



**December 2023**

## **NEW METER SYSTEM ADVANCES PAST PILOT PROGRAM**

The installation of a new meter system for Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) has advanced past the pilot program, as new meters are currently being installed throughout the CWEC territory.

Meters for the pilot program began to be installed in December of 2022 when 178 meters around the Iola substation were switched out to the new meters. Work for the pilot program was completed in August.



After all the meters for the pilot program were installed and found to be working properly, new meters began to be installed, expanding outward from the pilot program's geographical area.

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## **LOAD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR WATER HEATERS DISCONTINUED**

Effective Jan. 1, 2024, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative will be discontinuing its load management program for water heaters. By discontinuing the program, the need for co-op employees to enter the homes of its members will be eliminated.

A letter will be sent to CWEC members who are enrolled in the load management program for water heaters to notify them that the program is being discontinued. The letter will also include information about CWEC hiring a third-party to set-up appointments with members to have the load management receivers removed from their water heaters.

With the load management program ending, members who were enrolled in the load management program for water heaters will no longer receive a \$2 credit on their monthly electric bill.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 715-677-2211.



## RELIABLE POWER FOR TODAY - AND TOMORROW

Ring in a new year sparks a sense of renewed hope and optimism about the future. It's a time to reflect on where we are and where we're going. At the heart of this reflection, we think about ways we can better serve you, the members of the cooperative.

Our team at Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) is always looking ahead, exploring ways to innovate and utilize new technologies to improve our services. As our nation increasingly relies on electricity to power the economy, keeping the lights on has never been more important. We're committed to powering--and empowering--our community at a cost local families and businesses can afford.

So how are we working to ensure reliable and affordable power while adapting to a changing energy landscape and our community's evolving needs?



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## MAIL YOUR LETTERS TO SANTA AT THE CWEC OFFICE

Do you want to send a letter to Santa this year? If so, we have great news. Children 10 years of age and under will be able to drop off a letter for Santa at our office in Rosholt. When children drop off a letter for Santa at our office, they will also receive a free gift and will be entered into a contest with the chance to win one of three prizes. The grand prize will be a large filled stocking. Letters to Santa can also be mailed to our office to be entered into the contest.

Stop by our office to pick up an entry form or download and print one from our website at [www.cwecoop.com](http://www.cwecoop.com). The contest is open to the children of CWEC members only. All you have to do is color or write a message to Santa and completely fill out the entry form with the requested information to be eligible. When completed, drop your entry form and

letter to Santa in the mailbox located in our lobby or mail it to us and we'll place it in the mailbox. Entry form and letter must be dropped off in person to receive the free gift.



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## HOLIDAY DÉCOR TIPS FOR AN ENERGY-WISE HOME

Whether you've already decked your halls or you're just getting started, there's still time to incorporate energy savings into your holiday décor planning.

If you haven't strung your twinkle lights, be sure to use LED light strands. LEDs consume far less energy than incandescent lights and they can last 40 holiday seasons. They're also safer because they're made with epoxy lenses, not glass, making them more resistant to breaking--and they're cool to the touch, so no burnt fingers!



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## NEED HELP PAYING YOUR ENERGY BILLS?

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative's Commitment to Community Program is designed to help households with their energy costs, including electric bills. For many Wisconsin households, energy costs place a severe and continuing

stress on the family budget. To better serve our members, CWEC is part of the Wisconsin Home Energy Plus (HE+) program.

This program is funded through public benefits and federal dollars to help eligible low-income households pay for home energy assistance and weatherization. Members may be eligible if they meet the HE+ program guidelines. Members should contact their local agency to determine eligibility.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE - UNCLAIMED PATRONAGE CAPITAL CREDITS

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative has unclaimed patronage capital funds for former members of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative.

Funds for these people have been unclaimed for three years. In accordance with Cooperative bylaws, after 60 days from the original publication of the list of names, the unclaimed funds shall be forfeited from the Cooperative to be used for educational loans, scholarships, or charitable purposes.



The listing of names is published on our website: [www.cwecoop.com](http://www.cwecoop.com). On the main page under About Us select Capital Credits.

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*Holiday Wishes*

All of us at Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative wish all of our members a happy holiday season.

Our office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26 in observation of the Christmas holiday.

Our office will also be closed Monday, Jan. 1 in observation of New Year's Day.

*Have a safe and joyous holiday season!*

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