

Norris Electric

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News

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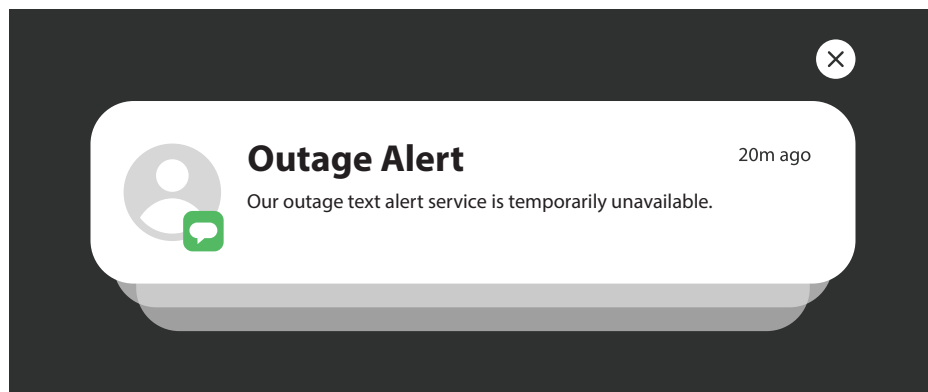
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Member Notice: Outage text alerts temporarily unavailable

As part of our transition to a new software system, our outage text alert service is temporarily unavailable.

If you have previously received text notifications regarding outages, please be aware that this service will remain unavailable while we complete our software conversion. We anticipate the

conversion to be fully completed by **May 2027**.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition. We look forward to restoring this service once the conversion is complete.

Thank you for your continued support.



Electricity brings everyday value

When it comes to electricity, we rarely think twice when we flip on a light switch, brew coffee in the morning, charge our phones or adjust the thermostat. We simply expect the power to be there — and that's how it should be, because you are a member of Norris Electric Cooperative, and reliably powering your life is our mission.

We know that many families across our local communities are feeling the impact of rising costs for everyday expenses. Groceries, gasoline, insurance and other necessities cost more than they did just a few years ago. And because of that, we understand that every household is carefully considering where each dollar goes.

That's why I think it's important to occasionally step back and consider the value electricity provides.

The average U.S. residential electric bill is about \$150 a month — roughly \$5 a day. I often think about what that \$5 provides. It's about the cost of a specialty coffee, yet electricity powers nearly every moment of our daily lives, often without us giving it a second thought. In fact, many typical purchases cost more than a day's worth of electricity. A fast-food combo meal averages about \$9, and a single movie ticket can cost around \$13.

For about \$5 a day, your refrigerator keeps food fresh around the clock. Your heating and cooling system helps keep your family comfortable through the seasons. Lights brighten your home after sunset. Appliances make cooking and cleaning easier. Devices stay charged so you can work, learn, communicate and stay connected with

loved ones. When you think about everything electricity makes possible, it's one of the greatest values in the average household budget.

Norris Electric Cooperative is proud to be more than your electric provider. Because we're a cooperative, we're locally owned by you, the members we serve. That means every decision we make is guided by what's best for our community — not by outside shareholders.

Thank you for trusting us to power your home and your life. We're committed to providing everyday value for you and your family, with reliable, affordable power — so you can make the most of every energy dollar.

A Little Cost. A Lot of Life.

For about \$150 a month, electricity powers hundreds of tasks that keep your home comfortable, connected and running smoothly—from brewing your morning coffee to keeping your family cool, safe and entertained.

- **720** hours of refrigeration
- **20+** loads of clean clothes
- **15+** home-cooked meals
- **90+** hours of lighting
- **Numerous** devices charged
- **Hundreds** of hours of cooling/heating
- **Countless** connections to work, school and entertainment

30 days of comfort

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

September kicks off the fall shoulder season, when cooler mornings and milder evenings often mean you can give your heating and cooling system a break. Open windows, use ceiling fans and enjoy the fresh air whenever temperatures allow. It's also the perfect time to schedule annual HVAC maintenance before colder weather arrives. Because demand is typically lower during the fall, heating and cooling professionals often have greater availability, making it easier to book an appointment. Regular maintenance can improve your system's efficiency, help prevent unexpected breakdowns and keep your home comfortable all year long.

Source: Dept. of Energy



HAPPY
LABOR DAY
Our office will be closed on Sept. 7th.



Safety Tip

Place your generator outside in a clean, dry area, and at least 20 feet from windows, doors, garages, porches and vents. Direct exhaust away from the home to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.



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TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Your smart thermostat, security camera, video doorbell and other connected devices make life more convenient—but they can also be targets for cybercriminals if they're not properly secured. Change default usernames and passwords, use strong, unique passwords for each device and enable multi-factor authentication when available. Keep your devices up to date by installing software and firmware updates, which often include important security fixes. Secure your home Wi-Fi network with a strong password and modern encryption. A few simple steps can help keep your personal information and smart devices safe from scammers.

Source: CISA





POWER LINE SAFETY for Professional Drone Pilots

POWER LINES AND DRONES DON'T MIX

Drones are helpful tools in many industries, including inspection, construction, agriculture, emergency response and photography. But near power lines, they can be hazardous.

RISKS:

- ⚠ Power outages.
- ⚠ Electrical hazards.
- ⚠ Falling debris.
- ⚠ Injury or damage.

BEFORE YOU FLY:

- Check the site.
- Look for lines, poles, guy wires and substations.
- Watch the weather.
- Coordinate with utility providers when needed.

DURING FLIGHT:

- Keep your drone in sight.
- Stay a safe distance from power lines, substations and equipment.
- Be extra cautious when near power infrastructure.

IF YOUR DRONE CRASHES or gets tangled in power equipment:

- ✗ Do not retrieve it. Stay clear.
- ✗ Contact the local electric utility.
- ✗ Call 911 if needed.

Learn more at:

 **Safe Electricity.org**[®]



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