

Norris Electric

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News



Norris Electric employees spread Christmas cheer

Norris Electric Cooperative employees helped make Christmas a little brighter for people in Jasper County. Donations were made to the Jasper County Ministerial Association Christmas Food Basket Program and the Giving Tree Project. Donations of food, money and gifts helped many families during the holiday season. Thank you, Norris Electric employees, for your generosity.

Christmas helpers

Norris Electric would like to thank our "Christmas Helpers" for helping us spread a little Christmas cheer. St. Thomas School and family members of Norris Electric employees helped prepare cards for active service men/women and nursing home residents. We would like to thank them for their generosity of their time to decorate our cards.



6 New Year's Energy Resolutions

Have you made any New Year's resolutions this year? If you did, it may have involved stopping a bad habit. You may have some other bad habits you're not even aware of that are costing you money! Look at these five resolutions that can help you save money all year long.



"I will dress warmly."

- 1. I will pull the plug.** I will unplug electronics like my television, DVR, computer and video game console when not in use. I'll save even more by unplugging battery chargers and items with digital clocks. I could save more than \$175 a year.
- 2. I will dress warmly.** I won't keep my home warm like summer. I'll throw on a sweater and maybe a blanket and lower the thermostat. Just turning it from 70 to 68 degrees could save me more than \$184 a year. I'll lower the temperature even more at night or when I'm gone and save even more.
- 3. I will use my ceiling fans.** I used the ceiling fans this summer to stay cool. Now I'll wipe off the dust and run them on reverse to bring the warm air down from the ceiling.
- 4. I won't waste money on laundry.** I will only wash full loads of laundry and use cold water whenever I can. I'll use the drying sensor setting on my dryer and clean the lint trap before each load.
- 5. I will wash dishes for less.** I will review my dishwasher settings before pressing start and only wash full loads. I won't use pot scrubbing or high heat unless I really need it. I'll shut off heat dry and crack open the door to finish drying the dishes.
- 6. I will choose energy-saving lighting.** About 10 percent of the energy my home uses go to lighting costs. By just replacing five of my home's most frequently used lights with energy-efficient bulbs, I could save \$75 a year in energy costs.

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Norris Electric Cooperative will be hosting the 81st Annual Meeting of Members on February 9, 2019.

Each Member upon registration will receive a \$10 bill credit that will be applied to their account. Enjoy a lunch of fried chicken with all the trimmings and a chance to win mega prizes after the meeting. We will also give away four - \$500 scholarships to four lucky high school seniors.

You won't want to miss it!! Mark your calendars.

Watch for more details in February's magazine.

Attention high school seniors

There is still time to apply for a Norris Electric Scholarship.



Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of a Norris Electric Cooperative member who is currently receiving services from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted. The following rules apply:

- The applicant must be a high school senior.
- Scholarship winners must begin undergraduate studies within a year of being notified they are the recipient of the scholarship.

- Scholarship winners will be expected to be “full time” students (at least 12 hours).
- Scholarships are for one year and are not renewable.
- Scholarships will be awarded based on grade point average, college entrance test scores, work and volunteer experience, participation in school and community activities, biographical statement and knowledge of electric cooperatives as demonstrated by a short essay.
- Deadline for receipt of completed applications and submissions is **February 1, 2019**.

Please go online at www.norriselectric.com to print an application.

We're on our way!

Let's say a dangerous winter storm hit last night. The entire area is glazed with an inch of ice and fallen trees have taken out your power lines. Your co-op's employees haven't slept, and they may not for days. They've arranged for help from other co-ops, are communicating power restoration updates and are risking their lives to make yours more comfortable and safer.

So, next time a storm hits, be patient and understand that we're on our way. You, our members, are our most important priority and we're here for you.

For information about storm safety and back-up generators, contact your local Touchstone Energy cooperative Norris Electric Cooperative at 1-877-783-8765 or 618-783-8765.



Outage Information Center:

We work hard year-round to deliver reliable service, but when big storms strike and damage equipment, outages can result. When they do, our entire focus is to safely and quickly restore your service. There are three ways our members can report their outage:

- 1. Call 877-783-3221**
- 2. Text your outage.** If you prefer to text rather than call your outage in, members will need to have their cell phone number on file at Norris Electric. Then they will need to complete a short registration process on our website, www.norrselectric.com. Once that is complete, members will be able to text their outage in. You will also receive a text when your electric is restored!!
- 3. Use our app.** If members have a smart phone, you can download our app and report your outage.

View Outages

Members can view Norris Electric's outage map by logging on to our website at www.norrselectric.com or by opening the Norris app. By viewing the map, it will give members an idea of where the outages are and how many members are affected.

Outage Updates

Facebook/Twitter – Be sure to like us on Facebook and Twitter to receive current outage information and updates. (Please do not use social media or email to report an outage because this is not monitored 24/7)

Add a little light to your night

There's no place like home – and at nightfall, you'll have peace of mind with a night light from your electric cooperative.

Nothing discourages a would-be burglar or trespasser like a brilliant night light. Today's night lights are brighter and more efficient than ever. And since the night light turns itself on at dusk and off at dawn, it's there when you need it, automatically.

A night light is an affordable way to provide safety and protection for

your family and possessions.

This cost covers installation, operation and maintenance of the light. The electricity the light uses is not metered and is included in the monthly fee. The only requirement is the light must be installed on a Norris Electric pole. It's a great deal for our members! Contact our office at

Norris Electric offers the following night lighting:

73-watt LED outdoor light.....	\$7 per month
200-watt LED directional light.....	\$20.50 per month
1000-watt metal halide directional light.....	\$31 per month

877-783-8765 to sign up or visit our website at www.norrselectric.com to print a copy of the lighting agreement.



You cannot control Mother Nature, and now would be a good time for you to purchase a standby generator. Norris Electric offers the Briggs & Stratton Home Generator System line of standby generators. Briggs & Stratton is one of the leading and most well-known names in small engines.

These units are available with transfer switches that automatically start the unit and transfer to standby power in the event of a power outage. When electric service is restored, the transfer switch switches back to utility power and shuts the generator down.

Many homes and small business's



have pumps, fans, computers and other equipment that require them to have a continuous supply of electric power. With a Briggs & Stratton

Home Generator

System, you never have to worry about another power outage. With the automatic transfer features, you know your processes and equipment are always operating, even when you are gone.

The Briggs & Stratton product line was chosen for its long history in the small engine business and its commitment to a quality line of products at reasonable prices.

If you are looking for a standby generator you may contact Ambrow Power at 618-455-3548.