

## What's Happening

### October is National Co-op Month

Celebrated by cooperatives nationwide during the month of October, National Co-op Month is an annual opportunity to raise awareness of a trusted, proven way to do business and build communities.

### October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

### October 5-11 National Fire Prevention Week

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## BUDGET PAYMENTS RECALCULATION SCHEDULED IN OCTOBER

Members on Rock Energy's Budget Billing plan will see their monthly payment amounts change with the statement they receive in November.

Budget payments are recalculated twice a year—in October and April—to help ensure that the amount you pay is similar to your true usage. We'll average the amount of energy you used in the previous 12 months to determine your new budget payment.

Also taken into consideration is whether you had a credit or if your budget payment didn't quite cover the amount of energy used in the previous 6 months. Depending on your actual usage, your future budget amount could increase or decrease.

About 1,300 members are currently enrolled in Budget Billing. If you'd like to join them, our energy services manager suggests that now would be a good time as we approach the winter heating season.

You will pay the same amount each month, avoiding higher than anticipated bills if the weather is exceptionally cold.

You are eligible for Budget Billing if you have received service from the co-op for at least 12 months and have a good credit history.

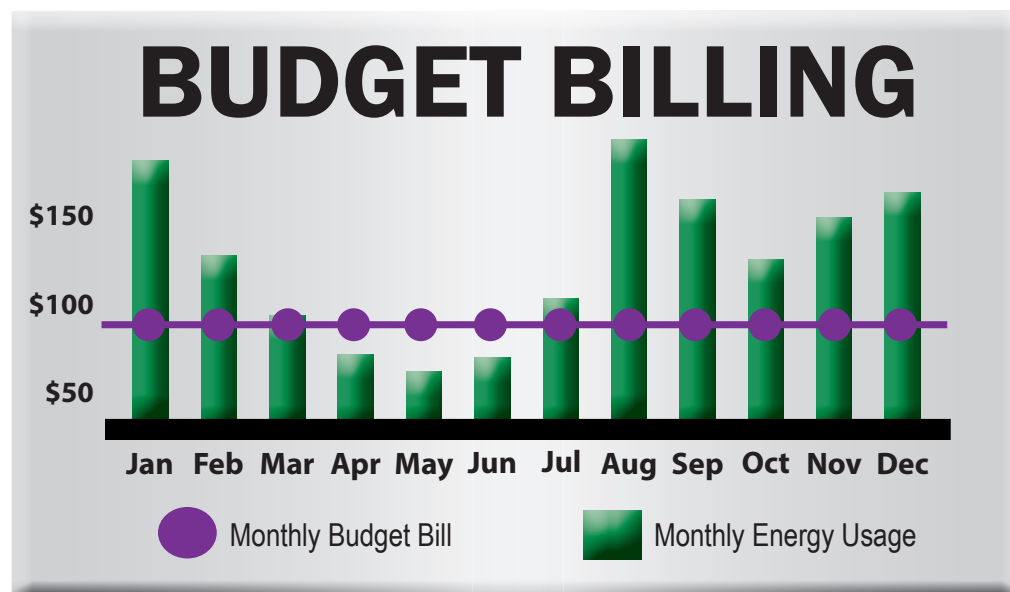
Then you can pay your monthly bill however you choose—cash, check, credit card, mail, in person, drop box, or kiosk. Or better yet, sign up for Auto Pay to fully automate your energy payments, assuring that you'll never pay a late fee.

If you would like more information on these programs or want to sign up, please call Member Services at 866-752-4550 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email [questions@rock.coop](mailto:questions@rock.coop).



#### BUDGET BILLING VIDEO

To learn more, check out Rock Energy's BUDGET BILLING video on our web site. To view the video, scan the QR code above.



## Director Nominations Open

Rock Energy Cooperative Nominating Committee will be selecting candidates to run for board of director positions that will be on the ballot at the 2026 annual meeting, which will be held Monday, April 13, 2026, at the Janesville Convention Center in Janesville, WI.

### Districts up for election are:

- **District 6:** Beloit and Rock townships in Wisconsin and Rockton Township in Illinois.
- **District 7:** Newark and Plymouth townships in Wisconsin.
- **District 8:** Avon, Spring Grove, and Spring Valley townships in Wisconsin; and Durand, Laona, Rock Grove, Rock Run, and Shirland townships in Illinois.

Active members who are interested in running for a position on the REC Board of Directors must permanently reside in one of the areas up for election and meet all other qualifications.

For more information, please contact the co-op at 866-752-4550 or email [questions@rock.coop](mailto:questions@rock.coop) **BY NOVEMBER 30.**

### ■ ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP ■

## Heating System Efficiency

Maximize your heating system's performance by inspecting, cleaning or replacing air filters once a month, or as needed, to reduce energy costs and prevent potential damage to your system. Make sure radiators, baseboard heaters and warm-air registers aren't blocked so air can flow freely.



Source: Dept. of Energy

## October Is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Cybersecurity Awareness Month, every October, is a collaboration between government and private industry to raise awareness about digital security and empower everyone to protect their personal data from digital forms of crime. In the Energy industry, protecting the nation's complex, interconnected network of power plants, transmission lines and distribution facilities is a top priority for electric cooperatives and other areas of the electric power industry. A high level of resilience is built into the power supply system to prevent cybersecurity.

From a personal standpoint, individuals can fall victim to cyber attacks through tactics such as phishing and whaling scams, as well as other devious tactics. So, if you haven't already, make sure to educate yourself on security awareness to avoid simple mistakes that may result in serious personal and financial loss.

### Here Are Some Cybersecurity Tips To Remember:

- Use Two-Factor Authentication
- Look Out for Phishing Scams
- Clicking Without Thinking Is Reckless
- Keep Up With Patches/Updates
- Secure Your Mobile Device
- You're Not Immune - It CAN Happen to You