

Johnson County REMC Residential Time-of-Use Rate (RTOU)

The Residential Time-of-Use rate (RTOU) is designed for customers who are able to shift more of their electricity use to off-peak periods. This rate more accurately passes along the real-time cost of electricity. Electrical energy is more expensive during periods of high demand and less expensive when demand is low. Here are some common questions about this rate to help you evaluate if it is right for you.

Question: What is the RTOU rate?

Electricity prices vary based on the time of day; the day of the week – weekday vs. weekend; and by season – winter or summer. This rate is based on when you use electricity and our cost to supply electricity to you during that time. Electricity that is used when demand is low is known as off-peak, and has a lower cost than electricity used during periods of high demand, or on-peak.

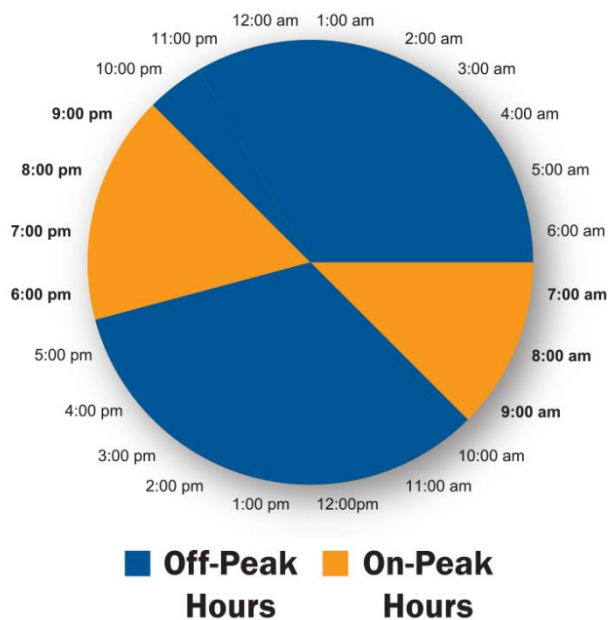
Question: When are the on-peak and off-peak periods?

On-peak hours are defined as follows:

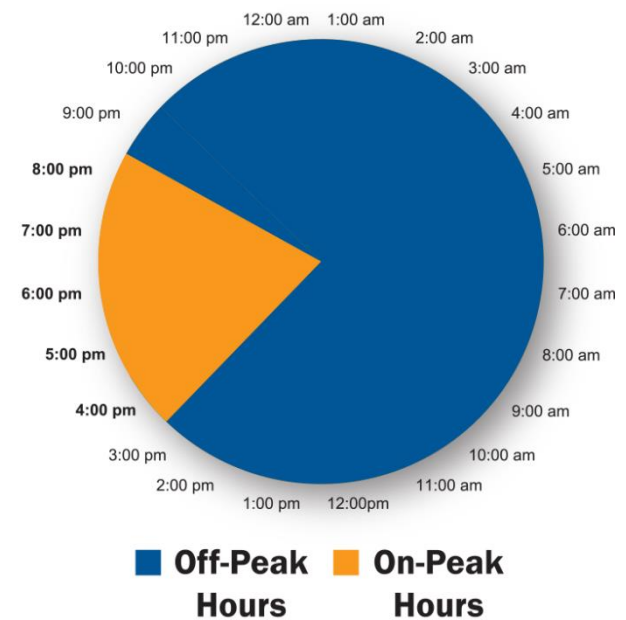
- Summer: June through August, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EDT, Monday through Friday.
- Winter: December through February, 7:00 am to 9:00 am EST and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm EST, Monday through Friday.

Off-peak hours are all remaining hours. The charts below illustrates both on-peak and off-peak time periods.

Winter Time-of-Use December - February



Summer Time-of-Use June - August



Question: How can I determine if the RTOU rate is right for me?

If you are able to control when you use electricity, or if you can shift more of your usage to off-peak times, you may benefit from this rate. Things to consider are:

- Is anyone home during the on-peak hours?
- Do you heat your home with electricity? Do you use a programmable thermostat?
- Do you have air conditioning that can be controlled with a programmable thermostat?
- Do you have a pool pump or a hot tub? Would you be willing to use timers for them?
- Do you use an electric dryer? Could you dry your clothes during off-peak hours?

Question: Is there a cost to sign up for the RTOU rate?

No, there is no additional cost to sign up for this rate.

Question: If I switch to the RTOU rate, how long must I stay on it?

You must remain on this rate for a minimum of 12 months.

Question: So, how do I get started?

An authorization form must be completed to switch to this rate. [Click here](#) to download the form.