

Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative



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REMINDERS

Scholarship Applications are due on February 16, 2026

Save the Date: Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2026.

2026 Power Cost Adjustment (PCA)

Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative has used a PCA to adjust rates to reflect the changes in the cost of the power purchased from L & O Power Cooperative (L & O). L & O purchases bulk power from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) and Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric). WAPA, Basin Electric and L&O have implemented rate increases for 2026.

These changes are a result of our Transmission Cooperative major investments in transmission line and substation improvements.

The changes in the PCA (if any) are also the result of the estimated cost of any difference in rate components, demand vs energy, in the 2026 estimated usage. The change also reflects the over or under collection of actual power cost vs budget for 2026.

In 2025 Lyon Rural Electric along with CFC, our banker, conducted a Cost-of-Service Study. At this time all the previous year's PCA was rolled into our base rates.

The PCA rate for General kWh will be \$0.00524 for 2026. The Farm and Residential Rate cost for 1,000

kWh will be \$5.24 more in 2026 over 2025 costs.

The 2026 PCA rate for Electric and Dual Heat will be \$0.004 per kWh. The Electric and Dual Heat cost for 1,000 kWh will be \$4.00 more in 2026 over 2025 costs.

2025 Energy Efficiency Adjustment Clause (EEAC)

In 2010, Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative began collecting an EEAC to implement its Energy Efficiency Program as filed with Iowa Utility Commission. This plan was required by legislation passed by the Iowa Legislature.

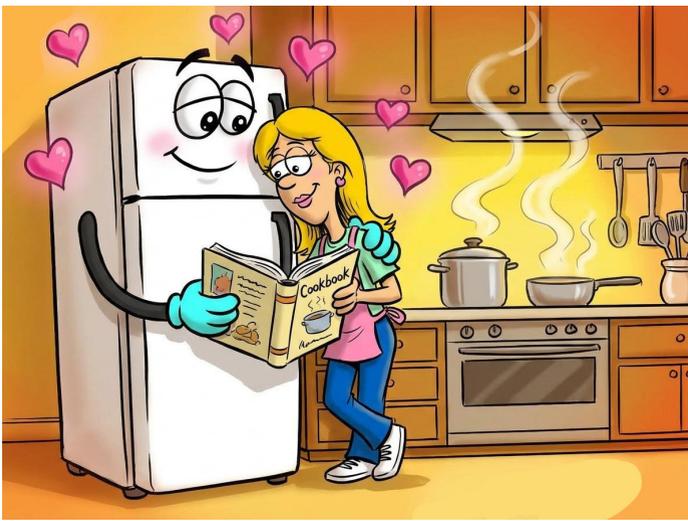
Each year the EEAC will be recalculated by first looking at the amount collected in the previous year (2025) compared with amount

paid out for program expenses for that year (2025).

The under collection or over collection will be added to or deducted respectively from the estimated expenditures needed to meet the program goals for 2026. Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative completed a new five-year energy efficiency plan that was effective as of January 1, 2025.

Based on these calculations, the 2025 EEAC will be as follows:

Farm and Residential	0.85%
Small Commercial	0.00%
Large Commercial	0.00%
Public Buildings	0.00%
Casino Resort	0.00%
Electric Heat / Dual Fuel . .	0.85%



LOVE YOUR APPLIANCES AND THEY'LL LOVE YOU BACK

This Valentine's season, show your appliances a little love and they'll return the favor in lower bills and fewer surprises.

Start with the refrigerator: Vacuum the coils every six months, check door gaskets for tight seals, set the fridge at 37 to 40 degrees, and then lower the freezer to 0 degrees. This will help the appliance run more efficiently and use less power.

Next, turn your attention to your clothes dryer. Clean the lint trap after every load and inspect the vent and duct for buildup; restricted airflow makes dryers run longer and raises fire risk. Consider having a technician clean the exhaust duct annually.

Don't forget the water heater. Lowering the thermostat to 120 degrees and flushing a few gallons annually to remove sediment improves efficiency and extends life.

Your heating system has been keeping you warm all winter; give it some TLC by replacing HVAC filters regularly. A clogged filter forces the system to work harder.

Finally, make some small fixes; they add up. Tighten loose electrical connections, replace cracked power cords and run a quick check for unusual noises or smells. These are easy tasks that prevent breakdowns and save energy. They can also keep your home safe and comfortable.

Think of it as home self-care that pays dividends.



GET AHEAD OF EMERGENCIES WITH REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Even if you had a tech come to your home for a pre-season heating check, you should keep on top of simple HVAC maintenance to up your chances of making it through the winter without any emergency repairs.

Cold snaps in February put heavy demand on heating systems, and small issues can quickly become big emergencies. Following a brief maintenance checklist can save money and prevent expensive, late-night calls.

- ▶ Begin with filters. Replace disposable filters or clean reusable ones. A clean filter reduces strain and improves airflow.
- ▶ Check vents and registers to make sure furniture or curtains aren't blocking airflow.
- ▶ Restricted airflow makes the system run longer and increases wear.
- ▶ Inspect visible ductwork where you can access it. Seal loose connections with foil HVAC tape. Leaky ducts waste heated air and force the furnace to run more to maintain temperature.
- ▶ Clear any snow or ice from outdoor heat-pump units and keep a three-foot clearance around them. Unusual noises or persistent burning smells are early signs of trouble. Call a licensed HVAC technician before a minor issue becomes a failure.

2026 YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C..

Every generation leaves behind a legacy, footprints that shape the future. Iowa Youth Tour is your chance to do the same. For over 60 years, electric cooperatives have sent high school students to Washington, D.C., to discover their voice, step into history and begin writing the story only they can tell.

This once-in-a-lifetime experience isn't just about seeing the nation's capital. It's about preparing students to lead, to grow and to make their mark on the world.

What's in it for students?

Delegates from Iowa will join over 1,800 students from across the country in Washington, D.C., June 14-20. During the trip, students will:

- Develop leadership skills through hands-on experiences and workshops
- Strengthen their resumes with a nationally recognized program that stands out to colleges and employers
- Connect with peers from 44 states, building friendships that last long after the trip
- Meet with elected officials and learn how government impacts their communities
- Experience history up close by visiting world-class museums and monuments
- Learn about cooperatives and how they support rural communities across America

The best part? All expenses—travel, lodging, meals, and program costs—are covered by Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative. The program is coordinated by the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Don't Let This Opportunity Pass By

Applications for Youth Tour will be open from now until February 27, 2026. If you know a high school junior who is ready to grow as a leader and take the next step in their journey, encourage them to apply today. For details, visit our website or your high school guidance counselor.

This is more than a trip—it's a chance to make your mark.



IT'S THE HUMIDITY, NOT THE HEAT

Winter air is dry, and dry air affects how warm a home feels. Low indoor humidity makes people feel colder, even when the thermostat setting is the same as it always has been. When you feel cold, you'll crank up the heat. And that can lead to higher energy bills.

Suggestion: Adding a modest amount of humidity to the air. This can make rooms feel warmer without raising the thermostat. Use a single-room humidifier for sleeping areas or a whole-house humidifier attached to your HVAC if you already have one. Aim for relative humidity between 30 and 40 percent in winter to avoid condensation on windows and minimize mold risk.

Adjusting the humidity won't stop heat loss on its own, though. As you deal with the humidity, seal windows and doors that can let warm air escape from the house. Add insulation to your attic. Caulk gaps around windows and doors, weatherstrip drafty attic-hatch covers and insulate exposed pipes and attic access points. These measures reduce the load on humidifiers and heaters.

And simple habits help: Close shades at night to reduce radiant heat loss, keep interior doors open to let warm air circulate and use ceiling fans on low after reversing the direction the blades spin. They should push warm air down.

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS ⚠️

Enrolling in autodraft payments with your utility provider can help prevent certain types of utility bill scams. If a scammer contacts you with fake disconnection threats, you can rest easy knowing your bill is paid automatically through a pre-arranged, secure channel. Autodraft payments also eliminate the risk of exposing checks and personal banking info through the mail. If your utility offers autodraft payments, consider enrolling to stay on track and avoid certain scams.

Source: AARP



ELECTRICAL OUTLETS SHOULD FEEL COOL

An electrical outlet that's slightly warm to the touch is not uncommon during heavy use, but it can also be a sign of danger.

- Start by unplugging any devices that are using it, and then feel the outlet again. If the warmth disappears, the problem may be the appliance or a loose plug. Test the device on another outlet.
- If the outlet remains warm with nothing plugged in, do not use it. That suggests loose wiring, a failing receptacle or an overloaded circuit. Call an electrician to diagnose the trouble.
- Never use extension cords or ungrounded adapters as a long-term fix. Limit high-draw appliances to dedicated circuits and never run space heaters from a power strip.
- If you see discoloration, smell burning or notice sparks, shut off power to the circuit and call a licensed electrician.

Use cold water, even in cold weather

Laundry can be a bigger winter energy user than people expect, but small adjustments save money without sacrificing cleanliness.

Some rules of thumb:

- Modern detergents work well in cold water, and many loads come out just as clean.
- Wash full loads and select the right water level. For lightly soiled items, choose a quick or eco cycle.
- Use high-spin settings to remove more water and shorten drying time. Dryer balls help separate clothing so warm air circulates better.
- Clean the lint trap every cycle and check the vent hose for buildup. A clogged vent extends dryer run time and raises fire risk.
- Time laundry for mid-day when the home may already be warmer or when off-peak electricity rates apply.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Mid-winter is a great time to ensure you're making the most of your home heating system. Replace or clean filters to keep your furnace or heat pump running efficiently. Listen for strange noises and check for uneven heating - these signs may indicate that the system may need servicing. Ensure vents and radiators aren't blocked by furniture or rugs as proper airflow helps your system work less and saves energy. A little maintenance along the way can prevent costly repairs and keep your home cozy through winter.



Operating Statistics		
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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
KWH Purchased	12,214,895	12,830,541
KWH Sold	11,759,941	12,362,146
Percentage of Line Loss		
(Year to Date)	2.89%	2.93%
Total Demand	20,261 KW	21,954 KW
Average Farm Consumption	3,799 KWH	3,999 KWH
Average Farm Bill	\$405.86	\$481.96
Income Per Mile	\$1,303.21	\$1,546.07
Expenses Per Mile	\$1,255.37	\$1,305.75
Miles Energized	887	872
Cost of Wholesale (For the Month)	6.55¢	6.39¢

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