

Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Office Hours : Monday thru Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

REMINDERS

Remember & Honor:

Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative will be closed May 25, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.

Representing The Community



Nathalee Marcias was chosen as the Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative 2026 Youth Tour Representative. Nathalee will travel to Washington, D.C. from June 14-20 along with 40 other student leaders from Iowa. The Iowa Youth Tour group will join with nearly 1,800 other students across the country as they learn more about electric cooperatives and American history and will come home

with a greater understanding of their role as American citizens. Students will also learn about U.S. government and meet with their members of congress. On this trip, students take in the sights of D.C. as they visit monuments, museums and historical landmarks. This is truly a once in a lifetime experience.

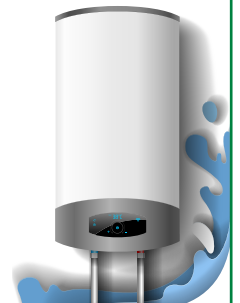
To all of the amazing moms out there ...



Water Heater Increases

Marathon Water Heater Price changes effective June 1, 2026

MARATHON WATER HEATER	PRICE	TAX	TOTAL	REBATE	FINAL \$
50 Gallon	1,545.00	108.15	1,653.15	-	1,653.15
85 Gallon	2,110.00	147.70	2,257.70	200.00	2,057.70
105 Gallon	2,365.00	165.55	2,530.55	200.00	2,330.55



Investing In Our Future

Congratulations to our 2026-2027 Scholarship winners:

Jason VandeVeght - Inwood, IA

Monte Delfs – Rock Rapids, IA

Ethan Knobloch – Rock Rapids, IA



Basin Bus Tour – August 5-7, 2026

Join us on a three-day trek across the Dakota Plains to tour the Antelope Valley power plant and the Coteau lignite mine August 5-7. In addition, tour the Garrison Dam.

We will depart from Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative August 5 on an air-conditioned charter bus. We will have plenty of movies, games and frequent rest stops to break up the day.

The big tour day is August 6. We will depart Bismarck, North Dakota, for the Garrison Dam, power plant and mine. Take an elevator to the top of the power plant to see the view, peek into the coal-burning furnace and enjoy the bus ride into the lignite open pit mine, weather permitting. In the evening, we will enjoy a relaxing supper and riverboat ride on the Missouri River.

On August 7 we head back home. We will have frequent rest stops to break up the day. We will return back to Lyon Rural Electric in the early evening.

The cost is only \$150.00 per person. The fee includes the cost of the hotel, bus, all meals, riverboat and snack breaks. Lyon Rural Electric shares the tour bus with two other cooperatives so just 15 seats are available. Sign up today or register to win all expenses paid tour at our annual meeting, March 30. Call Lyon Rural Electric today at 712-472-2506 or 800-658-3976 to reserve your seat!

Complaint Procedures

Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative values our members and their membership. Should you have concerns regarding your membership, electric service, or other issues, please contact Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative at 712-472-2506 or 1-800-658-3976 and our staff will be happy to assist you.

If your complaint is related to the Lyon REC service rather than its rates, and Lyon REC does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board by calling 515-725-7321 or toll free 1-877-565-4450, or by writing to: 1375 E. Court Avenue, Room 69, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069, or by email to customer@iub.iowa.gov.



DON'T LET YOUR PHONE STEAL THE SPOTLIGHT

Smartphones have become our constant companion, but research shows that the urge to check them can become habitual and even compulsive, even when the time and place demand our full attention.

Studies find that more than half of young adults show signs of “mobile phone addiction”—checking a device becomes automatic and is linked to anxiety or perfectionism.

It isn't just the amount of time spent on a phone that matters. Research shows that frequent checking, rather than total screen time, predicts disrupted daily routines and social friction. Even in moments when it's inappropriate, like during meetings, meals or ceremonies, the brain's reward pathways respond to notifications and social signals, reinforcing the habit loop.

While phones keep us connected, this automatic checking can interrupt meaningful experiences.

Experts recommend simple strategies to reduce compulsive checking: turning off nonessential notifications, placing phones out of reach during important events, and setting mindful limits for social media or messaging apps.

By understanding why we reach for our devices reflexively, we can make small, intentional choices to stay present, protect our relationships and enjoy life's important moments—like a wedding—without distractions.

TUNE UP YOUR A/C BEFORE THE FIRST HEAT

Don't get caught off-guard when you flip on your air conditioner on summer's first hot day—and it doesn't work.

Have you ever thought about how hard your air conditioning system has to work after sitting idle all winter? A little preparation in spring can improve efficiency and help prevent inconvenient breakdowns during the hottest part of summer.

Start with the simplest step: change the air filter. A clogged filter restricts airflow and forces the system to run longer to cool the house. Most homes benefit from replacing the filter every one to three months during the cooling season.

Next, check the outdoor unit. Leaves, pollen, grass clippings and dirt can build up around the condenser. Clear away debris and make sure there are at least two feet of open space around the unit so air can circulate freely.

Also, inspect indoor vents. Make sure furniture or rugs are not blocking airflow from supply registers.

And call a licensed technician for an annual professional inspection. The tech can check refrigerant levels, inspect electrical connections, make sure the system is operating safely and advise you about how energy efficient, or inefficient, your unit is.

Taking a few minutes for basic maintenance now can keep your home comfortable when summer temperatures climb.

PREPARE FOR SUMMER STORM OUTAGES



Summer thunderstorms can arrive quickly, with strong winds that can knock down power lines and cause electricity outages.

Taking a few simple steps in spring can help households stay safe and prepared if the lights go out.

- Start by assembling basic supplies. Flashlights, fresh batteries, a portable phone charger and a battery-powered lantern can make outages easier to manage.
- Protect your electronics with surge protectors. They can help shield televisions and computers from sudden voltage spikes caused by lightning or power restoration.
- Review safety guidelines for portable generators, if you have them, before storm season begins. Generators should always be operated outdoors and far from doors and windows to prevent carbon monoxide from entering the home.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed during outages to preserve food as long as possible. Most refrigerators will keep food cold for about four hours if the door stays shut.

Preparing ahead of time can reduce stress during severe weather.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

As temperatures start to rise, many homeowners focus on staying cool. Don't forget about the small gaps around windows and doors. While air sealing is often associated with keeping cold air out during winter, it's just as important during summer. Tiny cracks and worn weatherstripping allow cool, conditioned air to escape and hot, humid air to seep indoors. This forces your air conditioner to work harder than necessary and increases energy costs. Take a few minutes to check for drafts, replace weatherstripping and seal leaks. A tighter home keeps you more comfortable and helps manage energy use.

Source: [energy.gov](https://www.energy.gov)



Operating Statistics

	MARCH	
	2025	2026
KWH Purchased	10,929,331	11,210,616
KWH Sold	10,532,419	10,803,488
Percentage of Line Loss (Year to Date)	3.61%	3.63%
Total Demand	18,794 KW	21,120 KW
Average Farm Consumption	3,165 KWH	3,225 KWH
Average Farm Bill	\$375.82	\$428.40
Income Per Mile	\$1,242.30	\$1,479.36
Expenses Per Mile	\$1,305.76	\$1,407.46
Miles Energized	914	872
Cost of Wholesale (For the Month)	6.80¢	7.51¢

MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

May is National Electrical Safety Month, which reminds us to use electricity safely at home and at work. The month's organizers offer commonsense advice that can prevent fires, shocks and accidents with electric devices and cords.

The Top 10:

1. Check cords, plugs and extension cords for fraying or damage, and replace any that are worn.
2. Avoid overloading outlets or power strips, and use surge protectors for sensitive electronics.
3. Keep appliances and cords away from water to prevent shocks.
4. Never run cords under rugs or across high-traffic areas.
5. For households with children, install tamper-resistant outlets and teach kids not to insert objects into outlets
6. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors should be tested monthly, and batteries replaced as needed.
7. If you use portable generators, always operate them outdoors and away from windows or doors to avoid carbon monoxide hazards.
8. Maintain proper spacing around heaters and electrical appliances. Keep at least 3 feet of clearance on all sides from furniture, curtains or other flammable items to reduce fire risk and allow proper airflow.
9. Same goes for portable space heaters, which are convenient but pose fire risks if misused. Keep at least 3 feet of clearance from furniture or curtains, place them on a stable surface and unplug when not in use.
10. Keep cords away from water. We often operate appliances in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. Water and electricity don't mix.

Electrical Safety Month is a good reminder that small precautions can prevent accidents and reduce the risk of fires and injuries. Taking a few minutes to inspect and maintain your electrical devices can help keep your home safe all year long.

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.



Nondiscrimination Statement

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

To file a program discrimination complaint, a complainant should complete a Form, AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which can be obtained online at <https://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/ad-3027>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA containing all the information requested in the form. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by mail to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; by fax (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or by Email: program.intake@usda.gov