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Featured above: Nolin RECC Customer Service Rep Jeanne Jordan,  
17 years of service

**News you can use**



## Making Life Better

**W**hat would make life better in our service territory? I'm not talking about winning the lottery—that only makes life better for one person or a small group. But more jobs? Better healthcare? Improved parks? Those are areas that benefit everyone in our community.

Nolin RECC exists to power communities and empowers you, our members, to improve your quality of life. The cooperative business model offers the perfect tool when it comes to facing those hard challenges too big for one person to handle alone. But we need a common purpose to effectively manage the power of cooperation.

Think about the impact electricity made in rural areas 75 years ago. Women lived longer because they no longer had to work from dusk to dawn at backbreaking chores. Farm production jumped. Things like running water, lights, and stored food were possible—and with those leaps, our ancestors' lives were given new opportunities.

A few of you may remember our beginnings from your younger days—you know full well the power of neighbors uniting behind a common purpose. But the vast majority doesn't remember when this area rolled up its sleeves and worked together to get the lights on. Back when life was hard—before cooperation changed the landscape of the communities we serve.

Does that mean we don't need a cooperative anymore? Is our job done? Are there no challenges, no roadblocks to a brighter future for our children? What's next for us?

To be honest, that's up to you.

Nolin is more than a power provider. We're proof that when folks unite with a single focus, we can bring dreams to

reality. Our purpose—powering this community and empowering you, our members—can make life better in Hardin, LaRue, and surrounding counties.

You, our members, have the power to enact change—all with a little cooperation. So think about it—what's important to you? What would make life better?

Please tell us what you're working on to improve the quality of life. We're here to support your efforts, and we want to know how we can help bring people with common needs and interests together. Remember, electric co-ops can be a mechanism you use to make life better. Send your ideas to [comments@nolinrecc.com](mailto:comments@nolinrecc.com) or call us at (270) 765-6153.

We exist today because 75 years ago co-op members like you believed they could turn darkness into daylight. Thanks for sharing your ideas with us—we can't wait to work cooperatively with you!



**Mickey Miller**  
President & CEO

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# 2013 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

**N**olin RECC rewards members when they make smart decisions. For years, Nolin has been offering incentives to encourage members to improve the energy efficiency in their homes.

## Here are your new Rebate Programs

### Touchstone Energy New Home Program—\$750 Rebate

When a heat pump is installed in a new Touchstone Energy Home the member will receive a rebate as long as the following requirements are met.

- Must be built to Touchstone Energy Home standards
- Pre-drywall inspection required
- Minimum **14 SEER and 8.2 HSPF** heat pump rebate does not include manufactured homes, modular homes, or mobile homes.

### Heat Pump Retro-fit Program

When a high-efficiency heat pump is installed in an existing home, meeting the requirements below, the member will be eligible for a rebate.

- Must convert from electric furnace, ceiling cable heat, or baseboard heat to a heat pump
  - Must be an all-electric home
- 13 SEER / 7.7HSPF..... \$500**  
**14 SEER / 8.2 HSPF ..... \$750**  
**15 SEER / 8.5 HSPF or greater ..... \$1,000**

### Residential Energy Audit Program

Nolin RECC offers low cost/no cost residential audits for members. The cooperative provides a free inspection of the premises and makes recommendations to the homeowner on what areas need to be addressed in order to make their home more energy efficient. Members may also receive caulking from Nolin RECC to help seal air leaks.

If the home qualifies, a rebate up to \$1,025 may be applied after adding insulation or replacing windows and doors through the Button-Up program.

### Button-Up Program

After having a free energy audit performed by Nolin RECC, members may receive up to a \$1,025 rebate after insulating and weatherizing their home according to our recommendations. Nolin will rebate members based on the calculated BTU of heat loss reduced from the previous inspection performed by the cooperative. The rebate will be applied according to the following requirements.

- A **FREE** home energy audit must be completed before and after upgrades
- Upgrading insulation, windows, or doors on all-electric home at least two years old
- A Nolin RECC representative will calculate BTU saved

#### Rebate to be issued based on the following levels:

<b>Level 1..... \$520 .....</b>	Up to 13,000 BTU saved at \$40 per thousand BTU
<b>Level 2..... \$795 .....</b>	26,500 BTU or greater *
<b>Level 3..... \$1,025 .....</b>	34,250 BTU or greater *

\*Level 2 and 3 **require** a blower door test before and after work is done

**Please call Todd Drake at (270) 765-6153 or e-mail [TDrake@nolinrecc.com](mailto:TDrake@nolinrecc.com) for more information on any of these programs.**



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# Qualifications For Directors

In June, the membership of your cooperative will be electing two directors to represent you. One director will be from District 2 and one from District 6. If you know someone who is qualified and willing to serve as a director, you may submit his or her name to the Nominating Committee for consideration when this Committee selects candidates to be placed on the ballot.

In thinking about who will make the best candidates for the office of director for your cooperative, you should keep the following in mind:

## **Bylaw Qualifications All Directors Must Meet:**

1. A director must be at least 21 years of age.
2. A director must be a member of the Cooperative and a bona fide resident of the directorate district from which he or she is elected.
3. A director cannot be in any way employed by or have more than 10% interest in a competing enterprise or a business selling services or products to the Cooperative.
4. A director cannot be an employee of the Cooperative or a former employee who has a vested interest in the Cooperative or who has been an employee in the past five years or receives any remuneration from the Cooperative, other than remuneration for services rendered in serving as a member of the Board of Directors.
5. A director cannot be a close relative of any incumbent director or of an employee or a retired employee of the Cooperative. ("Close relative" means a person who is related to the principal person to the third degree or less — that is a person who is either a spouse, child, grandchild, great-grandchild, stepchild, parent, step-parent, great-grandparent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew or niece, by blood or in-law, of the principal.)
6. No person shall be nominated as a candidate for the Board of Directors unless that person is duly qualified and has agreed to be nominated as a candidate.

## **In addition to the Bylaw Qualifications a director must meet, he or she should also:**

- A. Believe in basic Cooperative principles.
- B. Should have demonstrated by his or her action the following personal characteristics:
  1. Be a proven leader in his or her community with broad interests.

2. Be of highest integrity and be well respected in the community in which he or she lives.
  3. Be a mature person and have the ability to exercise sound judgment and logical reasoning.
- C. Should be able to make a meaningful contribution to carrying out the functions of a director, including:
1. Being willing and able to give the time to attend:
    - a. Meetings of the Board or Committees of the Board.
    - b. State and National Association Meetings.
    - c. Director Training Programs.
  2. Making significant contributions to Board meetings by raising pertinent and discerning questions and by contributing innovative ideas and suggestions.
  3. Being willing to study data and other information presented to the Board to keep fully informed.
  4. Being willing to support the decisions and actions of the Board once arrived at by the majority of the Board.
  5. Representing the membership on an impartial basis, not just those in his or her area, but the total membership.
  6. Making every effort to obtain increasing member and public understanding and support of the Cooperative and the rural electrification program and being sensitive to their feelings, concerns and attitudes.
  7. Becoming skilled in raising questions about the end results being achieved in certain Key Performance Areas and in interpreting Operating and Financial Reports.
  8. Providing leadership to meet the changing needs of the membership and to contribute to the development of the Cooperative's service area.

Please give thoughtful consideration to the type of person who meets these qualifications for director, and then submit names of qualified nominees from Districts 2 and 6 to the Nominating Committee. You should discuss this with the nominees before submitting their names. Thank you for your support and interest in your cooperative.

Send nominations to: Chairperson, Nominating Committee, Nolin RECC, 411 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701-6767.

**The Nominating Committee will meet after January 31, 2013.**

# PORTIONS OF THE NOLIN RECC BYLAWS THAT APPLY TO MEETINGS, BOARD MEMBERS AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

## ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

### SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members shall be held at such time and at such place within any county served by the Cooperative as selected by the Board and which shall be designated in the notice of the meeting for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the Board to make adequate plans and preparations for the annual meeting. Failure to hold an annual meeting at the designated time shall not cause a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

### SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special meetings of the members may be called by resolution of the Board, or upon a written request signed by any four Board members, or by the President; and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within one of the counties served by the Cooperative as designated by the Board and shall be specified in the notice of the special meeting.

### SECTION 3. NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MEETING.

Written or printed notice setting the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting or an annual meeting at which business requiring special notice is to be transacted, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten days nor more than thirty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon a default in duty by the Secretary, by the persons calling the meeting, to each member. Any such notice delivered by mail may be included with members' service billings or as an integral part or with the Cooperative's monthly newsletter and/or its monthly insert, if any, in the *Kentucky Living* magazine. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting.

### SECTION 4. QUORUM.

One hundred (100) members present in person shall constitute a quorum. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting. The minutes of each meeting shall have a list of the members present in person attached to the minutes.

### SECTION 5. VOTING.

Each member shall be entitled to only one vote upon each matter submitted to a vote. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person except as otherwise provided by law, the articles of incorporation or these bylaws. Voting by members other than members who are natural persons shall be allowed upon the presentation to the Cooperative, prior to, or upon registration at each member meeting of satisfactory evidence entitling the person presenting the same to vote.

### SECTION 6. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business at the annual meeting of the members, and so far as possible at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows, except as otherwise determined by the members at such meeting:

1. Report on the number of members present in person in order to determine the existence of a quorum.
2. Presentation of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due pub-

lication or mailing thereof, or the waiver of the meetings, as the case may be.

3. Presentation of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
4. Presentation and consideration of reports of officers, directors and committees.
5. Special orders.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

### SECTION 7. MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

A Member Advisory Committee shall be selected annually from the membership by the Board of Directors. This Committee shall consist of at least 50 members of the Cooperative and shall be selected not later than the March meeting of the Board of Directors each year. The purpose of this Committee shall be to serve the Cooperative in an advisory capacity, receiving from and conveying to the Board of Directors and the membership information helpful in the administration of an electric cooperative. It shall also be the responsibility of the member advisory committee to select the nominating committee for the Cooperative as set forth herein. One or more meetings of this Committee shall be held each year, and one meeting must be held not later than 90 days prior to the annual meeting of the membership.

## ARTICLE IV — BOARD MEMBERS

### SECTION 1. GENERAL POWERS.

The business and policies of the Cooperative shall be the responsibility of a Board of Directors of six members, which shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative, except such as are by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members. It is the philosophy of this Cooperative that each director is elected to serve the best interests of the entire membership, and not just their own district within the Cooperative.

### SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS.

A person shall be eligible to become a Board Member of the Cooperative who: (a) has attained the age of twenty-one (21) years, or more, and (b) is a member of the Cooperative and a bona fide resident for one year prior to their election of the Directorate District from which they are elected, as further defined in Section 3 of this Article IV (In order to be a "bona fide resident" they must have resided for the majority of the year in a residence within the Directorate District from which they are elected.); (c) is not in any way employed by or has more than a 10% interest in a competing enterprise engaged in distribution of electricity or a business selling services or products to the Cooperative, and (d) is not an employee of the Cooperative or a former employee who has a vested interest in the Cooperative, or who has been an employee in the past five years, or receives any remuneration from the Cooperative, other than remuneration for services rendered in serving as a member of the Board of Directors, and (e) is not a close relative of any incumbent director or of an employee or a retired employee of the Cooperative. ("Close relative" means a person who is related to the principal person to the third degree or less — that is a person who is either a spouse, child, step-child, grandchild, great-grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, great-grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew, or niece, by blood or in law, of the principal.)

Upon establishment that a Board member is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the Board shall remove such Board member from office.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board.

**SECTION 3. DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS.**

The Cooperative’s directors shall be so nominated and elected that, the Board shall be comprised of one director from each of six Directorate Districts. Boundaries are designed to equalize the number of members living in each district.

The boundaries of each district are based on member service location numbers. Board districts are noted on monthly billing statements and will be provided by the Cooperative upon request by a member and designated on a master map maintained at the Cooperative office.

**SECTION 4. TENURE OF DIRECTORS.**

Upon their election, directors shall, subject to the provisions of these bylaws with respect to the removal of directors, serve until the annual meeting of membership of the year in which their term expires or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. Beginning with the election for 2013, directors from each Directorate District shall be elected for 3-year terms according to the following schedule:

<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
District 2	District 1	District 3
District 6	District 4	District 5

After 2015, directors from each Directorate District shall continue to be elected for 3-year terms on the same rotating schedule listed above.

**SECTION 5 (a). ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.**

Nominating committees consisting of ten (10) members of the Cooperative shall be selected as follows:

(1) At the spring meeting of the Member Advisory Committee, the members of the Member Advisory Committee shall divide into six (6) caucuses, with one caucus to represent each Directorate District.

(2) Each caucus of the Member Advisory Committee shall select one member of the Cooperative from that Directorate District to serve on the nominating committee. These six (6) members shall be chosen first. In addition to these six (6), four (4) additional members of the Cooperative shall be chosen for the nominating committees from each Directorate District in which directorships are up for election. Each year there will be two directorships up for election.

(3) A majority of the members of the nominating committee shall constitute a quorum of the committee to nominate directors.

The membership of the nominating committee may also be members of the Member Advisory Committee, but no employees of the Cooperative, directors or close relatives (as defined in Article IV, Section 2 (e) of these bylaws) of incumbent directors or employees shall serve on the nominating committee. The secretary of the Cooperative shall convene the initial meeting of the nominating committee, and the committee shall then select its own Chairperson and thereafter, the committee shall meet at the time and place designated by the Chairperson. Notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given to each member by a letter deposited in the United States mail directed to them at the address of the member shown on the books of the Cooperative, not less than five days prior to the meeting, but any member may waive such notice in writing and does waive such notice if the member attends the meeting. The nominating committee shall continue in office for a period of one year or until its successor committee is selected by the Member Advisory Committee.

The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least sixty-five (65) days before the election date, a list of nominees for directors. One or more persons shall be nominated for each vacancy to be filled. No person shall be nominated as a candidate for the Board of Directors unless that person is duly qualified, and has been contacted by the nominating committee and indicated their willingness to have their name placed in nomination.

Fifty-five (55) days prior to the Annual Meeting, each nominee may furnish to the Cooperative Secretary a resume of their qualifications and a picture

of the nominee; these (or edited versions thereof) shall be furnished to the membership prior to the election. Other campaigning is discouraged in an effort to promote a cooperative spirit in the election process.

A ballot shall be mailed to each member of the Cooperative at least eight days before the date of the annual meeting. The ballot shall list persons nominated for the office of director as heretofore set out and shall contain a blank line upon which a member may vote for any person not nominated, but otherwise qualified.

Each member may vote for the directors of their choice by marking in the space provided thereon and shall return their ballot to the office of the Cooperative in a self-addressed envelope provided for this purpose by the Cooperative. All ballots to be valid must be delivered to the office of the Cooperative not later than 5 p.m. the day before the annual meeting and shall be sealed in an envelope provided by the Cooperative for that purpose.

All ballots shall be delivered in the sealed envelope to the election tellers. The election tellers shall count the same, certify the result of the election and the result shall be made public at the annual meeting of the Cooperative.

Each member of the Cooperative shall be entitled to cast one vote for each vacancy to be filled, however, proxy voting or cumulative voting shall not be permitted.

Each candidate may name one election teller by notifying the Secretary of the Board in writing of their selection not later than ten days before the date of the annual meeting. The Board shall name such additional tellers as are necessary in the opinion of the Board. The election tellers thus selected shall meet at a time and place designated by the Board. The Secretary of the Board shall notify each teller when and where the meeting will be held. The tellers shall select a chairperson and the tellers shall open the envelopes containing the ballots in the presence of each other and count the same.

Any teller may challenge the validity of any ballot and if a majority of the tellers vote to uphold the challenge, the ballot shall not be counted.

The following ballots shall not be counted:

- (1) Unmarked ballots.
- (2) Ballots marked for more candidates than vacancies to be filled.
- (3) Ballots marked for more than one candidate for any one vacancy.
- (4) Ballots other than the official ballot mailed.
- (5) Ballots arriving late.

The following ballots may be counted:

- (1) Ballots on which the mark is not in the place provided, but does show the intention of the voter.
- (2) Ballots on which there is an erasure or change of intention shown, but the election tellers are of the opinion that the ballot has not been tampered with.

The tellers shall by the signature of a majority of the members certify the number of votes received by each candidate. The report shall be delivered by the chairperson of the tellers to the Chairperson of the Board and the result announced at the annual meeting.

The person nominated for director in their district receiving the highest number of votes as certified by the tellers is the person elected. If more than one receives the same number of votes, the tellers shall at a meeting at a time and place to be fixed by them, at which due notice shall be given the nominees cause the nominees or their representatives, or in the absence of a nominee or their representatives, some person designated by the tellers to draw for the office, and the person drawing the slip marked “elected” shall be the person elected.

**A complete copy of the Cooperative Bylaws is available at the Nolin RECC office or at [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com).**

# College Scholarships for Nolin Members

**N**olin urges you to take advantage of our scholarship program. We offer six scholarships of \$1,000 each to high school seniors and one scholarship of \$1,000 to a Nolin RECC member who is continuing their education.

To apply for a scholarship, applicants or their parents must be Nolin RECC members whose primary residence is in the Nolin service territory. Other restrictions may apply. Deadline for entry is April 1. Visit our Web site at [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com) for an application or call the Nolin office at (270) 765-6153.

Colleen Ohler is the daughter of David and Tamara Ohler of Radcliff. Colleen's parents are members of Nolin RECC so she took advantage of her opportunity to apply for a college scholarship. Colleen is currently enrolled at Murray State University and is one of seven students who earned a \$1,000 college scholarship from Nolin RECC.



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## Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation Electric Rates

The following rates and charges for the consumers of Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative were in effect as of June 1, 2011.

(kwh=kilowatt-hour)

SCHEDULE 1		SCHEDULE 4 – Industrial	
Residential, Farm, Non-Farm, Trailers & Mobile Homes		Demand Charge	
Rates:		Per Kilowatt of Billing Per Month	\$4.95
Customer Charge	\$9.04 per month	Energy Charge	
All kwh Charge	.08598 per kwh	First 3,500 kwh per month	.08248
The minimum monthly charge for single-phase service is \$9.04.		Next 6,500 kwh per month	.06789
		Over 10,000 kwh per month	.06410
SCHEDULE 2		SCHEDULE 5 – Rural Lighting	
Commercial, Small Power, Single-Phase & Three-Phase Service		High-pressure Sodium	
Rates:		100-Watt	75 kwh \$10.06
Customer Charge	\$16.82 per month	<b>FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE</b>	
All kwh Charge	.09274 per kwh	All rates are applicable to the Fuel Adjustment Clause and may be increased or decreased by an amount per kwh equal to the fuel adjustment amount per kwh as billed by the wholesale power supplier plus an allowance for line losses. The allowance for line losses will not exceed 10% and is based on a 12-month moving average of such losses. This fuel clause is subject to all other applicable provisions as set out in 807 KAR 5:056.	
The minimum monthly charge for single-phase service is \$16.82.			
SCHEDULE 3 — Large Power			
Customer Charge	\$28.50 per month		
Demand Charge			
Per Kilowatt of Billing Demand Per Month	\$4.95		
Energy Charge			
First 2,500 kwh per month	.07845		
Next 12,500 kwh per month	.07337		
Over 15,000 kwh per month	.07184		

# Attention: High School Juniors

## Win a **FREE TRIP** to Washington, D.C.



Posing for a picture before leaving on the 2012 DC trip are (left to right) Ashley Cottrell, Lauren Brammer, Afton Conner, Savannah Haberman, and Allie Dennis.

An all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., will be awarded this June to FIVE young people from this area by Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative. These students will spend a week touring Gettysburg, the Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, the FBI Building, the National Zoo, Library of Congress, U.S. Capitol, The White House, the Kennedy Center, plus a visit with Kentucky's congressional delegation and perhaps even the President of the United States.

### RULES FOR ENTERING THE YOUTH TOUR CONTEST

1. High school juniors between the ages of 16 and 18, whose parents or guardian receive electric service from Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative, are eligible. Children of employees or directors are not eligible.
2. A completed application must be returned to Nolin RECC no later than March 12.
3. All contestants will be required to come to the Nolin RECC office for a personal interview and brief quiz on cooperatives.
4. Each contestant will be asked to write a short essay (500 words or less) on "My Life Without Electricity." Essays will be due at the time of the interviews.

To enter the Youth Tour Contest, complete an application (available below or through your guidance counselor) and return it to: Youth Tour, Nolin RECC, 411 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701-6767. Upon receipt of your application we will send you a packet that will contain study guides for the short quiz and information on the essay "My Life Without Electricity." Personal interviews will be held in late March with each applicant. A judging committee will select five winners and two alternates. Winners will be notified in early May.

### WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 12 • TRIP SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 14-21

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nolin Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

## We've Got Your \$75 Number! \$75

WIN \$75 Worth of FREE Electricity

Nolin News features a contest called "We've Got Your Number." Hidden inside this issue are two randomly selected member account numbers. If you spot your account number, contact the Member Services Department at 765-6153, and **win a \$75 CREDIT on your electric bill.** You must identify your number and call by the 15th day of the month's issue containing your number. Account numbers could be anywhere in your *Nolin News!*

## New Member Credits

All members signing up for new service with Nolin receive a short survey. Members who return the completed survey to Nolin are automatically eligible to win a \$20 credit on their electric bill. Each month, one name is drawn and a lucky Nolin member receives a bill credit on their next statement. Congratulations to our latest winner, **Jordan T. Garrett, of Elizabethtown.**

## Online payments

Access your Nolin RECC account through our Web site at **www.nolinrecc.com**. Click on "YourAccount" to check your consumption history and make payments by debit card, Visa, or MasterCard. To apply for budget billing and automatic draft online, click on "Residential Bill Payment."

# How much is too much?

Are your electrical outlets overstuffed with power strips, extension cords, and outlet splitters? That's not just an unsightly tripping hazard. It's a fire hazard.

Plugging more appliances, lights, and electronics into a single outlet than its circuit is meant to handle causes the receptacle or cords to overheat and potentially start an electrical fire. The Consumer Product Safety Commission attributes 3,500 fires each year to outlet issues.

How do you know if you're pushing your outlet to the brink? Check for these common indicators of potential electrical hazards:

**Hot outlets:** If you can't touch a cord, plug, or faceplate for more than five seconds without saying, "Ouch!" the outlet is overloaded.

**Shocks:** Small shocks from touching appliances or outlets could point to danger.

**Blown fuses:** If fuses continue to blow after you replace them, or circuit breakers constantly trip, the wiring cannot handle the outlet's load.

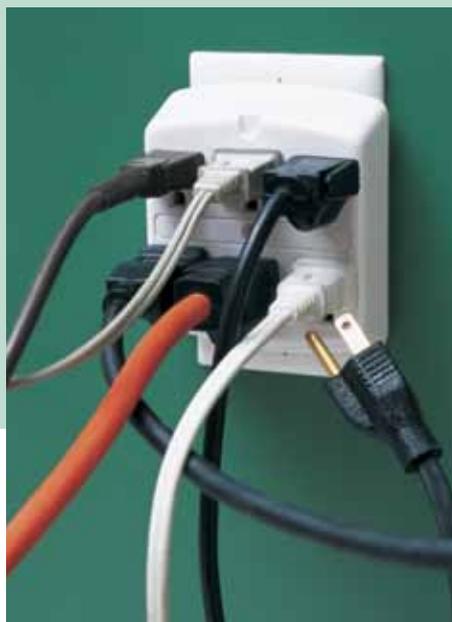
**Flickering lights:** Flickering or dimming lights could indicate an overloaded outlet.

**Wavering screens:** Similarly, if your computer or TV screen wavers when a large appliance is plugged in, it could mean the outlet is overstressed.

**High-wattage appliances:** Never plug a high-wattage appliance, such as a refrigerator or dryer, into an extension cord.

Any of these symptoms could mean

your home's wiring can't keep up with the increasing energy demands of your large appliances and electronics. Call a licensed electrician to give you an estimate for wiring repairs or upgrades.



## HOW TO REACH NOLIN RECC

### ELIZABETHTOWN OFFICE

411 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701-6767  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri • (270) 765-6153

### RADCLIFF OFFICE

101 West Lincoln Trail Blvd., Radcliff, KY 40160  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri • (270) 351-2199  
(Office closed from 12:30-1:30 daily)

**TOLL-FREE BUSINESS CALLS** — 1-888-637-4247

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER** — (270) 769-6396

**EMERGENCY TOLL-FREE CALLS** — 1-800-572-1147

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e-mail: [comments@nolinrecc.com](mailto:comments@nolinrecc.com)

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