

# Keep cool this summer while giving your A/C a break

ummer temperatures can have our cooling systems working overtime even if we don't touch the thermostat. We can help our A/C do its job, and potentially reduce its workload, with a few simple DIYs:

**1. Use a dehumidifier.** If it feels as humid indoors as it does outdoors, there may be too much water in the inside air. Finding the right humidity level for you can help a space feel more comfortable.

2. Cook outdoors or eat food that doesn't require cooking. Grilled food, salads, raw veggies and fruit make great summer meals, and they don't require you to turn on the stove or oven, which can heat up the kitchen. Another way to reduce the heat created in the kitchen– cook several meals at once in advance to keep from having to warm up the kitchen multiple times during the week.

**3. Put your curtains to work.** Closing the curtains or blinds during the day will help keep the sun–and its heat–out. Another option is to install solar screens or a window tint to let in the light but keep out the heat.

4. Run fans when people are in the

**room.** Ceiling fans with blades that turn counterclockwise pull heat up out of the room while sending a soft breeze down into it, so anyone nearby will feel cooler. Portable electric fans placed in windows facing outward can suck heat out of a room on days when you want to give your air conditioner a break.

**5.** Run your dishwasher and clothes washer/dryer after dark. Appliances can heat the rooms where they are located, so running them during the coolest part of the day after the sun goes down can help keep your home cooler.



### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Jennifer Hicks, Nolin RECC call center customer service representative. Photo: Sarah Fellows



Trevor Jones, Nolin RECC apprentice line technician. Photo: Sarah Fellows



### **Office closure**

Our offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

# Happy birthday, Nolin RECC!

nergizing the first lines in the Nolin RECC (formerly Nolin REA) service area was a true community effort. Rural residents in the area worked together to bring electricity to their farms, homes and businesses. Our cooperative was formed in 1938, and by July 1, 1939, the lights came on.



The first poles and lines in Nolin service territory were set by hand. Crews dug post holes, took down (and replaced) fences for access and spools of wire were often transported by wagon. Photo: Nolin Archives

### **Commitment to safety**

he safety of our employees, members and community is the top priority in everything we do. We recently held a safety day at our office to train and refresh our crews on safety in the field and our office employees on the importance of their safety and well-being.

Nolin Apprentice Line Technician John Edlin practices the "hurt man rescue" during safety day. Photo: Sarah Fellows



# **YOUTH SPOTLIGHT**

Congratulations to Nolin RECC's representatives for the 2024 Kentucky Electric Cooperatives Washington Youth Tour



Anna Sumrall Photo: Tim Webb



**Grant Shearer** *Photo: Tim Webb* 



Heaven Carpenter Photo: Tim Webb



Samuel Teipen Photo: Tim Webb



**Regan Raifsnider** *Photo: Sarah Fellows* 

# **Energy savings for your business**

ocal businesses are the backbone of our community. With summer in full swing, now is the perfect time to make sure your building is equipped for maximum energy savings.

- LED lighting for your business allows you to maintain your preferred brightness levels while keeping energy costs low. And don't forget about your outdoor lighting options as well as timers for automatic, overnight shutoff.
- Check any refrigeration to ensure it is running optimally and keeping items cool without setting the thermostat lower than necessary. Keep up with regular maintenance and freon refills to ensure safe and longer-lasting inventory.
- Electric motor-driven systems account for about 25% of all commercial energy use. For larger operations, variable speed drives may be necessary to optimize your energy consumption.
- Unplug all unnecessary or unused appliances and electronic equipment. Many of these devices continue to draw power even when they are turned



off. Advanced power strips are a smart, low-cost upgrade.

• Make sure your HVAC system is sized correctly for your business space. If it is not, this could lead to inefficient operation or insufficient cooling. A licensed professional can help you evaluate your existing system.

These tips can help you lower your energy use while keeping your operations humming.



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### 2024 Wish List needs (new and unopened):

#### Laundry

- Laundry detergent pods
- Regular laundry bleach

#### Pantry

• Individually wrapped snacks

#### Personal

• Mentrual pads

#### Household

- 13-gallon trash bags
- All-purpose cleaner
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper

### Right-of-way work schedule

o keep our members informed, we provide a list of where our right-of-way crews plan to work each month. This information is subject to change.

July 2024: Vertrees Substation, St John Road, Salt River Road, Rineyville-Big Springs Road and Bratcher Lane.

Free unprocessed wood chips are available. Call (270) 600-2714 for details.