

HOT LINES



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News about your community and your cooperative

IMPORTANT MEMBER INFO

PLEASE MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY AND UTILITY CREWS

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible.

Together, we can keep our crews safe.



Annual Meeting: Saturday June 2

8:15 a.m. registration and breakfast

9:15 a.m. meeting

St. Marys Memorial High School,
at U.S. 33 and State Route 66

- Free breakfast buffet • Kids area
- Health Fair • Co-op reports, Q & A



BALLOTS

A ballot was mailed to you around mid-May for the annual Trustee elections and a vote on revisions to our Code of Regulations. It must be completed, signed and received by our voting firm by May 30, or vote online at midwestrec.com by 8 a.m., May 30. Results will be announced at the meeting.

Protect your home during “partial power”

You're at home and suddenly the lights get really bright in part of the house, and dim in another part. Or, your lights and appliances work in one part of your home but not in other areas of the home. What's going on? Those could be symptoms of “brown outs,” also called partial power. (Brown outs, or partial power, is different than “blinking lights” - which is addressed at the end of the article.)

Partial Power

Partial power at a home is usually caused by a problem with the neutral and/or ground connections. This could be a bad connection at the transformer, a bad connection to the pole ground, a bad connection to the primary neutral conductor, a bad connection in the meterbase, a secondary conductor that is failing, or problems within the home at the breaker panel, or individual circuits with-

in the home.

The symptoms include dim lights; lights or appliances work in some parts of the home but do not work in other parts of the home; some lights get really bright while other lights get really dim at times.

Partial power - or “brown outs” or low voltage - for a large number of members could be caused by a transmission problem or a voltage regulator not working properly.

It also occurs when one phase of the transmission three phase is not energizing a substation transformer. Then, two of our distribution phases will have low voltage and therefore cause low voltage at the home.

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Summer Energy-Saving Tips

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What to do?

If you experience partial service, or low voltage, you should turn off your main breaker and call us or an electrician. Typically if the low voltage or partial service is affecting everything in the home then call Midwest Electric. We will advise you whether the problem is ours or if it's on your side of the meter.

Blinking Lights

Don't confuse partial power with "blinking lights." "Blinking lights" is a complete, momentary power outage - perhaps just for a second or a few seconds. Sometimes, the lights may completely blink off just once and then everything is fine again. Or, the lights may blink on and off a few times. And then after a few blinks, the power may go out completely.

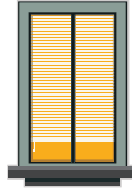
Blinking lights occur when there is a fault on our electric system, such as a tree or branch contacting a power line. And it's a sign that our electric system is working as designed.

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Community Calendar

- June 1**, Relay for Life, Lima (404-327-6451 x16451)
- June 1**, Phil Dirt & The Dozers, Fountain Park Summer Music, begins at 7pm
- June 8**, Pork Rind Heritage Festival, Harrod
- June 14-17**, Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee
- June 16**, Soap Box Derby, Faurot Park, Lima (937-693-7626)
- June 22**, Delphos Optimist Charitable Golf Outing, Delphos Country Club (996-9432)
- June 22-24**, Maria Stein Country Fest
- June 24**, Charity Car Show, Lima Chevrolet Cadillac (991-4615)
- June 28-30**, Old Fashioned Farmers Days, Van Wert Co. Fairgrounds (238-9270)
- June 29-30**, New Knoxville Independence Day Celebration
- June 29**, Tug-A-Truck contest, Van Wert Co. Fairgrounds (238-9270)

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!

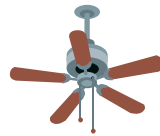


NO-COST TIPS

Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you're away.

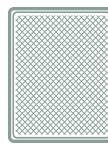


Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.



LOW-COST TIPS

Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.



Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, low maintenance and provide free electricity.

E-mail helps us

Save time, money...

We're doing more communications through e-mail, to save time and money. This is for tree trimming notices, pole testing notifications, and more.

You can help, by making sure our domain (@midwestrec.com) is allowed through your spam filters. And contact us to make sure your email address is up-to-date in our files. Contact us at info@midwestrec.com or 800-962-3830. Thank you!