

A Smart Way to Manage your Nolin Account

Are you a SmartHub user? If so, then you're already in control of your Nolin RECC account by monitoring and managing your usage online.

SmartHub is an electronic tool that enables you to securely view your account whenever and wherever you want, make online payments, report an outage, and even monitor electricity usage by the hour.

This innovative tool allows you to compare usage this month to last month, or compare usage for the same month last year. Not only will you get a comparison of your usage, you will also get a comparison of weather data and the amount you were billed.

Are you ready to manage your energy usage? Visit our website at www.nolinrecc.com and click on the SmartHub logo to set up your account.



Your SmartHub text messages will soon be sent from a new number. In the near future, your messages will be sent from 768482. To opt out of messages, reply with "STOP."

Simple Ways to Save Energy at Home

Need a new refrigerator? You could save \$100 a year on your energy bill by replacing an older model with a new, ENERGY STAR-qualified appliance. For more savings, recycle that older model and earn \$50, then cash in on a \$100 rebate on your new ENERGY STAR fridge (call Nolin for details).

Add insulation. Insulating your attic, walls, and floors adjacent to an unheated garage or basement can make a dent in your heating and cooling bills.

Unplug the TV. Electronics like TVs, speakers,

gaming consoles, computers, and even phone chargers continue to use energy, even when they're turned off. Unplug them before you go to bed.

Dim the lights. Dimmer switches control how much light you use. A switch with a timer can turn lights on and off at set times. A light fixture with a motion sensor will turn itself off when a room is empty. All of that adds up to energy savings.

Switch to LED lights. They use 90 percent less energy than incandescent light bulbs.

What's that Hissing Sound?

If you hear a hissing sound and you don't have a cat, check your electricity.

Damaged wires and outlets can hiss when something's wrong—just like the cat. But hissing electricity is much more dangerous than your pet. So check your cords and outlets regularly to prevent an electrical accident.



- When electrical cords are damaged, worn, cracked or corroded, the chances of fire or power surges increase significantly. Check for loose or improper connections, cracked wire insulation, chewed electrical wiring or frayed appliance or electrical cords. Call a licensed electrician to fix wiring problems; electricity is not a do-it-yourself project.
- Avoid plugging anything into an electrical outlet near a water source. Even plugging a cell phone in too close to water can create a hazard if it falls into a tub or sink and you stick your hand in to retrieve it. You could get shocked.
- Do you have a fire extinguisher in your home? To douse an electrical fire, which usually starts because of faulty wires or outlets, you need one. Never throw water onto an electrical fire; it can electrocute you.
- Child-proof all electrical outlets within the reach of your small children. Insert outlet covers where the prongs of an appliance go. That will prevent toddlers from sticking fingers and other objects into the sockets.
- Cramming too many plugs into a power strip and plugging it into an outlet that's not sturdy enough for the load can cause the outlet to overheat and the circuit to trip. If you need more outlets, hire a licensed electrician to solve your problem.



October is National Co-op Month

Nolin RECC is giving away 60-watt equivalent LED light bulbs to our members in recognition of National Co-op Month in October. Check your October *Nolin News* for a special coupon needed to claim your LED bulb! Supplies will be limited to one LED bulb per member!