

INTER-COUNTY ENERGY

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From the President/CEO

Thank a farmer

If you live in a rural area, you know some farmers. Maybe you're one of them. Growing up, I remember people talking about borrowing a wagon or lending a hand in the tobacco patch or the hay field. There's always been a cooperative spirit among Kentucky farmers that preceded electric cooperatives.

This month's calendar includes time to celebrate the contributions of those who produce the food, fiber and fuel vital to everyday living. National Agriculture Week is March 15-21, followed by National Agriculture Day on March 24.

Farming in Kentucky is more than just a small family business. It's a way of life and it has a massive financial impact on the state. Along with supplying the food we put on our tables, hard-working Kentucky farmers—numbering more than 119,000—have a nearly \$50 billion impact on the state's economy. That's plenty of reason to deserve our gratitude, but there's more.

Electric cooperatives and farmers have long been intertwined. Decades before there were member-owned electric co-ops in Kentucky, farmers



were realizing the benefits of working together. They formed the state's early agricultural co-ops, which helped them purchase seed and services more cost-efficiently. By marketing their crops cooperatively, everyone realized a better profit, too.

Farmers who had experienced the benefits of cooperation were on the forefront of bringing electricity to rural Kentucky communities like ours. It was a small group of Boyle County farmers who did the hard work of organizing our co-op in 1937. And farmers with cooperative leadership experience formed the core of Inter-County Energy's earliest board of directors.

Much about our local communities has changed over the nine decades since Inter-County Energy's first lines were energized, but some things stay the same.

For instance, we share a commitment to stewardship of the land, water and air. We agree that caring for Bluegrass State natural resources is in everyone's best interest—now and in the future.

*President/CEO
Jerry Carter*



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Slam the scam

Be on the lookout for scammers posing as representatives of Inter-County Energy.

“Scammers use urgency and threats to pressure you into making a quick decision, allowing them to steal your money and personal information,” says Inter-County Energy’s Computer Systems Administrator Cole Parson.

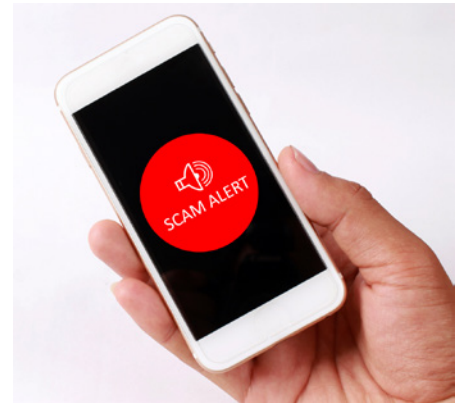
Utility scams often begin with a phone call, text, email or even an in-person visit. The most common scam involves telling a co-op member their power bill has not been paid, then threatening instant disconnection unless there’s immediate payment.

If someone calls you and threatens to cut off your electricity unless you make an immediate payment in an unusual fashion, hang up and call us at (859) 236-4561.

Scammers may request unusual payment methods such as prepaid debit cards or gift cards.

Don’t fall prey to criminal intimidation. Take these steps to stop the scammers.

1. Slow down. If a request for payment is unexpected or creates panic, end the conversation. Call your co-op directly to make sure your account is in good standing.
2. Verify. Call Inter-County Energy at (859) 236-4561 to check your account status. Never use a phone number provided by the suspected scammer.
3. Alert. If you suspect you’ve been contacted by a scammer, report it immediately to the co-op.
4. Use Your App. A quick and helpful way to check your account status is to download and use your co-op’s app.



Don't let scammers steal from you!

EKPC

You can check your account in real time, pay a bill securely, check your usage and more.

Inter-County Energy will never use pressure tactics to settle a delinquent bill. If you need assistance in managing your bill, contact us for options.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR ELECTRIC BILL?

First-come, first-served assistance now available.

Apply now. Winter crisis deadline is March 27, 2026, or until funds are depleted.



Call your local office today:

Lincoln: (606) 365-2312
Casey: (606) 787-9209
Garrard: (859) 792-3422
Boyle: (859) 236-2955
Mercer: (859) 734-9549
Marion: (270) 692-6411

SPRING INTO SAFETY

On the farm

Safety tips for farmers this planting season

- Make sure farm equipment like planter arms and sprayers safely clear overhead power lines. Stay at least 20 feet away from power lines in all directions.
- Consider asking your electric cooperative to move overhead lines around buildings or frequently used pathways.
- If your farm equipment becomes entangled with power lines, stay on the equipment, call 911, keep others away and stay calm.
- If you are planning a controlled burn, mow and remove vegetation at least 15 feet around any pole prior to burning. Apply fire retardant to the area as recommended by the manufacturer prior to the burn period.

Efficiency programs

Inter-County Energy offers the following energy-efficiency programs and services to assist our members in saving energy while living comfortably in the process.

- Energy Star Heat Pump Water Heater Program
- Bring Your Own Thermostat
- Touchstone New Home Construction Program
- Heat Pump Retrofit for stick-built and manufactured homes or upgrading your existing heat pump
- Button Up Weatherization Program

Incentives are available to members who meet certain requirements when weatherizing their home, building a new home or changing out their old resistance type of heating or heat pump. Check with Inter-County Energy member services personnel before purchasing any equipment to make sure it qualifies.



TIM WEBB

Levelized Billing

As Easy as 1-2-3!

Inter-County Energy offers Levelized Billing as a way to even out your monthly electric payments (for members with service 12 months or longer at your current location). You will be able to smooth out the high and low seasonal fluctuations in your electric bill. It also assists you in budgeting your monthly electrical expense.

Find out more at www.intercountyenergy.net.
(859) 236-4561 or 1-888-266-7322



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OUR MISSION

Inter-County Energy accomplishes our daily mission by providing energy and services to our members through a culture of Safety, Accountability, Integrity, Innovation and Commitment to Community.

SAFETY MESSAGE

Keep kites, balloons, and drones away from power lines. If one gets caught, do not try to retrieve it; instead, call us.

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(859) 236-4561

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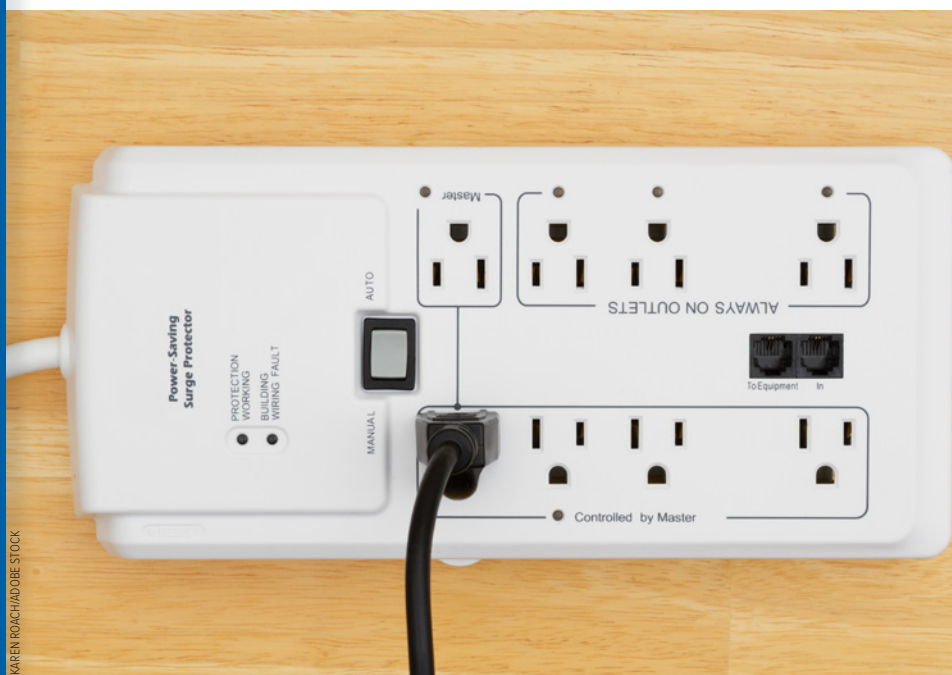
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Storm season is coming: Protect electronics

Lightning, high winds and torrential downpours can put your home and neighborhood at risk of power surges and outages, which can damage your expensive household electronics. Prepare for spring storms to protect yourself and your electronics from harm.

- First, install surge protectors as a first line of defense. Use them for computers, televisions, exercise equipment and other sensitive devices. Look for protectors with indicator lights that show when protection is active.
- During severe storms, unplug electronics and turn them off—excluding things like the refrigerator and medical oxygen tanks. Even the best surge protectors cannot block a direct lightning strike.
- If your home experiences frequent outages, consider installing whole-house surge protection, which is installed at the electrical panel. An electrician can explain whether this option makes sense.
- Backup power options, such as battery packs or portable generators, can help keep essential devices running in case the power goes out. Portable generators should only be used outdoors and far from windows and doors to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- After an outage, wait a few minutes before turning electronics back on. This helps protect devices from voltage spikes as power is restored.



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