



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MANAGE YOUR BILL BY REDUCING YOUR CONSUMPTION

Do you want to save money and electricity but have limited time, money, and patience? Much of that money, however, is wasted through leaky windows or ducts, old appliances, or inefficient heating and cooling systems.

Let Holmes-Wayne Electric help you with easy ways to save energy without a substantial commitment of time and money. These efforts will help you save whether you own or rent an older or newly constructed home.

Where to start

Doors and windows may not close tightly, and ductwork can spring leaks, wasting cooled and heated air. By placing weather stripping and caulk around windows and doors, you can keep cool air inside during warm months and prevent chilly air from penetrating the indoors during colder months.

Sealing gaps around piping, dryer vents, fans, and outlets also helps to seal the envelope and creates greater efficiency. Apply weather stripping around overlooked spaces like your attic hatch or pull-down stairs.

Replacing incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs can make a big difference in home efficiency and is one of the fastest ways to cut your energy bill. Known for their longevity and efficiency, LED bulbs have an estimated operational life span of typically 10,000 to 20,000 hours compared to 1,000 hours of a typical incandescent bulb. According to the Department of Energy (DOE), by replacing your

home's five most frequently used light fixtures or bulbs with models that have earned the ENERGY STAR®-rating, you can save \$75 each year!

Wrapping up savings

Installing a blanket around your water heater could reduce standby heat losses by 25 to 45 percent.



Glenn W. Miller
President/CEO

Let Holmes-Wayne Electric help you with easy ways to save energy. Weather stripping, lightbulb change-outs, and routine HVAC filter cleanings can help lower your bill. Call us for an in-home energy audit!

Given that a large portion of your monthly energy bill goes toward heating and cooling your home, it makes sense to ensure your home's heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) system is performing at an optimal level. Checking, changing, or cleaning your filter extends the life of your HVAC system and saves you money. Otherwise, dust and dirt trapped in a system's air filter leads to several problems, including: reduced air flow in the home and up to 15 percent higher operating costs; lowered system efficiency; and costly duct cleaning or replacement.

As your member-owner cooperative, we are always here to help you manage your bill. To learn about additional ways to save, visit our "Energy Advice" section of our website, take advantage of our energy efficiency tips posted on our Facebook page, or contact our energy advisor for an in-home energy audit.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

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HOLMES-WAYNE HONOR TRIP

Holmes-Wayne Honor Trip is an opportunity for WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War veterans to visit the memorials in Washington, D.C., that honor their service. Veterans travel for free and are accompanied by a guardian/caretaker.

The trip is entirely funded by private donations from individuals and organizations. The at-cost fee for guardian/caretakers is \$375.

If you are a veteran or someone interested in being a guardian, please contact us at 866-674-1055 for an application.

If you are interested in sponsoring a veteran or making a donation to this worthy cause,

please make checks payable to Shreve American Legion Post 67 and write "Honor Trip" in the memo line. **Mail checks to P.O. Box 112, Millersburg, OH 44654.**

This program is coordinated by the Shreve American Legion Forest Post 67 and Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc. Holmes-Wayne Honor Trip is a 501(c)3 organization.



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TREE TRIMMING

CLEARING RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR RELIABILITY

There are many ways that Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative provides you with safe, reliable electric service. One of the most common — and crucial — ways is referred to as right-of-way clearing, or vegetation management.

A right-of-way (ROW) refers to a strip of land underneath or around power lines that your electric cooperative has the right and responsibility to maintain and clear. Trees must grow at a distance far enough from wires where they will not cause harm to people or disruption to electrical service. Specifications vary, but a general guideline of maintaining a safe ROW is 15 feet of clearance on either side of the primary lines.

Clearing the ROW is critical to keeping our members' lights on. ROW clearing also keeps your family safe by ensuring that tree branches do not become energized because of close contact with a downed power line. Be mindful when around trees close to power lines, and make sure your kids know that climbing trees near lines is extremely dangerous.

ROW clearing is critical to ensuring that we provide members with affordable electricity. Staying ahead of the game keeps us from having to restore power outages caused by fallen trees.

Remember to contact Holmes-Wayne Electric if you decide to trim or remove trees near any power service or line. And never trim a tree in the ROW zone on your own.



HWEC's 2017 Vegetation Management Plans

HWEC trimming and Environmental Protection Agency-approved vegetation management is on a four-year rotation. These programs are completed by a third-party contractor.

2017 Tree Trimming Schedule

Substation areas: Alpine, Hefferline, Moreland, Sugar creek, and Trail

2017 Vegetation Management

Substation areas: Ripley, Reedsburg, West Millersburg, and Stillwell



EMPLOYEE NEWS

Employee Service Awards

Holmes-Wayne Electric would like to recognize the following employees and trustee who recently celebrated a milestone in their careers with the cooperative. Their service is greatly appreciated!



Brian Spencer
System Engineer
10 Years



Michael Maurer
Class A Lineman
15 Years



Karen Tish
Accounts Payable
15 Years



Lisa Baker
Billing Supervisor
25 Years



John Porter
VP Engineering/Operations
25 Years



Albert Schonauer
Operations Field
Technician
35 Years



David Mann
Board Trustee
15 Years

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