



Sac Osage Electric Cooperative

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SAC OSAGE ELECTRIC HOSTS A MEMBER INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On February 20, 2024, we invited our members to attend a short informational meeting in the community room of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative Headquarters.

Members that were in attendance were able to receive additional information about different programs and educational services that the co-op provides.

Member Services Representative, Chance Cyr, spoke about co-op programs such as the Safety Presentation provided to students, Youth Tour and CYCLE Program, Operation Round-up and many more.

General Manager, Aaron Ash, provided information about the current rate increase and the reasoning for it. He also explained “demand” and ways to help control usage during the peak hours of 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Fiber to the Home Project was another hot topic.

Members learned about how the project came to be and the services that it can provide. Information on how to install streaming devices, such as a ROKU stick, was also given to the members.

Sac Osage Electric Cooperative plans on having additional meetings at various times and locations throughout our service territory to meet with our members to provide updates from the co-op.

Be sure to follow our Facebook page for more information and updates.



MAY IS CATCH UP MONTH FOR BUDGET BILLING

Budget billing is a program that allows members to level what they pay each month for electricity.

Members may find it useful to pay a steady amount all year long instead of having a few big bills in the summer and/or winter. Members who have twelve months of payment history at the same location without any delinquent payments or returned checks can qualify for this program.

April is a good time for members on budget billing to take a look at their actual balance for their account.

It appears under the line item charges on the bill with the line “ACTUAL AR BALANCE”. If that amount is a negative number, it means the member has a credit built up heading into the final month.

If it is positive and larger than the budgeted monthly payment, the member may want to consider paying a little extra in April so before the entire amount is due in May. Members who are not on budget billing will not see this line.

For more information about budget billing or to check your Actual AR Balance, you can contact Sac Osage Electric at 417-876-2721 option #3 to speak directly to our billing department.

You can also find more information on our website at <https://sacosage.com/budget-billing>





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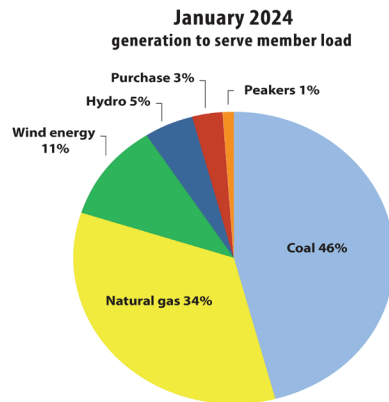
GREEN ENERGY BLOCKS ARE AVAILABLE

About 25 percent of the energy generated for your cooperative comes from wind and hydropower resources.

Sac Osage has the opportunity to allow our members to support renewable energy by participating in the Green Power Program at a much lower cost than installing your own personal generation.

The program is through KAMO Power and would require Sac Osage to buy blocks of green energy over a six-month period. Sac Osage's participation in the program would be based member interest.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Chance Cyr



NEW ELECTRIC RATES START THIS MONTH

ENERGY CHARGES
\$0.062 to \$0.07 per kWh

OFF-PEAK DEMAND
\$1.50 to \$1.80 per kW

PEAK DEMAND
\$6.36 to \$7.50 per kW

SERVICE AVAILABILITY
\$30.00 to \$35.00

LINEMAN VISITS STOCKTON PRESCHOOL



On February 16, 2024, Justin Wrinkle, a lineman with Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, showed the preschool students how his service truck operates.





LIGHTING YOUR HOME WITH LEDs

You may be wondering, “What is LED lighting?” Light emitting diodes (LEDs) are a type of solid-state lighting; semiconductors that convert electricity into light. If you haven’t been down the lighting aisle of your favorite home improvement store lately, you may be surprised at how many residential LED lighting products have arrived. Although once used primarily for indicator and traffic lights, LEDs in homes and businesses are one of today’s best, most energy-efficient and rapidly-developing technologies.

The most significant difference between LED lighting and regular incandescent or fluorescent lighting is energy-efficiency. LED light bulbs are six to seven times more energy-efficient than conventional incandescent lights, cut energy use by more than 80 percent and can last more than 25 times longer. An average LED light bulb would use 8.5 watts, while a comparable Incandescent light would use 60 watts.

Residential LED bulbs are currently available as replacements for 40, 60, 75 and 100 watt incandescents, reflector bulbs (used in recessed fixtures), small track lights, three-way bulbs and even holiday light strings. In most cases, LED lighting is the best option when looking to save money on lighting costs. While the price tag of a LED light bulb is more than an incandescent bulb, they still save money because they last a long time and have very low energy use. The Department of Energy estimates using a traditional incandescent bulb adds about \$4.80 per year to the average home electric bill. A compact fluorescent light (CFL) adds just \$1.20 per year and an LED about \$1 per year. That means a typical household could potentially save about \$50 per year by replacing 15 incandescent bulbs.

When buying LED light bulbs for your household, it’s important to consider

what type of LED you need. Different types of LEDs can be used in different situations. Here are some of the main types and how they can be best used.

Standard led light bulbs

Standard LED light bulbs are one of the most common types of LEDs. Standard LEDs are often used in lamps and other common household lighting fixtures.

Can/recessed led light bulbs

Can or recessed LED light bulbs are mounted directly on the ceiling. Recessed lighting usually features a decorative trim that you can purchase in various styles.

Flood led light bulbs

Flood LED lighting typically emits a brighter light than some of the other types. As a result, flood lighting is typically used in areas like your backyard, patio, and deck area.

Globe led light bulbs

Globe LED light bulbs are large, round light bulbs that are often used for bathroom vanities because they emit light in every direction.

Candle/candelabra led light bulbs

Candelabra light bulbs mimic the shape of a candle flame. They aren’t as bright as other types of LED lighting and are often used in decorative light fixtures.

Track led light bulbs

Track lighting is most often mounted on a kind of “track” alongside other light fixtures. Each light in the “track” is operated independently and can be adjusted to illuminate a specific object in a room.

Edison led light bulbs

Edison light bulbs are used to bring a vintage feel to whatever room they’re in. They’re designed to look like the original light bulb, introduced by Thomas Edison, and are most often used in decorative light fixtures.

Tube led light bulbs

Tube lights are long, tubular lights that are mounted in the ceiling. LED tube lights are frequently used in commercial buildings like schools, office buildings and more.

What is a lumen? Lumens measure the light output of a bulb. More lumens means it’s a brighter light; fewer lumens means it’s a dimmer light. We typically buy items based on how much of it we get, right? When buying milk, we buy it by volume (gallons). So, why should light be any different? For decades, we have been buying light bulbs based on how much energy they consume (watts), no matter how much light they produce (lumens). Lumens let you buy the amount of light you want. So when buying your new bulbs, think lumens, not watts. Look at the chart on the right for comparisons.

When choosing a new bulb, always check the package. Make sure it has the ENERGY STAR® logo. Lighting Facts labels on boxes will also help you understand what you are purchasing. The label lists the number of lumens, estimated annual operating cost and light color. See an example of a “Lighting Facts” label on the right.

When shopping for new LED light bulbs, there are a few things you need to know to ensure you buy the right ones for your home. The next time you go shopping for new bulbs, consider the following:

Choose the number of lumens you need based on how bright you want a room.

Determine which bulb has the lowest estimated energy cost per year. This will save you the most money.

Choose bulbs based on your needs, such as how long they will last and their light appearance.

Don’t be fooled. Look for the ENERGY STAR® logo.

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