

SAFETY MESSAGE

We believe it's important for you to have a game plan in place to stay safe when lightning strikes. Take extra care when enjoying outdoor sporting events and activities when the weather turns threatening. If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to pose an immediate threat. That's why the National Weather Service advises, "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!" Lightning can strike up to 10 miles away from rain, even if you don't see clouds. We urge everyone to understand the importance of lightning awareness and how to stay safe.



Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative • July 2025

Empowering Our Communities

Briefing of the Board Meeting

April 21, 2025

Board Action Items:

- Approved March board vouchers
- Approved board policies
- Approved resolution for RESP bank accounts

View the full meeting summary on our website: www.acecwi.com/news-information/meeting-mins

STAY COOL THIS SUMMER WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK

1. Change your air filter regularly to help your HVAC system work efficiently.
2. Increase your thermostat by two degrees and set it to a higher temperature when you're away.
3. Run dryers, washers, and dishwashers during the early morning or late evening hours.
4. Wash full loads of laundry in cold water. Detergent, not water, cleans the clothes.



EDUCATING OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

On May 29, Wisconsin State Senator Sarah Keyeski and Representative Karen DeSanto met with co-op leaders and representatives from Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA) at our Friendship office.

Senator Keyeski and Representative DeSanto learned about the cooperative business model, involvement in our local communities, and discussed legislative topics impacting Wisconsin's electric cooperatives. They also took a tour of our office and warehouse to gain a deeper understanding of how the co-op operates.



Pictured l-r: Finance Manager Liz Hendricksen, General Manager Jon Congdon, Senator Keyeski, Representative DeSanto, President and CEO of WECA Rob Richard, and Director of Government Relations of WECA Joe Mesec.

WE WANT YOUR RECIPES



Share your recipes with us for a chance to win a \$25 bill credit!

Members who submit recipes through August 15 will be entered to win a \$25 bill credit. Recipes are featured on the back page of this newsletter every month. From breakfast and dinner meals to appetizers and desserts, we're seeking your mouth-watering recipes!

Submit your tasty treats and scrumptious dishes on our website at www.acecwi.com/submit-a-recipe.

HOW TO FIND CONTRACTORS

Did you know Focus on Energy has a list of trade allies (contractors) available on their website to help our members find trusted partners to complete home energy projects?

Find a trade ally located near you at focusonenergy.com/trade-allies.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 31

Last day to submit your Countryside Landscape photos for our calendar photo contest.

AUGUST 1

Deadline for STEM Grant applications.

AUGUST 1

Last day to drop off donations for our Stuff the Bus program.

YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT'S ZUCCHINI CRISP

PREP TIME - 30-40 MINS | COOK TIME - 40 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 12 c zucchini, peeled and sliced (no seeds)
- 1 c bottled lemon juice
- 1 1/2 c sugar
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp cinnamon

CRUST MIXTURE

- 4 c flour
- 2 c sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 1/2 c cold butter

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cook the zucchini and lemon juice until zucchini is tender. Then add sugar, nutmeg, and cinnamon and let simmer. Add 1 c of the crust mixture and stir until thickened.

CRUST MIXTURE

2. Combine flour, sugar, salt, and butter. Take out 1 c for the filling and use as instructed above.
3. Pat half of the crust mixture into a jelly roll pan. Bake for 10 minutes at 375 degrees. Remove from the oven and pour hot filling over the bottom crust.
4. Add cinnamon to the remaining crust mixture and sprinkle over the filling. Continue baking for 30 minutes at 375 degrees.
5. Cut into bars when cool, and serve with vanilla ice cream.

Recipe from Cathi Konkol of Westfield, WI



HELP US STUFF THE BUS



We're collecting donations of **new, unused school supplies** for our annual Stuff the Bus program.

Join us in donating school supply items by dropping off donations at our Friendship office by Friday, August 1.

CO-OP PRINCIPLE #7

Concern for Community

MONETARY DONATIONS:

If you'd like to mail in a monetary donation, please make checks payable to ACEC, but write Stuff The Bus on the memo line. Monetary donations can be dropped off at our Friendship office or mailed to ACEC, Attn: Marketing, P.O. Box 70, Friendship, WI 53934.

School supply donations will be given to Adams-Friendship School District, Pardeeville Lions Club School Supply Drive, and Waushara County's Back-To-School Bash. Thank you for your support for local youth.

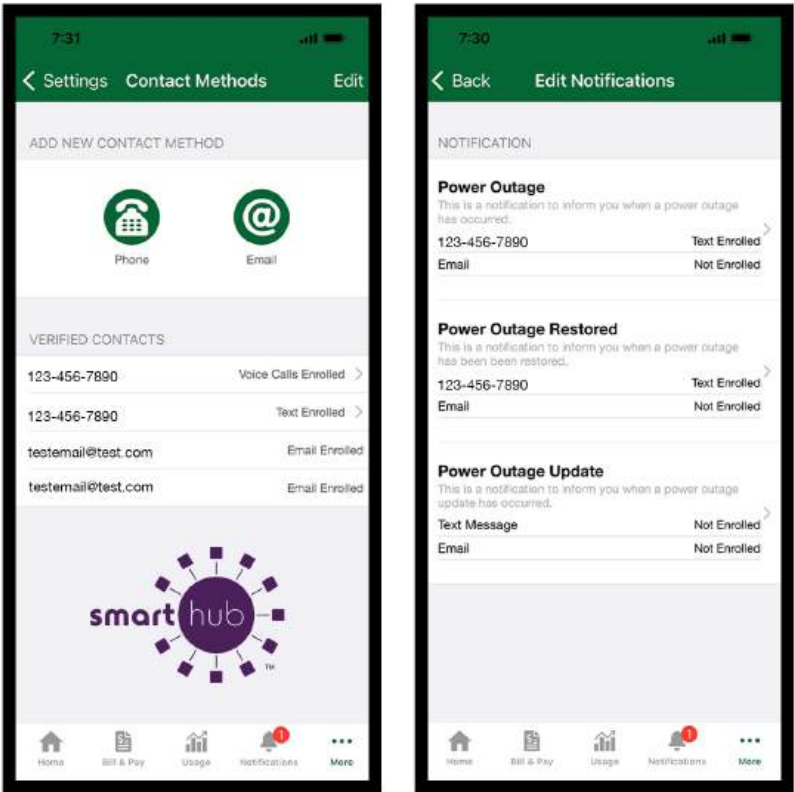
POWER OUTAGE NOTIFICATIONS

We want you to be informed when power outages occur. Sign up to receive text, email, and phone call notifications through your SmartHub account.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR NOTIFICATIONS:

- Log in to your SmartHub account at acecwi.smarthub.coop or through your mobile app.
- Once logged in to SmartHub, go to Settings, then Contact Methods. Add your email address and phone number.
- From there, go to Manage Notifications and select which notifications you'd like to receive, and the contact method for each notification.
- You can sign up to receive notifications when a power outage occurs, outage updates, and when it's restored.

If you need help setting up your notifications, give us a call at (800) 831-8629, Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and we'd be happy to walk you through the process.



Needed items:

- Backpacks
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Pouches/Cases
- Colored Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Pens
- Erasers
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Spiral Notebooks
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Binders
- Rulers

DEMAND (KW) ON BILL STATEMENTS

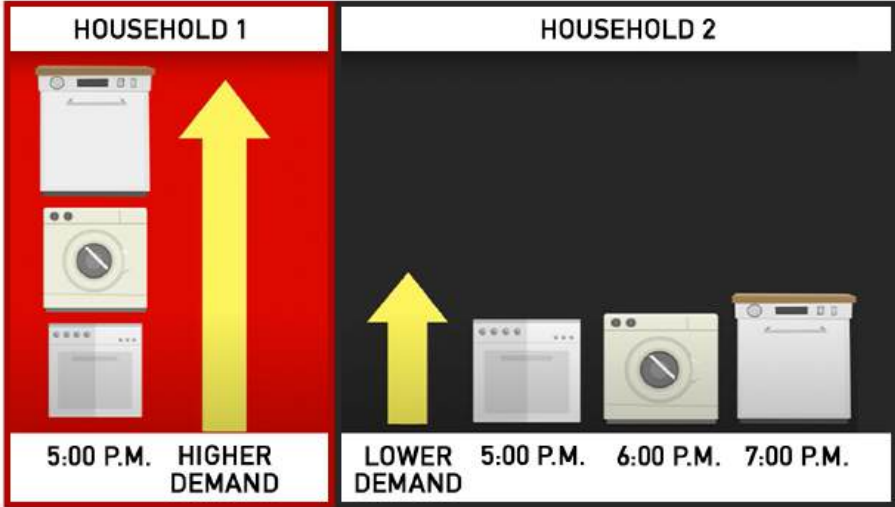
Most residential members will now see their demand (kW) reading in the Meter Reading Details section on their bill statement.

| Service Address: 123 ANYWHERE ST | | Service Desc: | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------|------|-------|
| Meter Reading Details | | From: 04/23/2025 | To: 05/23/2025 | | | |
| | | Number of Days: | | 30 | | |
| | Meter | Rate | Previous | Current | Mult | Usage |
| kWh | 155662398 | 21 | 36975 | 37440 | 1 | 465 |
| kW | 155662398 | 21 | | 7.478 | 1 | 7.478 |
| Total Usage | | | | | | 465 |
| Total Demand | | | | | | 7.48 |

What is demand?

Demand is the amount of electricity you draw from our grid at any given point. Each thing using energy in your home will contribute to demand. The more you run at once, the higher your demand reading will be.

In the image below, let's assume each appliance draws 10kW in demand per appliance. Household 1 would draw 30kW because that much energy is being drawn from our grid at that given point in time. Household 2 would have 10 kW in demand because they don't need as much energy at one point in time.



Am I being billed for my demand reading?

Currently, demand is factored into the kilowatt-hour (kWh) charge for residential accounts. You are not billed a separate amount for demand.

Where can I learn more about how demand works?

Watch our Understanding The Demand Charge video at youtu.be/rMKYhud7DwY. For more details, visit our website at www.acecwi.com/understanding-demand-charge.



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