

ROCK ENERGY NEWS

FOR ROCK ENERGY COOPERATIVE MEMBERS

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Co-op Card Puts Value in Your Wallet

Rock Energy Cooperative's commitment to you goes beyond providing safe, reliable, and affordable energy.

We're always looking for ways to provide value to our members and the communities we serve.

Our Co-op Connections Card provides you with a real money-saving tool. The program connects you

with significant savings on prescriptions and chiropractic care as well as vision, dental, hearing, lab, and imaging services.

Since the program started in 2008, Rock Energy members have saved more than \$139,000 in prescriptions.

The local card is part of a national program offered by Touchstone Energy that

has more than 32 million cards in circulation.

The card also provides big savings when you shop online and printable grocery coupons that update regularly.

If you need a replacement card, just stop at either our Janesville or South Beloit office. Cards are available at the front desk.



For a complete listing of discounts, visit www.rock.coop and click on the Co-op Connections Card.



Prescriptions

10-85 percent discounts on most prescriptions at more than 60,000 pharmacies across the nation.



Dental Care

20-40 percent off dental work, such as cleanings, crowns, x-rays, and orthodontics, at certain clinics.



Vision

10-60 percent off eyeglasses, contact lenses, eye exams, and LASIK at 12,000 eye care facilities.



Hearing

35 percent discount on hearing aids and a free initial hearing exam at participating locations.



Lab & Imaging

10-60 percent off usual charges for MRI and CT procedures, plus save on blood tests and other lab testing.



Chiropractic

50 percent savings on chiropractic diagnostic services, 30 percent off treatments and other services.

Co-op Sponsors Youth Programs to Help Build Strong Citizens

Rock Energy Cooperative offers two opportunities for high school students to learn more about the political process and develop leadership skills.

The co-op will sponsor two high school juniors on the 2018 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The June 8-15 trip includes meetings with congressional representatives and tours of historic sites.

Another program is open to current high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The Wisconsin Energy Cooperative Association's Youth Leadership Congress, scheduled for July 25-27 at UW-River Falls, introduces students to coop-

erative business basics and offers sessions to help develop leadership skills.

Applicants for both programs must be children of Rock Energy members and reside in the co-op's service territory. The deadline to apply for the Washington trip is Feb. 28, and applications for the UW-River Falls event must be received by April 13.

Online applications can be completed by going to www.rock.coop and clicking on the Community & Youth tab.

For more information, call Barbara Uebelacker, communications director, at 866-752-4550 or email her at BarbU@rock.coop.

Youth Tour

- **Who:** Juniors in high school
- **When:** June 8-15
- **Where:** Washington, D.C.
- **Apply at:** www.rock.coop
- **Deadline:** Feb. 28

Youth Leadership Congress

- **Who:** Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in high school
- **When:** July 25-27
- **Where:** UW-River Falls
- **Apply at:** www.rock.coop
- **Deadline:** April 13

Rock Energy Cooperative 82nd Annual Meeting Monday, March 26 • Eclipse Center, Beloit

What did members say about last year's event?

"It was the best meeting/dinner we've attended."

"So nice to hear about the co-op, meet new people and enjoy delicious food."

"Location, timing, speeches, and food were the best yet."

"Very informative and enjoyed seeing the scholarship winners."

"I always enjoy going to the annual meeting. It's like being with a large family."

Look for complete details in your March co-op magazine.

Homeowner Insurance Policies Cover Loss from Power Outages

Rock Energy Cooperative works diligently to make sure your electricity is there when you need it; but like all things, nothing is 100 percent guaranteed.

Power outages or voltage issues—whether triggered by a storm, lightning, trees, equipment failure, animals, or vehicles hitting power poles—can damage computer equipment, TVs, and other appliances in your home.

These events are out of our control, and Rock Energy Cooperative does not compensate

for any damaged equipment.

However, most homeowner's insurance policies cover losses from power interruptions that are caused by lightning, windstorms, and other sources.

Make sure you're familiar with your policy and what is covered. Call your agent if you're not sure about your specific coverage.

You can help protect your own equipment by unplugging it during a storm or power outage and by installing surge protection.

Friendly Reminders

Keep a Clear Path to Your Meter

Rock Energy Cooperative workers are always careful on the job, but they appreciate clear paths to the meter.

Members are reminded to keep clear access to their meter. Keep firewood, snowdrifts, and other obstacles away from the meter and paths used to reach the meter. This will ensure a safe environment for workers.

Remove Snow from Furnace Pipes

When you shovel your driveway and sidewalk, remember to clear snow away from furnace intake and exhaust pipes.

These pipes on the outside of your house are sometimes just a few inches off the ground and can be buried by snowdrifts.

If snow covers part of the pipe, your furnace probably will continue to work, but the exhaust could begin to back up into your home. That exhaust contains carbon monoxide and other harmful gases. High levels of carbon monoxide in your home can lead to sickness and even cause death.

When exposing the meter and pipes, avoid using a snow blower. Instead, gently remove snow and ice from the area.

Update Your Contact Information

Do you have a new phone number or email address? Did you change your auto pay bank account?

Remember to let us know whenever any of your contact information changes so we can keep our records current. You can call us at 608-752-4550 or toll-free at 866-752-4550 during our business hours, 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. Or go to www.rock.coop and click on "Contact us."



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material – not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

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