



# THE POWER OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

**F**ireworks and flags. Cookouts and cold drinks. The Fourth of July is a festive day when we celebrate our nation's independence. Typically, this is not a day of quiet reflection.

But it's worth thinking about this uniquely American spirit of independence that remains part of our collective DNA more than 240 years after the Declaration of Independence was written. And this sense of independence has served us well. For example, 83 years ago, an independent initiative inspired groups of farmers across the countryside to band together and improve their quality of life by electrifying rural America. They did it themselves by pulling together and working cooperatively — a shining example of American determination and ingenuity.

Nearly every president since the 1970s, during the time of the Arab oil embargo, has talked about the goal of U.S. energy independence: reducing our reliance on imported oil and other forms of foreign energy. We still have a ways to go, but we are closer to that goal than ever before. We are exporting more gas and importing less foreign fuel than in recent memory. American ingenuity, in the form of new technology and innovation, is spurring greater efficiency across all forms of energy.

Members have an important role to play in the road to energy independence by taking action in simple, practical ways, including insulating and caulking around windows,

doors, and electrical outlets; replacing air filters; installing a programmable thermostat; and using more efficient appliances and home heating and cooling systems. Efficiency efforts can cut costs for individual households, but the collective benefit to our country is even greater.

If we all work together to achieve increased energy efficiency and reduce our overall energy consumption, we can make even more progress on our road toward energy independence.

At Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, we take our role in this endeavor very seriously. As your cooperative, we want to be a resource for you by providing tips tailored for your unique household needs. We provide an on-site energy advisor to answer questions you may have regarding energy efficiency. We also offer residential home energy assessments that include blower door testing and infrared camera technology.

We can provide a variety of brochures on renewable energy, questions to ask when replacing your HVAC, 101 low-cost or no-cost home energy-saving tips, and much more.

Many HWEC members take advantage of the vast amount of information and energy efficiency calculator tools on our website at [www.hwecoop.com](http://www.hwecoop.com). Members can see how much an appliance costs per month to operate.

Also follow us on Facebook to receive energy efficiency tips.

Just like our founding fathers, working together we can make a difference.



Glenn W. Miller  
PRESIDENT/CEO



## Help keep our linemen safe!

HWEC uses portable lights and signs when working alongside the road during certain work projects. Please slow down when you see us to keep you, your family, and our team safe.



## No greater value than electricity

The average cost of one day's worth of electricity is about \$6. It's actually a better deal today than it was in 1940.

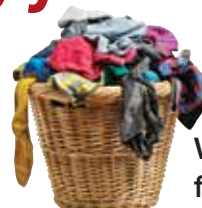
### With **\$1** of electricity, you can:



Keep a 9-watt light on for 1,111 hours



Watch 151 movies



Wash clothes for 20 hours



# Save \$\$\$ and time

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative is always looking for ways to save money for our member-owners. That's just another benefit of being a member of your rural electric cooperative.

One of the easiest ways to save money as a member is by paying your HWEC electric bill online, through our mobile app, SmartHub, over the phone, or by automatic payment. It's easy and, most of all, saves you money on postage and checks. All of these options are conveniently available 24 hours a day, and **there are no service fees** to use them!

Some members like to take advantage of our Automatic Payment option. They know their electric bill will be paid on time every month, and they only have to submit a meter reading once a month. You can complete the automatic payment form below or on our website, hwecoop.com. It doesn't get any easier than this!

## Payment options: fast, easy, and no fees!

### Option 1: SmartHub mobile app

Pay your bill through your mobile device, plus submit a meter reading and report a power outage. Available for both Android and Apple devices.

### Option 2: Online

Visit [www.hwecoop.com](http://www.hwecoop.com).

### Option 3: Automatic Payment

Quit worrying about due dates and remembering to pay your bill. Your bill can be automatically paid through your choice of banking account or credit card.

### Option 4: Pay via phone

Give us a call to pay your bill and submit your meter reading over the phone. You can call any hour, any day, and we will take your check, debit card, or credit card (Visa or Mastercard) for payment.

Questions? Call HWEC toll-free at 866-674-1055.

## AUTHORIZATION FORM: ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Customer Information: Name (as shown on bill): \_\_\_\_\_

HWEC Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc., to instruct my financial institution to make my payments to them from the account listed below. I understand that I control my payments, and if at any time I decide to discontinue this payment service, I will notify Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc., in writing, allowing 60 days for cancellation of this arrangement.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Account:  Checking or  Savings

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Routing/Transit Number \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\* Please enclose a voided check so that we can record the correct financial information. \*\*\*\*

**OR**

Credit Card Payment

Type of Credit Card:  Visa or  Mastercard

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: Once you are placed on the EFT Payment Program, if you have two returned payments due to insufficient funds or two declined credit card payments, your account will be removed from the program. Also, if you have authorized credit card payments, please inform our billing department of the updated expiration date when you receive a new credit card. Please continue to read your meter and submit the reading on our website at [www.hwecoop.com](http://www.hwecoop.com), our mobile application, SmartHub, or via phone.



**Keep us  
informed  
and safe**

They're adorable and a big part of our families, but even the family dog who plays well with the children can become naturally protective of and aggressive about its home.

During outage restoration and maintenance of our system, HWECC line staff may be on or beside your personal property to restore or maintain your power.

You can help by notifying HWECC if you have a dog that is not tied up and becomes aggressive with visitors. This allows our staff to be aware of any dangers as they try to work efficiently and safely to provide your reliable electric service.

Please call HWECC toll-free at 866-674-1055 to register your dog.



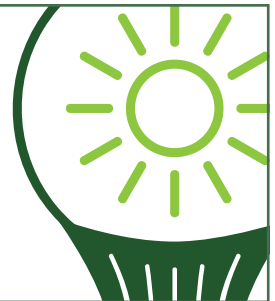
**Our offices  
will be closed  
July 4.**

**Have a  
wonderful  
and safe  
holiday!**

**Energy Efficiency  
Tip of the Month**

Here's a cool tip for your fridge! Cover liquids and wrap foods stored in your refrigerator. Uncovered foods release moisture, causing the compressor to work harder.

*Source: energy.gov*



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Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

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