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your one-stop for energy savings!

Spring is a good time to look at our routine and see if there are any steps we can take to reduce our energy consumption. Often just by changing a habit or doing a simple DIY project, we can see savings on our electric bill each month.

Nolin RECC's website is packed with resources and information to help you save money by reducing the amount of energy you use in your home. Here are just a few of the resources you can find there:

**Virtual Home Energy Assessment:** The online assessment accessed through **SmartHub** uses data that is specific to a member's home or business. This tool analyzes a member's electric use and cost breakdown. It gives a home energy efficiency rating and offers tips for further reducing energy use. After

a member performs this assessment, our employees can answer questions.

**101 Easy Ways to Save Energy:** This online resource guide has tips that residents can use to reduce energy use. Choices such as using smaller appliances like a crock pot for cooking, changing your HVAC filter and avoiding space heaters can add up.

**"How-to" videos:** From signing up to receive usage alerts to registering for a free SmartHub account, we have quick tutorials available to get you connected to the tools we offer to help you manage energy use and save money.

**Rebate programs:** Are you planning to replace your furnace with a new heat pump? Do you have a smart thermostat? On our website, you will find information about programs like Heat Pump



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Retrofit and Simple Saver that can save you money on your monthly bill—and offer a rebate for those who qualify.

Visit [www.nolinrecc.com/energy-savings](http://www.nolinrecc.com/energy-savings) for these and lots more resources to help you save energy and money. Members can also call our office with questions (270) 765-6153.

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EASY WAYS TO SAVE  
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### Virtual Home Energy Assessment

NAVIGATION: Saving Tips | Energy Forecast | Bill Analysis | My Home

#### Your Annual Electric Cost Breakdown

Legend: Heating Use, Lighting Use, Water Heating Use, Refrigeration Use, Air Conditioning Use, Other Appliances Use, Other Heating Use, Other Cooling Use.

#### Your Monthly Electric Cost Breakdown

Legend: Heating Use, Lighting Use, Water Heating Use, Refrigeration Use, Air Conditioning Use, Other Appliances Use, Other Heating Use, Other Cooling Use.

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



SARAH FELLOWS

Apprentice Line Tech Brandon Hurd, 1 year of service



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## Add electrical devices to spring cleaning list

After an especially cold winter, everyone is ready for spring. Is your house ready, too? As the weather warms up, add these four items to your springtime to-do list:

1. Make an appointment with a licensed service technician to give your air conditioning system a once-over. Paying for a maintenance check now could prevent a bigger expense this summer if your system breaks down on a hot day and you need an emergency replacement. Regular maintenance also can extend the life of your system.

2. Clean the area around your air conditioner's outside condenser unit. Brush dirt and leaves off the unit and pick up tree limbs that landed on it over the winter. Resist the urge to plant bushes and flowers around the unit; anything that touches it could prevent air from circulating around it. That will make it perform inefficiently.

3. Scrub the winter grime off your home's windows—inside and out.



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Sparkling-clean windows let more sunlight into your house, which means you won't have to turn on as many lights.

4. Dust off hard-to-reach ceiling fans. Remove the lint from your dryer hose and vent. Wipe down heating grates and radiators, now that heating season is over. Look around your house for infrequently cleaned electrical devices and remove dust and dirt.

## April 11 is Lineworker Appreciation Day



TECH SHAWN SCHERER

# Thunderstorm safety tips from the American Red Cross

When thunderstorms are rolling our way, stay safe with these helpful tips from the American Red Cross:

- Listen to local news or NOAA Weather Radio for emergency updates. Watch for signs of a storm, like darkening skies, lightning flashes or increasing wind.
- Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are likely to occur. Many people struck by lightning are not in the area where rain is occurring.
- If a severe thunderstorm warning is issued, take shelter in a substantial building or in a vehicle with the windows closed. Get out of mobile homes that can blow over in high winds.
- If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be in danger from lightning. If thunder roars, go indoors! The National Weather Service recommends staying inside for at least 30 minutes after the last thunder clap.
- Avoid electrical equipment and telephones. Use battery-powered devices.

- Shutter windows and close outside doors securely. Keep away from windows.
- Do not take a bath, shower or use plumbing.
- If you are driving, try to safely exit the roadway and park. Stay in the vehicle and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. Avoid touching

- metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.
- If you are outside and cannot reach a safe building, avoid high ground; water; tall, isolated trees; and metal objects such as fences or bleachers. Picnic shelters, dugouts and sheds are NOT safe.

Source: American Red Cross



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## Storm prep kit

The American Red Cross suggests the follow list as a minimum basic emergency kit:

1. Water: 1 gallon per person, per day, plus for pets
2. Nonperishable food and can opener
3. Flashlight
4. Battery-powered, hand-crank radio
5. Extra batteries
6. First-aid kit (fully stocked and up-to-date)
7. Medications for family members and pets
8. Multipurpose tool
9. Personal hygiene and sanitation supplies
10. Copies of important personal documents
11. Cell phone and external battery bank
12. Emergency contact information
13. Extra cash
14. Blanket, outerwear



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Representatives of 2021 Operation Round-Up grant recipients. Photo: Sarah Fellows

# Operation Round-Up: Apply Today

Operation Round-Up is a voluntary program that Nolin RECC members can opt into and have their monthly bill rounded up to the nearest dollar each month. This change goes into a fund that is administered by a nonprofit board of local citizens.

Organizations that help the community can apply for these grants. The Operation Round-Up board then chooses the projects they determine will be awarded grant funding. Last

year's recipients include Shepherd's Pie Food Pantry, Project L.E.A.R.N. Inc., Central Valley Feed the Homeless and Knob Creek Conservancy.

Organizations that would like to apply for Community Impact Grant funding from Operation Round-Up this year can find details and the application at <https://nolinrecc.com/operation-round-up> or pick up an application at one of Nolin's offices. The deadline to submit an application is May 6, 2022.

## Meter testing crews

We do regular checks of a sampling of equipment across our service area to make sure everything is running smoothly. This spring, you may see crews from Luthan Electric Meter Testing on your property. They will have identification and a letter from Nolin RECC with them. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (270) 765-6153.



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