

ROCK ENERGY NEWS

FOR ROCK ENERGY COOPERATIVE MEMBERS

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Back to School Supplies Drive

Rock Energy Cooperative is sponsoring a School Supplies Drive so our employees and members can donate back-to-school items to help families who are having difficulty providing the proper tools for their children to succeed in school.

Needed supplies

#2 wooden yellow pencils
Ballpoint pens
Plain pocket folders
Spiral notebooks - wide ruled
Notebook paper - wide ruled
Three-ring binders
Box of 24 or 64 crayons
(preferably Crayola)

Pink erasers
Glue bottles
Glue sticks
Dry-erase markers
Colored pencils
Washable markers
Watercolor paints
Highlighters

Zipper binders
Protractors
Rulers ($\frac{1}{8}$ scale or metric)
Scissors (preferably Fiskars)
Backpacks
Kleenex
Deodorant

Participating districts

Beloit	Hononegah
Beloit Turner	Janesville
Brodhead	Milton
Clinton	Parkview
Dakota	Prairie Hill
Durand	Rockton
Edgerton	South Beloit
Evansville	

Drop-off locations

Rock Energy Cooperative offices
2815 Kennedy Road, Janesville WI
15229 Willowbrook Road, South Beloit, IL
7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

Lake Summerset Association
1202 Lake Summerset Road, Davis, IL
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday

Donation deadline is August 1!





Barbara Uebelacker, communications director at Rock Energy, received a Spotlight on Excellence award in the Best Individual Ad category at the CONNECT conference in Salt Lake City. The ad was titled “Even Rusty Should 811 Before Digging.” The awards program is sponsored by the Council of Rural Electric Communicators and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Happy Fourth of July!

Rock Energy Cooperative offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, July 5.

Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices during the holiday.

Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are always available 24 hours a day. If you need to report a power outage, please call 866-752-4550.

We hope you have a safe and happy Fourth of July!



Beat the Heat

Keep Energy Bills Low as Temperature Rises

Hot weather is hard on people, budgets, and our energy systems.

By preparing your home, you can save money, stay comfortable, and decrease demands on the electrical system.

The Energy Education Council provides the following tips to save money on cooling costs:

- Use curtains and blinds to keep the sun out on hot days.
- Use ceiling fans. They circulate air and take heat from the body’s surface to create a cooling effect.
- Keep cool air in and hot air out. Avoid unnecessary trips out the door, and do not leave the door open.
- A programmable thermostat allows you to change your home’s temperature based on your daily patterns. The thermostat can allow temperatures to go higher while you are away and then lower when you are back home.
- Prepare your air conditioner for the hard work it will do over the summer months. Turn off power to the air conditioner before you work on it. Clean or replace filters. Outside, clear leaves and other debris away from the condensing unit. Hose off any accumulated dirt.
- Shade your home by installing awnings over windows in direct sunlight.
- Make sure your home has the insulation it needs. EnergySavers.gov has information about the best insulation to use in different geographic areas.
- Ventilation is one of the most efficient ways to keep a building cool. In breezy, dry climates ventilation can eliminate the need for an air conditioner. For the many who need air conditioning to cool their homes, attic vents and fans can help reduce energy costs.

Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!



NO-COST TIPS

Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you’re away.



Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.



LOW-COST TIPS

Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.



Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, have low maintenance, and provide free electricity.

- If you are replacing your air conditioner, there are options to maximize efficiency. For starters, look for the Energy Star label for air conditioners that have met energy efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
 - Consider using stoves, dryers, and other heat-producing appliances during cooler hours of the day, such as the evening or early morning.
- For more information on energy efficiency, visit EnergyEdCouncil.org.

Member Appreciation Day Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Sept. 15

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