



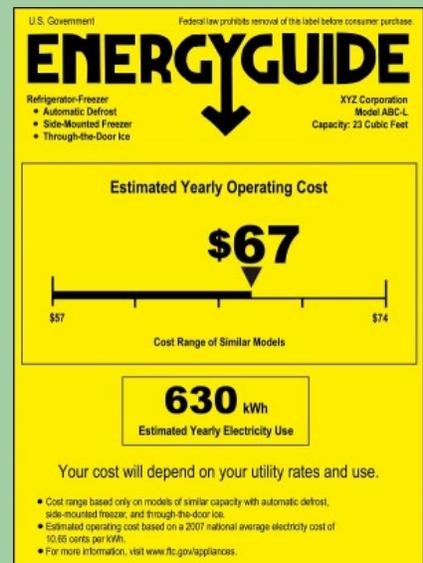
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'WATT' DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOW MUCH ELECTRICITY MY APPLIANCES USE?

Determining how much electricity your appliances and home electronics use can help you understand how much money you are spending to operate them. Electricity is measured in units of power called watts, and one watt is a joule of energy used or produced per second.

The power consumption of small devices is usually measured in watts, while the power use of larger devices is measured in kilowatts (kW) (1 kW equals 1,000 watts). Knowing how much electricity an appliance uses and how much the electricity costs can help you decide whether to invest in a more energy-efficient appliance or make other cost-saving decisions, such as unplugging appliances when not in use. Becoming watt savvy is also helpful if you are considering purchasing a generator.

There are several ways to estimate how much electricity your appliances and home electronics use:



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\$3,000 IN STEAM GRANTS AWARDED TO THREE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Three school districts in the Central

Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) service area each received \$1,000 in STEAM grants to be used for projects and initiatives related to science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

The STEAM grants were introduced by CWEC in the second half of 2022 because the co-op values education and training and understands that classrooms may have limited funding to pursue the projects needed to educate students in local communities.



School districts that received the initial grants are as follows.

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PLAY IT SAFE: 10 DO'S AND DON'TS WHEN USING PORTABLE GENERATORS

When storms hit, there is a greater potential for power outages. If you're planning to use a portable generator in the event of an outage, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) reminds you to play it safe.

With proper use and maintenance, portable generators can provide great convenience during an outage. However, when generators are used incorrectly, they can be extremely hazardous.

In a 2022 report, the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated 85 U.S. consumers die every year from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning caused by gasoline-powered portable generators.



Here are 10 do's and don'ts to keep in mind when using portable generators:

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REBATE REMINDER

As Spring nears, you may be thinking about completing projects around the house that include energy-saving home-improvement measures. These projects may include purchasing new LED lighting or insulating your home.

If you have any such projects, be sure to check the energy rebates available to our members. Go to www.cwecoop.com/energy-conservation-rewards to view the guidelines to see what appliances and products qualify for a rebate.

Receipts must be submitted in the year the items are purchased to qualify.



Members of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative or their dependent children who are or will be attending college, vocational, or technical college are eligible to apply for Operation Round Up scholarships. Both traditional and nontraditional students are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible, either the student or parents must have their primary residence located on CWEC lines and participate in Operation Round Up.

Applications are also being accepted for the CWEC Electric Utility Worker Scholarship. The scholarship has been established to assist a student pursuing a technical college education in an electric program that lends itself to employment in the electric utility industry.

Deadline to apply for both scholarships is April 1, 2023.

For More Information or to Apply

CWEC 85th ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR APRIL 13

Join Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative on Thursday, April 13, 2023, for our 85th Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at Rosholt High School.

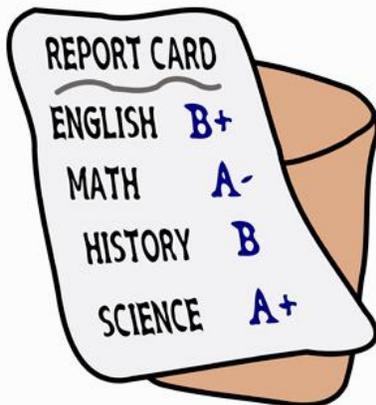
Registration begins at 5:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served until the start of the meeting at 6 p.m.

Board Chairman Tom Smith 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 three board positions will be held.

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WE NEED YOUR GRADES

For those who were awarded an Operation Round Up scholarship in 2022, if you haven't done so already, please submit a copy of your first semester grades and proof of enrollment for the second semester so you can receive your scholarship money.

You can mail or email your grades and proof of second semester enrollment to:

CWEC
Attn: Scholarship Program
PO Box 100
Rosholt, WI 54473

Email: brenda.mazemke@cwecoop.com

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