

Our mission: To provide reliable, competitively priced utility services to our customers and the community.

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## Safety above all

"Safety" is a universal word that is often mentioned and used loosely.

However, safety is a serious issue, especially when it comes to electrical safety. At Johnson County REMC, it is our ongoing commitment to provide safe, affordable and reliable electricity to our customers. Equally important, we want to return our workers home safely to their loved ones. To do this requires ongoing focus, dedication, and vigilance.

Working with electricity is an inherently dangerous job. At Johnson County REMC, we follow established safety protocols based on leading national safety practices for the utility industry. This requires our employees to wear specialized equipment when working next to or with power lines. There are also specific protocols that our employees follow when dealing with electricity.

Our safety team has regular meetings where they discuss upcoming projects from a safety perspective, and they track near-miss accidents to understand them, share "lessons learned" and improve.

We encourage all our employees to speak up and hold each other accountable for safety. We also brief contractors on our safety protocols and set expectations for their engagement, and because we live and work in the community we serve, we care about our neighbors. Johnson County REMC conducts electrical safety demonstrations in schools and for various community events.

According to the Electrical Safety Foundation, each year thousands of people in the United States are injured and electrocuted in their own homes as a result of electrical fires and accidents. Many of these accidents are preventable, and good safety practices can keep yourself and your community safe around electricity.

Contact Johnson County REMC for additional electrical safety tips. If you would like us to provide a safety demonstration at your school or community event, please contact Chris Thompson at 317-736-6174.

Be mindful when it comes to electrical safety. Pause and take the extra time to plug into safety.



## Electrical Safety Tips:

- + Do not overload electrical outlets. Overloaded outlets are a fire hazard.
- + Keep liquids and drinks away from all electronics, like TVs, computers and gaming consoles. If the liquids spill, they could cause shock or fire.
- + Never place items like clothing or toys on top of a lamp. Leaving flammable items near lightbulbs creates a fire hazard.
- + Never leave electrical cords in an area where people walk, the exposed cord creates a tripping hazard.

# The "power" behind your power

While Johnson County REMC strives to provide reliable electricity to our members, there are times when nature has other plans. Most of us can ride out a storm from the comfort and convenience of our homes. However, there is a group of professionals that spring into action when the weather takes a turn for the worst – REMC lineworkers.

Listed as one of the ten most dangerous jobs in the U.S., lineworkers must perform detailed tasks next to high voltage power lines. Braving stormy weather and other challenging conditions, lineworkers often must climb 40 or more feet in the air while carrying heavy equipment to restore power. To help keep them safe, lineworkers wear specialized protective clothing and equipment at all times when on the job. This includes special fire-resistant clothing that will self-extinguish, thus limiting potential injuries from burns and sparks. They also wear rubber gloves and rubber sleeves in tandem to protect them from electrical shock. While the gear performs a critical function, it also adds additional weight and bulk, making the job more complex.

In addition to the highly visible

tasks lineworkers perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing to the top of a pole to repair a wire. They are also information experts that can pinpoint an outage from miles away and restore power remotely. These lineworkers expertly use their laptops and cell phones to map outages, take pictures of the work they have done and troubleshoot problems.

Johnson County REMC is responsible for keeping 1,671 miles of line across Johnson and parts of Brown, Shelby and Morgan counties maintained and working. We bring electric power to your home and the community, regardless of weather, holidays or personal considerations.

While some of the tools and technology that lineworkers use has changed over the years, the dedication to the job has not. Being a lineworker is not a glamorous profession. It is inherently dangerous, requiring work on high voltage lines in the worst of conditions, at any time of the day or night. We salute our lineworkers and their commitment to providing the reliable electric power that our customers expect and depend on.

# Residential Time-of-Use Service Rate (RTOU)

Would you like to use electricity more wisely and save money doing it?

Electricity is more expensive during times of high demand, or on-peak. If you are able to control when you use electricity, and more of your usage is during off-peak hours, you may save with Residential Time-of-Use. As a comparison, our standard rate is **10.95¢** June through September and **9.67¢** all other months.



## SUMMER RTOU RATES

June, July, August - weekdays only



## WINTER RTOU RATES

December, January, February - weekdays only



If you think this rate might be right for you, give us a call and we will be happy to discuss your options.

**317-736-6174**

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- 1 **Login to Smart Hub**  
[jcremc.smarthub.coop/Login.html](http://jcremc.smarthub.coop/Login.html)
- 2 **Go to My Profile**
- 3 **Select Update My Printed Bill Settings**
- 4 **Turn OFF Paper Bill on the right side of your screen**

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