



Adams–Columbia Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner



SAVE ON ENERGY IN HOT TEMPS

By Jay A. Porter,
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It's no secret that this has been a hot summer. With the temperatures being so high, costs associated with cooling our homes have a large impact on electric bills. In the following pages, we have put together a few energy-savings tips to help you stay cool and save some money. Energy efficiency tips come in a large variety—sometimes you have to spend money to save money, and sometimes there's no cost. I want to focus on sharing the best low-cost and no-cost tips for you. Be sure to follow ACECWI on Facebook for more tips, safety information, and outage information.

Broadband Expansion Contract

As technology evolves, more doors are open to us in the world of communication. This year, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is offering a Broadband Expansion Grant.

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This grant would bring a dedicated network to our co-op. What does that mean? Well, it would bring additional security to the co-op's communications—a one-way form

of communication that wouldn't allow outside access to information. We've taken many precautions over the years to keep your personal information as safe as possible. With all the hacks and data breaches we hear about in the news on a daily basis, this can be a formidable task. This grant is simply the next step we are taking to continue on that road.

When many think broadband, they think internet. Broadband is actually the high-capacity transmission technique that enables a large number of messages to be communicated simultaneously.

The long-term goal with this grant is to provide broadband communications to each of our substations. This would mean better SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) communications and surveillance, and it would open the door for an AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) system. And lastly, a long-term goal is for Marquette-Adams to expand their internet offerings to more communities.

Save the Date

October is Co-op Month. Once again, this year we are offering our members a special perk. Save the date for Saturday, October 13! We would love for you to join us at Flyte's Family Farms in Coloma. There will be a variety of fall family activities for all to enjoy. Look to future publications for additional details.

Enjoy these last days of summer—before we know it fall will be here.

Summertime Energy Savings

High temperatures can mean high energy bills. Help save with these tips!

USE A FAN TO HELP COOL DOWN

Use a ceiling fan to help circulate the air. Turn off the AC and use a window fan on cool evenings. Remember, fans cool people, not places.

Be sure to turn it off when you leave the room to save energy.



CLEAN FILTERS

Clean or replace Air Conditioner filters monthly for more efficient operation.



KEEP THE BLINDS AND WINDOWS CLOSED DURING THE DAY AND OPEN AT NIGHT

For an added benefit, invest in energy efficient, insulating & blackout curtains.



SET YOUR THERMOSTAT TEMPERATURE A LITTLE HIGHER



The hotter it is outside, the harder your air conditioner has to work to keep your home cool. Keep temps a little higher to save money.

RUN THE DRYER AND DISHWASHER AT NIGHT



On hot days run the dryer and dishwasher at night. Let your dishes air dry and hang your clothes out on the line.

AVOID USING THE OVEN ON HOT DAYS

Instead of using the oven, try using a microwave, toaster oven, or grill.



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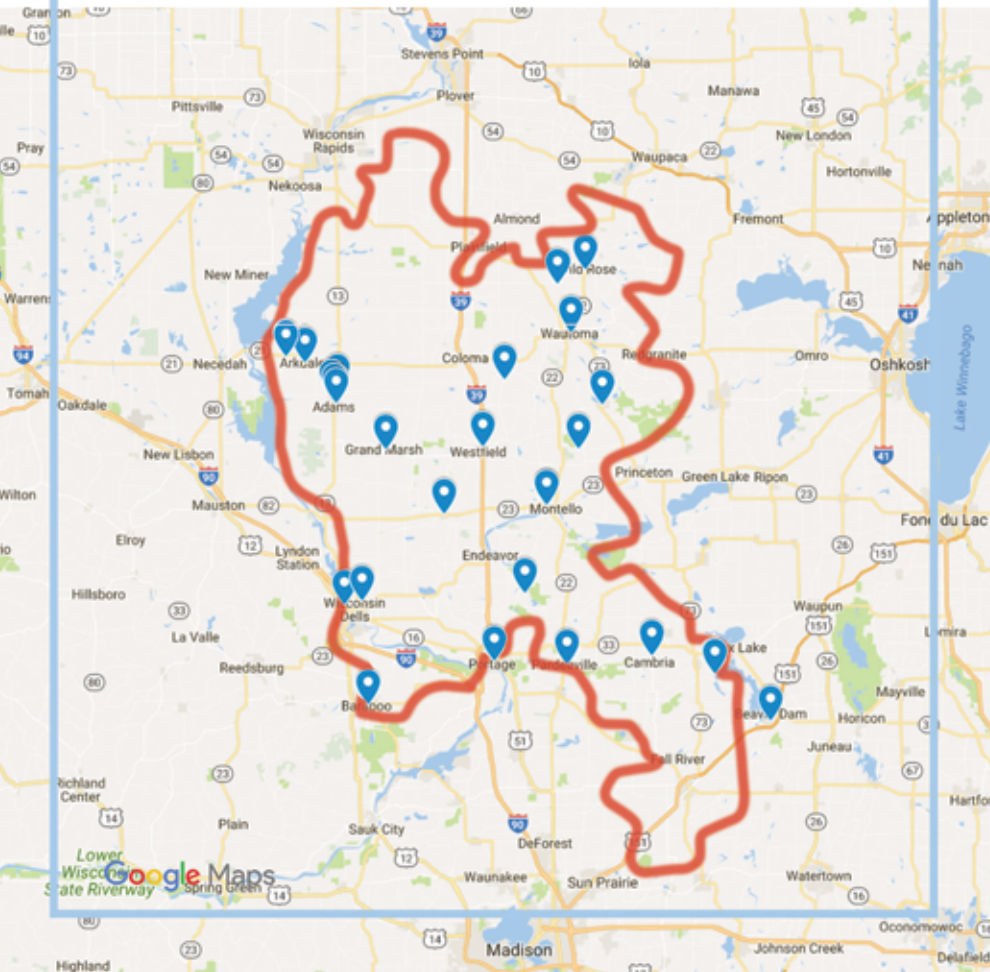
Operation Round-Up®

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's voluntary Operation Round-Up® program is funded by cooperative members who agree to "round up" their electric bill to the next highest dollar amount. On average, participating members contribute about \$6 per year to the Operation Round-Up® fund.

As you can see from the map below, Operation Round-Up® has helped many people and organizations throughout our service territory. Money has been awarded for new LED lights on firetrucks, community Thanksgiving dinners, new tools for Habitat for Humanity, remodeling restrooms for a homeless shelter, and much, much more!

Individuals and community service organizations in ACEC's service territory are encouraged to apply for donations from our Operation Round-Up® program. Application are available on our website or by calling our office.

If you would like to give to Operation Round-Up®, you can join by checking the box on your electric bill, signing up on SmartHub, or by calling our office at (800) 831-8629.



Stuff the Bus



Donate before
August 10th!

Our Stuff the Bus campaign wraps up August 10th. Thank you to all members who donated to children in need. If you would still like to drop off a donation, the following items are needed:

- Markers
 - Pencil pouches
 - Colored pencils
 - Watercolors
 - Scissors
 - Glue sticks
 - Notebooks
 - Folders
 - Filler paper
 - Backpacks
 - Composition notebooks
 - Ear buds and ear phones
 - Monetary donations:
- Checks can be made out to Stuff the Bus and can be mailed to:

ACEC
Attn: Stuff the Bus
PO Box 70
Friendship, WI 53934



Donations can be dropped off at our Friendship office: 401 E Lake St



Co-ops Vote has launched a new website—vote.coop—with the goal of letting members know when elections are and what issues impact co-op communities the most. We feel these eight topics are most important to our members and our communities:

- **Rural Broadband Access**
- **Hiring and Honoring Veterans**
- **Low-Income Energy Assistance**
- **Cybersecurity**
- **Water Regulation**
- **Rural Health Care Access**
- **Affordable and Reliable Energy**
- **Renewable Energy**

The website offers our members information on the voter registration process in Wisconsin, dates of elections, information on the candidates running, and explanations of the eight key issues the campaign aims to address. Elections aren't won and lost in November anymore, and it is important to remind our government that rural America matters.



Make your voice count


Take the pledge to vote this election year.

Visit vote.coop to take the pledge.

Co-ops across the nation are dedicated to making our voices heard at the polls. Collectively we can make a difference.



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Customer Service & Billing	800-831-8629
Power Outage Reporting	888-928-2232
Diggers Hotline	800-242-8511

**To make a payment anytime 24/7,
please call 1-844-219-1223.**

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The Friendship Service Center is located in the Village of Friendship, in Adams County. From Highway 13, travel east three blocks on East Lake Street. Lake Street is also marked as County Highway J.

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative maintains operations facilities in Pardeeville and Wautoma. These facilities are not open for general business; however, drive-up payment stations are available at both locations. ACEC employees will meet with cooperative members in Pardeeville and Wautoma by prearranged appointment only.