

What's Happening

July 4

Independence Day

Rock Energy offices will be closed July 3 in observance of Independence Day!

July 15

National Pet Fire Safety Day

July Is National Grilling Month

The National Grilling Month, which falls in July, is an invitation to eat delicious foods made on the grill. Grab a cold one, relax, and invite your family and friends for a day of summer grilling!

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Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Check out these really “COOL” ways to help save energy and keep energy costs down.

- **Use Your Windows To Keep Out Heat**

Install window coverings to prevent heat gain through your windows during the day.

- **Operate Your Thermostat Efficiently**

Set your thermostat to a temperature that is comfortable and provides humidity control, if needed. For instance, you can program the thermostat to run higher when you are not at home and lower when you are. See more thermostat usage tips on the back of this newsletter.

- **Use Fans & Ventilation Strategies**

Turn off ceiling fans when you leave the room. Remember that fans cool people, not rooms, by creating a wind chill effect. For example, when you shower or take a bath, use the bathroom fan to remove heat and humidity from your home. Your laundry room might also benefit from spot ventilation.

- **Keep Your Cooling System Running Efficiently**

For maximum energy affordability, schedule regular maintenance for your cooling equipment. Learn about operating and maintaining your air conditioner, evaporative cooler, or heat pump. Also, ensure that furniture and other objects are not blocking the airflow through your registers.

- **Lighting & Appliance Options**

Consider lighting that operates at cooler temps. If convenient, take advantage of daylight instead of artificial lighting, but avoid direct sunlight. Wash full loads of dishes and clothes for better efficiency.

- **Keep Hot Air From Leaking Into Your Home**

Seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home. Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around doors and windows.

- **Lower Your Water Heating Costs**

Water heating accounts for about 18% of the energy consumed in your home, so use as little hot water as you comfortably can.

New Indoor Payment Kiosks Available At Rock Energy Offices



Pictured above is the new indoor kiosk in use at Rock Energy's South Beloit, IL lobby. There is also a new indoor kiosk at Rock Energy's Janesville, WI office.

Rock Energy Cooperative is pleased to announce that it now has indoor payment kiosks. The indoor kiosks offer members the convenience of making credit and debit card payments. No cash or money order payments can be made at either of the indoor kiosks. The kiosks will be available during regular office hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Just as a reminder, an outdoor kiosk is also located at the main entrance of our South Beloit office located at 15229 Willowbrook Road, where members have the convenience of paying their bills 24/7. The outdoor kiosk does not give change, so the full amount of cash deposited will be posted to your account. The outdoor kiosk accepts cash, electronic checks, and credit and debit cards. Payments made at the outdoor kiosk will be posted to your account immediately.

For more information about all the co-op's payment options, go to: www.rock.coop/payment-options

NOTE: convenience fee for credit and debit card payments and transactions limits do apply.



REC Offices Closed In Observance Of Independence Day

Rock Energy offices will be closed and REC personnel will be out on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. Offices will reopen on Monday, July 6. Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holiday weekend and at the payment kiosk outside our South Beloit office, 15229 Willowbrook Road. Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are available. If you need to report a power outage or natural gas incident, please call 866-752-4550.



SMART THERMOSTATS

TIPS FOR SUMMER USE

- **Adaptive Scheduling** - use a schedule that aligns with your daily routine. Program "light cooling" when you wake and a gradual rise during the day when you're out.
- **Turn On Your Eco Mode** - the eco mode combines well with other learning modes that keep track of your manual preferences and home activity to automate savings suggestions over time.
- **Create A Vacation Mode** - if your smart thermostat supports a vacation mode or alternate mode, set it up so the alternate schedule is ready for summer trips.
- **Smart Zoning** - in multi-zone homes, cool only occupied areas to avoid unnecessary cooling in unused spaces.