

# INTER-COUNTY ENERGY



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We're proud to power your life.  
**October is National Co-op Month.**



## #PowerOn

## Welcome new employees

Inter-County Energy would like to welcome two new employees to our co-op family, Justin Engell and Levi Arn.

Justin Engell is from Perryville. He comes to us from 5-Star Electric as a 1st class lineman.

Levi Arn began working at Inter-County Energy on July 26 as a 5th class lineman.

Inter-County Energy would like to wish both lineworkers luck on their new beginnings.

We welcome you to our co-op family!



Justin Engell



Levi Arn

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# Inter-County Energy continues field inventory of entire system

Field inventory of the entire Inter-County Energy service territory that began in April 2021 will take approximately 24 months to complete.

GIS Landmark/Utility Mapping Services is conducting the field inventory on behalf of Inter-County Energy. For periodic updates, follow us on Facebook and check our cooperative website at [www.intercountyenergy.net](http://www.intercountyenergy.net). We will keep you informed of the areas where they are working as they move across our system.

Utility Mapping Services vehicles will be properly marked to reflect the work being performed on behalf of Inter-County Energy. If you should have any questions or concerns, please call (888) 266-7322.



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Know someone who's making a difference in your community?

Show them you notice by nominating them for the Who Powers You contest from your Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. Winners will receive **\$1,000, \$750 and \$250**. It's quick, easy and powerful!



## THE #WHOPOWERSYOU CONTEST

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Nominations accepted between Oct. 1-31, 2021.

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# Install ground fault circuit interrupter outlets to keep your family safe

A ground fault circuit interrupter, called a GFCI, is an inexpensive electric outlet that is required by the National Electrical Code for protection against shocks in bathrooms, hot tubs, kitchens and other wet areas.

They can react faster than a blink of an eye to any imbalance of power by immediately shutting off the electrical current.

A ground fault occurs when electricity flows through an unintended path to ground. This can occur when plugged-in equipment is wet, damaged or defective, or if a person accidentally touches live electrical parts and becomes a path to ground.

For example, if an appliances becomes charged with electricity and you touch the appliance with one hand and a grounded metal object, like the water faucet, with the other, you provided the current a path to the ground. A GFCI should trip so quickly that the shock will not be harmful.

The GFCI can also help prevent electrical fires and reduce the severity of



other fires by shutting off a circuit.

GFCIs look like common wall outlets, but they have a TEST and a RESET button on them. They are not exclusive to three-prong outlets. GFCIs can be installed into standard outlets, and there are even portable devices available

when installation is not practical.

If you suspect you might have a ground fault or a circuit that trips repeatedly, you should get it inspected and repaired immediately by a qualified electrician.

Inter-County Energy wants to keep you and your family safe.

## HOME FIRE SAFETY

You can make your home safer by learning the basic principles and the dangers you should avoid.



- **Have your home inspected by a qualified electrician** to ensure all electrical work is up to code, especially if it's older than 20 years.
- **Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.** They should be tested monthly, and batteries should be replaced each year. Replace alarms every 10 years, or according to manufacturer suggestions on the alarm.

- **Do not overload outlets.** Power strips do not provide more power to a location, only more access to the same limited capacity of the circuit into which they are connected.
- **Install arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs)** to safeguard against arc faults, which could cause a fire.
- **Use extension cords only as a temporary solution** and never run them through walls, doorways, ceilings or floors.

- **Keep heat-producing appliances unplugged** when not in use.
- **Immediately unplug an appliance that repeatedly blows a fuse** or trips a circuit breaker and have it repaired or replaced.
- **In homes with young children, install tamper resistant receptacles** to prevent electrical shocks and burns.
- **Don't ignore warning signs of trouble:** flickering lights, odd odors, unusual buzzing sounds.



# Putting people before profits

## OUR MISSION

The mission of Inter-County Energy Cooperative is to provide long-term valued electrical energy and services to our members through a culture of safety, accountability, innovation, integrity, and commitment to community.

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“The Cooperative Difference” is a phrase I’m fond of using to explain how Inter-County Energy stands apart from other utilities and businesses. But what does it really mean? In celebration of National Cooperative Month, here’s a rundown of three co-op characteristics that make a difference for you.

**You own it.** When you signed up to receive service from us, you became not just a member, but an owner, too. Inter-County Energy is locally owned and controlled by those who use our services. Most corporations are owned by shareholders who expect these businesses to generate a profit. Unlike these for-profit businesses, our primary focus is making life better for members by safely and reliably delivering electricity at cost.

**You share in margins.** If we take in more money than needed to pay our expenses, the excess revenue is shared back with our members. The amount of the refund, called capital credits, you receive is determined by the amount of electricity you purchased.

In the last five years, we have returned nearly \$4,821,719 to our communities through capital credits.

**You’re in control.** As a member-owner of Inter-County Energy, you have a say in how the cooperative operates. Those who want to take a leadership role (and comply with the co-op’s election policies) can run for a seat on the board of directors. Every member is also invited to attend our annual meeting to voice your support or concerns, letting the board and management know your thoughts about cooperative matters.

Some people say that our community-focused business model is an old-fashioned way of doing business. I disagree. Being owned and governed by those who use our services is as valid today as it was in 1937 when local neighbors pulled together to form Inter-County Energy.

Then, as now, the co-op business model works. We’re still putting people before profits. That’s the true cooperative difference—and it’s pretty powerful stuff.



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