

## Powering the future through teen programs

**Northeastern REMC is investing in today's youth!** The future of our co-op and our country is in the hands of the teenagers and children being raised now! We want to help by supporting several different programs available to youths in our service area. Please encourage your child to apply for one of these great programs.

### **Indiana Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.**

*Open to current high school juniors*

The Indiana Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. provides young adults with the opportunity to travel to our nation's capital to learn more about how government functions, the complexities of today's electric utility industry, and to meet hundreds of peer students from around the country.

**Learn more:** [indianayouthtour.org](http://indianayouthtour.org)

### **Touchstone Energy Camp**

*Open to current 6th graders*

This free camp gives kids a chance to learn more about energy while making new friends and enjoying lots of activities and games. This three-day camp includes horseback riding, electric cooperative education, rock climbing, swimming, and much more!

**Learn more:** [touchstonenergycamp.org](http://touchstonenergycamp.org)

### **NREMC College Scholarship Program**

*Open to current high school seniors*

Northeastern REMC is proud to offer this scholarship program. Two students will receive a \$1000 scholarship to attend college, full-time during the 2020-2021 school year. Selection criteria will be based on scholastic achievement, school involvement, community involvement and recommendations.

**Learn more:** [nremc.com/scholarships](http://nremc.com/scholarships)

### **Co-op Calendar Art Contest**

*Open to all K-12 students*

Indiana Electric Cooperatives' Calendar Art Contest is open to all K-12 students who want to create an illustration for the cooperative annual wall calendar. A first-place artist will be selected for each grade, and the winners will receive a \$200 prize. In addition, the artwork for each grade division winner will illustrate next year's calendar.

**Learn more:** [indianaec.org/programs/youth/calendar-art-contest](http://indianaec.org/programs/youth/calendar-art-contest)

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### **Touchstone Energy Camp**



### **NREMC College Scholarship**

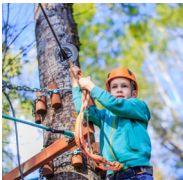
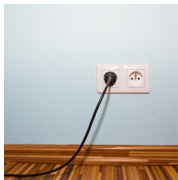


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# LIGHTPOST

Questions? E-mail [memberservices@nremc.com](mailto:memberservices@nremc.com)

Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

1-888-413-6111

Line Locating: Please call 811 at least 2 full business days prior to digging.





# Why is my winter electric bill higher?

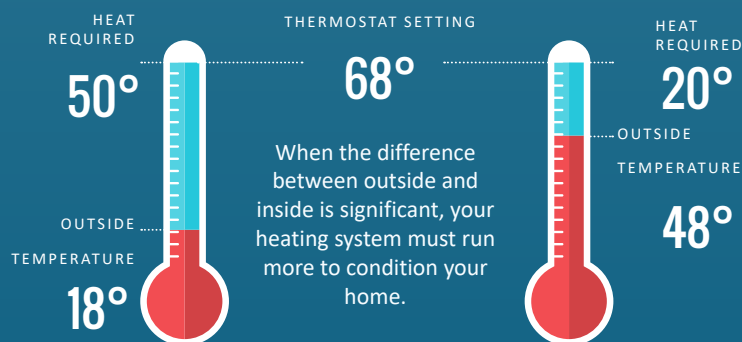


**A frigid fact:** You use more energy in cold weather.

## Here's why:

In cold weather, your heating system works much harder to keep your home comfortable.

Even if you don't change your thermostat setting, it runs longer to heat your home.



Even gas heating systems use electricity to power the fan and distribute the warm air.

## Energy use matters

Your monthly bill is largely determined by the amount of energy you use.

### ENERGY USED

The meter on your home measures the energy you consume.

This is your "usage."



There is a charge for each kilowatt hour you use.

This is your "rate."

### ELECTRIC RATE

## Schedule your free energy consultation

It's a frigid fact that we all use more energy in cold weather. Did you know there are things you can do to help stay warm without running up your energy bill?

Understanding how your home loses heat and actively working against it will keep your house nice and toasty during those cold winter temperatures.

Contact our energy advisor, Jeanne Hasty, for information on how you could be staying much warmer for much less this winter. And while you've got Jeanne on the line, consider booking a free in-home energy consultation so she can show you ways to make a big difference on your monthly bill every month.

To learn more about programs and services that can help you save energy the next time the weather gets cold (or hot), visit [nremc.com](http://nremc.com).

## Ask our energy advisor about:

- Energy saving tips
- Rebates
- Community solar
- Energy consultations
- Geothermal systems
- Heat pumps
- Smart thermostats

Jeanne Hasty  
1-888-413-6111 ext 403  
[j\\_hasty@nremc.com](mailto:j_hasty@nremc.com)



# Keeping warm: heating pads, electric blankets and space heaters

Electric space heaters and blankets are great ways to stay toasty warm when the temperature drops. But don't forget about safety before you plug in these chill-chasers.

During these winter months, when space heaters and electric blankets come out of hibernation, home fires increase.

Remember: an electric space heater is a temporary option for supplemental heat. Many homeowners may use this option to heat specific rooms while they sleep, but this is unsafe. When you leave a room or go to sleep, it is important to turn off your electric space heater. If you're leaving it unattended, it could overheat or fall. It is also important to always plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Never use an extension cord to avoid overheating.



Electric blankets and heating pads are also popular during the cold months. Never fold them and avoid using them while sleeping. Inspect them for dark, charred or frayed spots, and check to see if the electric cord is cracked or frayed. Be sure to read the manufacturer's instructions and warning labels carefully before using them in your home.

While there is no risk for carbon monoxide poisoning with an electric space heater, it holds many other safety hazards if not used properly. In accordance with fire safety, install smoke alarms on every floor of your home and outside all sleeping areas. If you already have them, be sure to test them once a month to be sure they're working properly.

Don't let your guard down if you keep yourself or your home warm with an electric space heater, electric blanket or a heating pad. By following these tips, you and your family have a better chance of avoiding significant fire and electric shock hazards.

## Electric space heaters and blankets dos and don'ts

**DON'T** leave a space heater or electric heating blanket unattended. Turn it off when you're leaving a room or going to sleep.

**DO** inspect heaters for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections before each use.

**DON'T** use the heater if plugs are frayed, worn or damaged.

**DO** keep heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including papers, clothing and rugs.

**DON'T** use an electric blanket if there are dark, charred or frayed spots.

**DO** plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord which could overheat and result in a fire.

**DON'T** use electric blankets while sleeping or as a mattress pad.



# Celebrating 165 years of combined service to Northeastern REMC



The longevity of our employees is something we've always been proud of at Northeastern REMC. In 2019, employees celebrated an incredible 165 combined years of service to our co-op. Thank you for your dedication and service!

Receiving recognition in 2019 were: Top row: Andrew Mitchell, 15 years; Nate Buckles, 25 years; Steve Weber, 25 years; Derek Coyle, 5 years; Brad Deutsch, 35 years; Bottom row: Jim Eitsert, 25 years; Nancy McNabney, 20 years; Mindy Woods, 5 years; and John Enrietto, 5 years. Not pictured: Jim Nyffeler, 5 years and Pete Bauer, 5 years

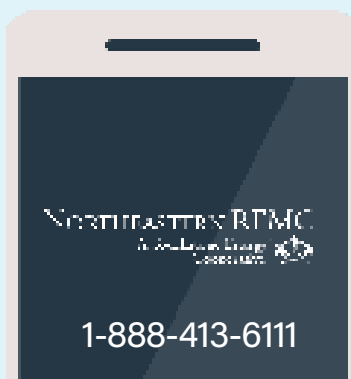
## New Year. New Phone Number.

Please note that we're now using our new phone number, **1-888-413-6111**, exclusively.

This phone number provides the increased reliability you've come to expect from Northeastern REMC for more than 84 years. We work diligently to bring our members the newest technology and security advances to keep our grid and members safe. Implementing a toll-free number ensures that you can reach us quickly when reporting an issue with your service and paying your bill.

This is just one of the many ways we're meeting our members' on-going needs and increasing convenience and satisfaction.

**Be sure to save our  
number in your phone.**



## SPOTLIGHT

### Opt-in to make a difference

Have you opted-in to make a difference in our local community by rounding up your bill? Your contribution is around \$6 per year. Just imagine the impact we can have when we all participate. Call member services and ask to join **Operation Round Up**.

### Pay your bill electronically

Wouldn't we all like one less thing to think about every month? You can easily pay your bill online or enroll in auto-pay. Don't pay another late fee ever again! Learn more by going to [nremc.com](http://nremc.com)

### New website coming soon

We've been creating a brand new website for our members! Keep an eye on [nremc.com](http://nremc.com) for our new look, better functionality, and improvements based on your feedback.

### Facebook

We try to share as much information as possible on Facebook during power outages. "Like" our Facebook page so it shows up in your feed! [facebook.com/nremc](https://facebook.com/nremc)

### Our Vision

**Service, Satisfaction and Safety -  
Second to None!**

### Our Mission

**To meet our members' on-going  
need for reliable energy service at  
a good value while meriting trust  
and confidence.**



# Do you know what to do if your car crashes into a utility pole?

Accidents happen but especially during winter months with adverse road conditions. Last month, a vehicle crashed into a pole in Huntertown. Thankfully, the driver was able to safely exit their car without injury. We quickly dispatched a crew to the scene to replace the pole and restore power to more than 1000 members in less than 90 minutes.

Would you know what to do if your car crashed into an electric utility pole? Knowing what to do could be the difference between life and death.

## If a power line falls on your vehicle and there is no fire:

Your safest option is to stay inside your vehicle until help arrives. The vehicle acts as a path for the electrical current to travel to reach the ground. You are safe inside the vehicle, but if you get out, you could be electrocuted.

## If a power line falls on your vehicle and there is a fire:

Jump out of the vehicle, making sure no part of your body or clothing touches the ground and vehicle at the same time.

**Land with both feet together** and in small, shuffling steps, move at least 40 feet away from the vehicle.

The ground could be energized. Shuffling away with both feet together decreases the risk of electrical shock.

Do not try to help someone else from the car while you are standing on the ground.

As in all power line-related emergencies, call for help immediately by dialing 911.



*Above: The charred frame of a vehicle after striking our utility pole.*



*Above: The NREMC crews were quickly dispatched to the area to replace a pole and restore power.*

## Join our team

Come grow with us in 2020! We'll be adding a training & development specialist, a programmer and an engineer to our organization in the next few months. New jobs opportunities are added to [nremc.hirecentric.com](https://nremc.hirecentric.com) when they become available or you can browse our job listings on LinkedIn at [linkedin.com/northeastern-nremc](https://linkedin.com/northeastern-nremc).

