

HOT LINES



Midwest Electric, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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News about your community and cooperative

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IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

ELECTRIC BILL CHANGE

HEADS UP:

You will see Ohio kWh tax on your electric bills

All Midwest Electric members pay the Ohio kilowatt-hour (kWh) tax as part of your electric rate. It is not a new tax or charge. Previously, it was bundled into other costs on your electric bill, but starting this month, it will be listed as a separate line item for additional transparency.

The Ohio kWh tax (among the highest in the U.S.) is:

- \$0.00465/kWh for the first 2,000 kWh monthly
- \$0.00419/kWh for the next 13,000 kWh monthly
- \$0.00363/kWh for all remaining kWh

Created by the Ohio General Assembly in 2001, the Ohio kWh tax applies to electric distribution companies with end users in Ohio as well as commercial electricity purchasers. It's Midwest Electric's fourth-highest operating expense and costs the average Midwest Electric member \$100 a year through your electric bills.

For more details, see CEO Matt Berry's column titled "Ohio's flawed kWh tax" at midwestrec.com.

Thank you for your understanding as we explain this complicated issue and strive to give you additional transparency.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please reach out to us at 800-962-3830 so we can be sure you understand the bill you receive each month. That's the value of being a not-for-profit co-op member!

NEW BILL SAMPLE (Ohio kWh tax listed)

Account Number	Service Address	Status	Bill Type			Cycle
999999999	1234 SOMEWHERE RD	1	RESIDENTIAL			REG 1
Meter Number	Present Read	Previous Read	kWh Multiplier	kWh Used	Rate	Substation
88888888	33711	30528	1.0000	3183	01	SHARPSBURG
Activity Since Last Bill		\$ Amount	Current Bill Information			\$ Amount
Previous Balance		315.00	PREVIOUS BILL AMOUNT			315.00
Payments		-315.00	PAYMENT			-315.00
Other Adjustments		0.00	ENERGY CHARGE			328.63
Balance Prior to this Billing		0.00	OHIO KWH ELECTRICITY TAX			14.26
			ROUNDUP AMT			0.11

FORMER BILL SAMPLE (Ohio kWh tax bundled in)

Account Number	Service Address	Status	Bill Type			Cycle
999999999	1234 SOMEWHERE RD	1	RESIDENTIAL			REG 1
Meter Number	Present Read	Previous Read	kWh Multiplier	kWh Used	Rate	Substation
88888888	33711	30528	1.0000	3183	01	SHARPSBURG
Activity Since Last Bill		\$ Amount	Current Bill Information			\$ Amount
Previous Balance		315.00	PREVIOUS BILL AMOUNT PAYMENT ENERGY CHARGE ROUNDUP AMT			315.00
Payments		-315.00				-315.00
Other Adjustments		0.00				342.89
Balance Prior to this Billing		0.00				0.11
For Service Period			Due Date	03/10/2019	Amount Due	343.00
01/15/2019 to 02/15/2019			If Received After	03/10/2019	Amount Due	363.58

Retain this copy for your records.

PLEASE NOTE: It's the same amount due.

This is not a new charge and not an increase. We are simply printing the Ohio kWh tax separately for additional transparency.

CALL TO
RSVP BY
MAY 29!

2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 1 at St. Marys Memorial High School

8:15 a.m. — Registration and breakfast • 9:15 a.m. — Meeting



Annual Meeting

- \$3,000 in cash prizes
- FREE breakfast buffet
- Kids' activities and games
- Energy efficiency booths; talk one-on-one with our energy advisor
- **NEW \$1,000 scholarship drawing**
 - Any member or child of a member is eligible who will be a college or trade school student in fall 2019. Not eligible if you've received a scholarship from Midwest Electric in the past. Entrants must enter themselves AT the meeting and must be present to win.
- Energy industry update; Q&A with co-op leaders
- Co-op Owners for Political Action: learn how you can affect legislation that affects your cooperative and make your voice heard to lawmakers



**DID
YOU
VOTE
YET?**

A ballot was mailed to you in mid-May for the annual director elections and a vote on revisions to our Code of Regulations. Results will be announced at the meeting.

Your ballot must be received by our voting firm by May 29. Do not include payments; do not send to our St. Marys office.

You can also vote online at midwestrec.com.



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REAL ENDORPHINS, AMAZING MEMORIES.

Fly high

Win a free hot air balloon ride.



Enter online at
**[midwestrec.com/
balloonride](http://midwestrec.com/balloonride)**

Must be a Midwest member to be eligible.
Enter between June 1 and June 27.
Contest rules and policies apply.
Ride limited to two participants and dependent on weather.

Takes place at Wapakoneta's Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Celebration balloon rally July 12-13. As an event sponsor, Midwest Electric is dedicated to supporting the communities it serves.




NATIONAL Family MONTH

To strengthen local families, we're giving away tickets to:






Winners will be selected each week of June on our Facebook page: @MidwestElectric. For details, visit midwestrec.com and watch our Facebook.

Community Calendar

- ◆ June 1 **Annual Relay for Life Cruise-In**, Lake Shore Park, Celina, 8-5 pm
- ◆ June 4 **"Taste of the Town,"** Train Depot in Memorial Park, Coldwater
- ◆ June 7-9 **4-Wheel Jamboree Nationals**, Allen Co. Fairgrounds (317-236-6515)
- ◆ June 7-9 **Holy Rosary Festival**, rides, 5k, & music, St. Marys (419-394-5050)
- ◆ June 7-9 **Pork Rind Heritage Festival**, Harrod (419-230-1946)
- ◆ June 9 **Unveiling of NEW Exhibits & Author Dr. Allen Bernard**, Fort Recovery State Museum (419-375-4384)
- ◆ June 13-16 **Zuma Days**, Montezuma Park, Celina
- ◆ June 14-15 **Rockford Community Days**, Shanes Park
- ◆ June 21-23 **Maria Stein Country Fest**, free, www.msccountryfest.com
- ◆ Weekly **Farmers Market**, Wapakoneta Courthouse, Saturday mornings until Oct.