We Are Thankful

During this season of giving thanks, the employees of Johnson County REMC, would like to express our gratitude for your membership. Because of you, we can help make our community a better place to live and work.

Johnson County REMC was initially established 83 years ago with the goal of providing electricity to our community when no one else was interested. The cooperative was formed and shaped by our local community and its evolving needs. Because we are locally governed by members, we are able to gain a first-hand perspective on community priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments, such as a fiber network, equipment, and technology upgrades.

As part of the cooperative business model, one of our seven core principles is “Concern for Community.” While our priority is always to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity, we view our role in the community as a catalyst for good. With this in mind, in the Spring of next year, Johnson County REMC will be launching an Operation Roundup® Program. This program will help provide financial support for charitable causes and not-for-profit organizations within the community we serve.

We are thankful to be entrusted as good stewards of our member-owned resources and to be part of the community. We work closely with our local schools to provide safety demonstrations and every year we award two $2,000 college scholarships to local high school senior students. We also participate and sponsor various local events and initiatives, including sponsorships for Johnson County 4H Fair. We participate in an annual Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. where we send high school juniors from our community for a week-long immersion into democracy at work.

The entire community benefits from these outreach programs because of you! You empower Johnson County REMC through your membership, your participation and your support. We are also thankful for the numerous acts of kindness our employees receive from our community as they work in severe weather and dangerous conditions. Most of all, we are thankful for all the people we serve. Without you, there would be no Johnson County REMC!
In the race to create the holiday light display of your dreams, don’t overlook safety precautions. Holiday lighting can pose a number of hazards. Ensure the safety of your loved ones with careful preparation.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) reminds those at home and in the workplace to keep electrical safety in mind when decorating for the holiday season:

» Before decorating, read and follow the manufacturers’ instructions concerning installation and maintenance of all decorative electrical products.

» Use lights and other electrical decorations certified by a recognized independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

» Use lights and other electrical decorations certified for outdoor use when appropriate.

» Carefully inspect each decoration before plugging into an outlet. Cracked, frayed, loose or bare wires, as well as loose connections may cause electrical shock or start a fire.

» Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing light bulbs or fuses.

» Do not mount or support light strings that might damage the cord’s insulation.

» Never nail or staple light strings or extension cords.

» Do not connect more than three light string sets together.

» Do not overload extension cords – they can overheat and start a fire. Keep all outdoor extension cords and light strings clear of snow and standing water.

» Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.

» Do not allow children or pets to play with electrical decorations. Even small light decorations can produce a harmful shock if they are misused.

» Turn off all electrical decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

» Plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).
A Full House of Energy Savings

Attic
In many homes, attic insulation is one of easiest, least expensive and most effective ways to reduce your energy use. In colder regions, a properly insulated attic also reduces the chance of ice dams.

Office
Plug all electronic gadgets such as phone and laptop chargers, printers, gaming consoles and DVD players into a power strip with an on/off switch. When not in use, turn the power strip off.

Bedroom
In the summer, ceiling fans should rotate counter clockwise to push air down creating a cooling flow. In the winter, fans should rotate clockwise to help draw cool air up toward the ceiling and push the warm air that naturally rises down to you and your family.

Bathroom
Take a short shower instead of a bath. Short showers use much less water, and you'll save energy by not heating all that extra water.

Living Room
Smart thermostats learn your comfort level, and automatically adjust the temperature settings based on your comfort level while saving you money.

Kitchen
Make sure the stove top burner isn't bigger than the pan, and use flat-bottomed pans to maximize surface contact with the burner. Don't preheat the oven until you're ready to use it. Also, minimize the number of times you open and close the refrigerator or oven door.
Johnson County REMC continues our academic scholarship program for the 25th year. We are offering two $2,000 awards to graduating high school seniors.

To qualify, students must plan to enroll in an Indiana college or university for the fall of 2019 and have parents or legal guardians who are Johnson County REMC members.

Students applying for the scholarship must have their application materials postmarked or submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2019.

Forms are available from the REMC office or website. Students may also apply online at jcremc.com/community-outreach/scholarship/scholarship-information.

The winners will be announced at the Johnson County REMC annual meeting in the spring of 2019. For more information call the office at 317-736-6174.

Residential rates redesigned, not increased

Beginning December 1, 2018, the residential monthly Facility Charge is increasing one dollar and in turn, the Distribution Energy Charge is decreasing. This reflects no cost increase for average customers.