



## Special points of interest:

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## Is there an Energy Hog Living in Your Home?

When we discuss energy use with our member's, one of the most common things we find is that they are using old refrigerators or freezers. In a lot of cases the refrigerator is a second one used only to keep their beverage of choice cold. While old refrigerators and freezers may seem to be working fine, they're most likely using at least twice the energy as new energy efficient models. According to the fine folks at Energy Star, a 20 year old refrigerator or freezer costs over \$100 per year to operate, with ones made prior to 1973 costing even more. In comparison, a new Energy Star rated refrigerator will cost less than \$50 per year.



If you think it's time you part ways with that old "energy hog," we can help. We're pleased to offer a rebate of up to \$25 to help with the disposal of your old refrigerator or freezer. Your garbage disposal company or recycling center should be able to help you with the disposal. All we need is a copy of the receipt for the disposal (please note the rebate can't exceed the cost of the disposal). Not only can we help with the disposal of your old refrigerator or freezer, we can help you with the purchase of a new one as we offer a \$25 rebate with the purchase of a new Energy Star rated refrigerator or freezer. To receive the rebate, please submit a copy of the receipt of purchase along with a copy of the energy guide label that comes with the appliance.

Additional rebates are available for the purchase of any Energy Star rated appliance. Please give us a call for more information.

## Look What We Found...

On Tuesday, June 3 a wheeled weed/brush trimmer was found in our parking lot. It may have fallen off a truck or trailer when a member was at our office. If this mower belongs to you please call our office at 715-677-2211 or stop in during business hours; Monday-Friday, 7:30am-4:00pm.



## Mark Your Calendar....

### Labor Day Celebration

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2014, in recognition of Labor Day. Regular business will resume on Tuesday, September 2. From everyone at CWEC, we wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!



## Help Ease Summer Electric Demand

Members can help Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative save money in wholesale energy demand costs by doing the summer shift.

With electricity demand and the market's power prices in our region highest on weekdays between the hours of 11 am and 7 pm, we all have an opportunity to curb our use during those hours. By limiting our electricity usage during these hours, it will prevent Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative from being charged expensive wholesale time-of-use- charges and demand charges that must be passed on to the members. It will also help delay the need to contribute to building costly new power generation plants to handle our increasing electricity demand.

We are asking for your help to shift electricity usage to outside the 11 am to 7 pm time window if it is reasonable and possible for your household.



# DO THE SUMMER SHIFT 11 am - 7 pm

### Examples of what you can do-

- Do household chores, such as laundry, before 11 am or after 7 pm or on the weekends.
- Recharge portable electronics and cell phone after 7 pm.
- Close your drapes during the day so your heat pump or air conditioner run less.
- Consider raising the temperature on your thermostat a couple degrees.

## Wisconsin's New Law Requiring Electrician Licensing

The law mandates that those who do electrical wiring have the basic skills through proper training and continuing education classes to keep up with code changes, demonstrate necessary qualifications by passing an examination, and have an opportunity to work in neighboring states with the Wisconsin credential.

In addition, this legislation calls for inspection of electrical work on the customer-side of the meter, including farms, by certified inspectors, improving overall electrical service to our members.

### Effective Date

After April 1, 2014, anyone working with electrical wiring, with certain exceptions, is required to be licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS).

For more information call Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative at 1-800-377-2932 or go to our website at [www.cwecoop.com](http://www.cwecoop.com) and click on Line Department.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

During summer months, our homes can be extremely hot, making living conditions uncomfortable. Before you fire up your air conditioner, try cooling off with a ceiling fan first. Using ceiling fans can actually raise your thermostat setting by 4 degrees and still feel just as comfortable.

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