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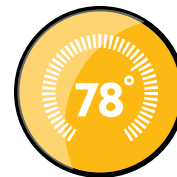
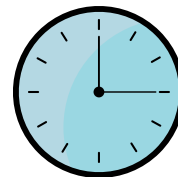


Shift Timing, Shift Savings

As we settle into the heat of July, our homes naturally use more electricity. Air conditioners run longer, refrigerators work harder, and daily routines — from cooking dinner to doing laundry — often overlap during the warmest parts of the day. That's also when the demand for electricity across our community is at its highest.

At Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative, our top priority is delivering safe, reliable and affordable power whenever you need it. But during peak energy hours — between 3-6 p.m. — there's added pressure on the grid as homes and businesses require larger amounts of electricity, all at the same time. On the hottest days, that strain can be significant.

The good news is that small changes at home can make a meaningful difference.



Think of our electric grid like a highway system. During rush hour, traffic is heavy, congestion builds and everything slows down. But when drivers adjust their schedules, even slightly, it helps ease the bottleneck. The same principle applies to energy use.

By shifting some of your high-energy activities to off-peak hours — like doing laundry later in the evening, running the dishwasher before you go to bed, or cooking meals earlier in the day — you're helping spread out demand. That reduces pressure on the grid during those critical peak hours.

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SAFETY TIP

Keep TVs, lamps and other heat-producing items away from your thermostat. They can affect the temperature reading and cause your cooling system to run longer than needed.



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TIPS TO AVOID UTILITY SCAMS



Scammers are using “smishing” — fake texts to pose as legitimate businesses, including your electric utility. They may claim your bill is overdue, your service will be disconnected, or you’re owed a refund, often including links to fake payment sites or requests for personal information. Never click suspicious links or respond to unexpected texts. Instead, verify claims by logging into your account through the official website or app. We will never request sensitive information like passwords or banking details via text. SOURCE: NRECA



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Here are a few simple steps you can take to lower energy use during peak hours.

Smart technology can be a valuable partner in saving energy. A programmable or smart thermostat can automatically adjust your home’s temperature when demand is highest, helping you stay comfortable while using energy more efficiently. Even a small adjustment of a few degrees during peak hours can make a difference.

In the kitchen, simple swaps can help, too. Using a slow cooker, air fryer or outdoor grill instead of the oven keeps your home more comfortable and reduces the need for additional cooling during the warmer parts of the day. And when it comes to laundry, air-drying clothes or spacing out loads can cut down on both energy use and indoor heat.

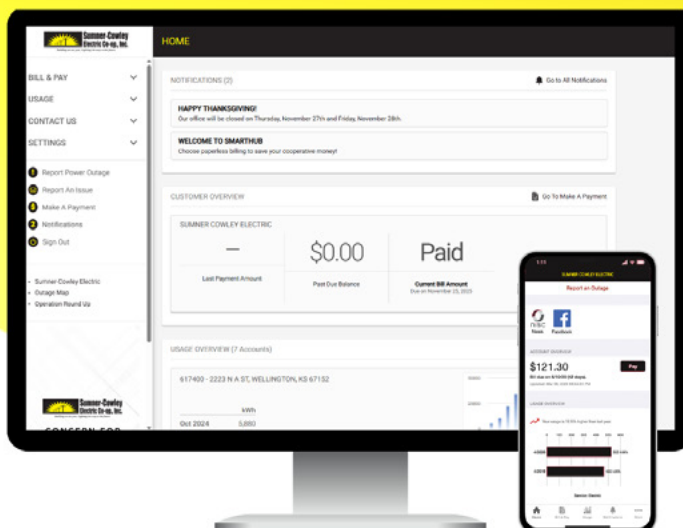
Don’t overlook the power of ceiling fans, either. They can help you feel

several degrees cooler, allowing you to raise your thermostat setting without sacrificing comfort.

These actions may seem small on their own, but together, they add up. When many members make mindful choices about when and how they use electricity, it helps reduce peak demand, eases strain on the grid and supports more stable energy costs for our local communities.

That’s the cooperative difference. As a member, you’re not just a customer — you’re part of a community working together to power our future. Every effort you make contributes to a stronger, more resilient system.

This summer, we encourage you to take a closer look at your daily routines. A few simple shifts can go a long way in keeping your home comfortable, your energy use efficient, and our grid running smoothly — no matter how high the temperatures climb.



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Member Spotlight

RED BARN ACRES

Starting as a need for the perfect photography space, Red Barn Acres blossomed into a family-built flower farm designed as an affordable attraction for everyone to enjoy.

Named after owner **MELISSA KELLY'S** grandparents' family farm, Red Barn Acres combines a love of farming, photography and family into a unique destination. Visitors can wander among vibrant fields of sunflowers, zinnias, fleabane wildflowers and other seasonal blooms; spend time with Valais sheep, Highland cows, and alpacas; enjoy a picnic; or just relax and take in the scenery. Photographers can schedule a photo shoot by emailing Melissa at melissa@melissakellyimagery.com.

The summer season opens in mid-July and is open Friday-Sunday evenings from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Guests can enjoy the amenities for only \$8 per day.



Melissa Kelly, Red Barn Acres Owner

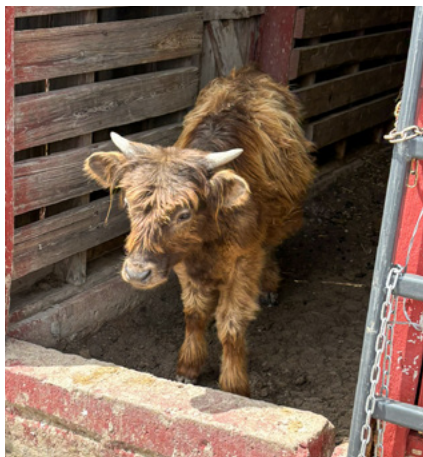
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