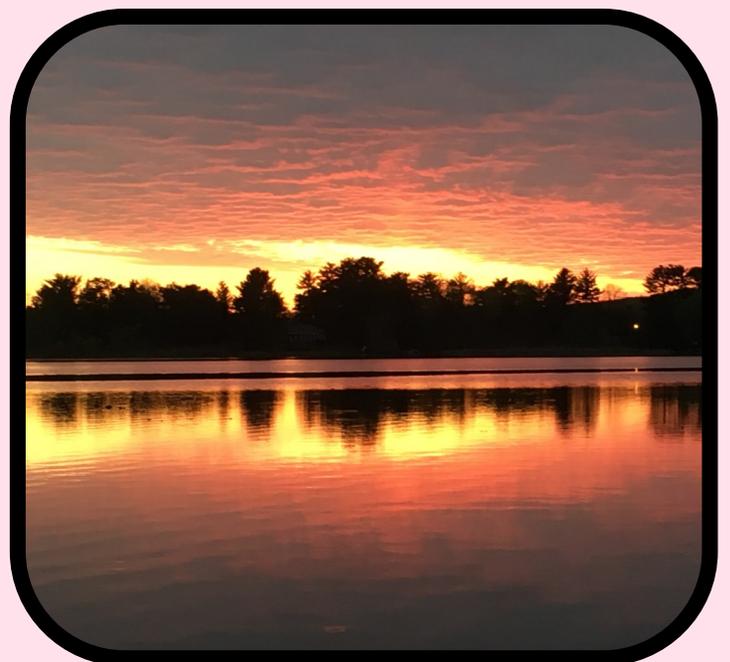
The Fourth of July is one of my favorite holidays. If you're like me and looking to save some money this summer, there are a few things you can do to keep your pockets heavy.

Cooking inside does two things that can hurt your bank account. First, it heats your home. Summer is hot enough as is; so by cooking indoors, you are adding extra heat. This results in your A/C unit running more to cool your home. Additionally, your oven and stove top cost money to operate. Taking your food outside to be cooked on the grill is a smart way to save money, keep your home cool, and enjoy the weather.

If you're having guests over, chances are you'll be running in and out of your house to get more refreshments or snacks. Turn off your A/C and other appliances that you won't be using, and leave your doors open. This will allow fresh air to circulate through your home and will allow guests easy access in and out of your home.

If you're leaving home for the Fourth, make sure you unplug any appliance that doesn't need to stay on. Certain appliances still cost money to have plugged in, even when they're not in use. Obviously, your refrigerator and freezer should stay plugged in. However, your television, lights, and cable system have no need to be left on.

Traveling, food, and fireworks can all be costly during the Fourth of July. Save some money this season by following these simple changes.



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## Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Trivia Contest

If you haven't caught on by now, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative has been putting on occasional Facebook trivia contests. These trivia contests are to quiz our members on their knowledge of their cooperative, and if they guess the question correctly, there's a chance to win a \$25 credit on their next electric bill. When you come across a CWEC trivia contest, make sure to like, share, and comment your answer (correctly, of course). At the end of the trivia week, we randomly select one winner. Remember, the winner is selected **ONLY** if they like, share, and comment! Help us get the word out so we can continue to put this event on for our members. The trivia weeks for this month will be July 9th and July 23rd. Best of luck to all of our participating members!



### Address Changes

We aim to make things easy for you. That being said, if your address has changed, please update it on your billing remittance slip, through the SmartHub app, or by calling the CWEC office at 1-800-377-2932. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation!

### Carbon Monoxide Awareness

Carbon monoxide is an colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that can cause symptoms such as nausea, headache, vomiting, light headedness, and ultimately lead to death. It is created when there is not enough oxygen to create carbon dioxide. Malfunctioning appliances such as furnaces, water heaters, and generators can cause carbon monoxide to toxify your home. Make sure that you test your carbon monoxide detector's battery on a monthly basis to stay safe.

