

April 2025

UNDERSTANDING YOUR NEW ELECTRIC BILL

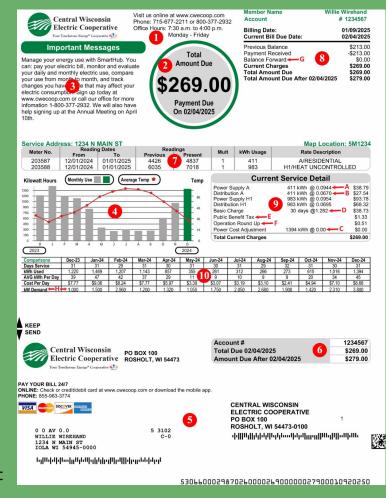
Beginning with the March electric bill from Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, which will mail in April, the electric bill will have a new design.

Below is everything you need to know about how to read the newly designed electric bill.

1. **Contact information:**

Ways to contact us about your bill or account are clearly noted on your bill. You can always reach us at 715-677-2211 or at www.cwecoop.com.

2. **Account Summary:** The most important information regarding your bill is placed inside a circle in the top center of your bill. Accounts with past due notices will be flagged with a red circle and red text indicating when a payment must be received to avoid a late fee.



3. **Important Messages:** This area displays messages directly related to your account or

service and other messages from CWEC.

4. **Graph of Electric Usage vs. Temperature:** This graph shows your monthly energy usage over the past 13 months compared with the temperature. You can use this information to track and manage your usage. We recommend comparing your usage for the current period to the same period last year.

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MOTHER NATURE NOT KIND IN MARCH

To say the weather in March has been anything but a roller coaster would be an understatement. We have been hit with three different snow and ice events in March that have caused trees and branches to fall on power lines, causing power outages.

The ice storm that hit March 29 & 30 was especially challenging, as

trees and branches kept falling on power lines throughout the day causing new power outages. But for each weather event, our linemen and Operations Department worked as quickly and safely as possible to restore power to those members who were out of power.

We thank all our members who lost power during these weather events for their patience and understanding.

As a reminder, IF YOU ENCOUNTER A DOWNED POWER LINE, DO NOT GO NEAR IT, AS IT MAY STILL BE ENERGIZED. Call 911, or our office at 800-377-2932. Our linemen will be dispatched to take care of the downed power line.

Please report power outages by calling 800-377-2932. Do not report power outages on our Facebook page or via email. We do not monitor those 24/7.

The safety of our members and line crews is very important.

JOIN US FOR THE CWEC 87TH ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 10

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative will host its 87th Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025. The meeting will be held at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School.

Registration begins at 5:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served until the start of the meeting at 6 p.m.

President & CEO Lila Shower will keynote the meeting's business session, which begins at 6 p.m. During the business session, members



will have the opportunity to hear how their co-op is faring financially, learn details about various services offered by their member-owned power supplier, and receive updates on state and federal regulatory issues of importance to electric co-ops. An election of two board positions will be held.

Members who attend the in-person Annual Meeting will receive a \$20 bill credit. Members who bring the address slip from the front cover of the April 2025 issue of WECN will have the chance to win a \$50 energy credit. In addition to many door prizes, one lucky member will be drawn as the winner of a grand prize consisting of an electric grill. For all of the drawings, winners need to be present.

2025 CWEC ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

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.

2025 CWEC DIRECTOR ELECTIONS INFORMATION

LINEWORKERS ARE WIRED FOR SERVICE

In the quiet hours before dawn breaks, while many of us are still nestled in our beds, lineworkers begin their day, often clad in flameresistant clothing, safety goggles, rubber gloves and thick, heavy boots.



They are the

individuals who epitomize dedication to service in its purest form. As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 14, this is an important moment to reflect on the essential role they play in our daily lives.

Amid towering utility poles and power lines, lineworkers exhibit a strength that goes far beyond the physical. Whether battling inclement weather, troubleshooting technical problems or navigating treacherous heights, lineworkers demonstrate resilience and a quiet determination to keep our lights on, our homes comfortable, and our communities connected.

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) crews travel across our fourcounty service territory, building, maintaining and repairing parts of our local system. Their extraordinary skills ensure our homes remain connected to the grid, businesses stay operational, and emergency services remain accessible—a lifeline that connects us all.

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You're invited to participate in the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's

ELECTRICAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Submit an original poster supporting electrical safety to your local electric cooperative by **April 30, 2025**, for a chance to win a **\$25 gift card**! The top three posters will be entered into the statewide poster contest for a chance to win one of three great prizes:

Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association 1st place – Chromebook 2nd place – \$100 Gift Card 3rd place – \$75 Gift Card Posters should be at least 8.5x11 inches, but no larger than 11x14 inches.

Entries must include completed entry form and student's name on the back of the poster.

Contact your local electric cooperative or go to www.weca.coop for registration forms.

DON'T LET YOUR CONTROLLED BURN GET AWAY FROM YOU

It's called a controlled burn for a reason. If you don't plan your controlled burn in advance and keep it under check, it can quickly spread too far and wide.

If you are considering implementing a controlled burn (also known as a prescribed fire) to address vegetation or weed management, be sure



to follow several precautions to stay safe:

1. Don't start one without advance planning.

2. Certain groups should be notified: check with your town or village office; notify your local fire department; let your neighbors know your plans.

3. Obtain all necessary permits.

4. Check the forecast for weather conditions, such as wind direction and speed, as well as humidity (as a general rule, relative humidity should be 40 percent or higher).

5. If there are power poles in the planned burning area, clear all vegetation and weeds at least four feet around the base of the pole.

6. Wet the base of the pole with water before beginning your burn.

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



Work Zone Awareness Week: April 21-25

ELECTRIC CO-OP SERVICE DENSITY compared to OTHER ELECTRIC UTILITIES

Electric cooperatives maintain more power lines per consumer than other types of electric utilities.

Even though we serve fewer consumers per mile of line, we will always go the extra mile for our members. Electric Cooperatives 8 Consumers Served per Mile of Line Cooperatives 0 Consumers Served per Mile of Line Cooperatives Consumers Served per Mile of Line Cooperatives Consumers Served Cooperatives Cooperatives Consumers Served Cooperatives Consumers Served Cooperatives Consumers Served Consum

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