



A Year-Round Reliable Power Grid

Summertime heat might feel like it's here to stay, but winter will be here before we know it. At times, temperatures have been closing in on triple digits all summer long in our community, meaning we have done everything we can to stay cool.

Frequent trips to the pool and some homemade ice cream have become the norm around here, and I don't think anyone will be too upset — adult-wise, at least — when attention turns to pumpkin carving and sweaters.

Activities aside, I am pleased to report that Powell Valley Electric Cooperative's power grid met the summer power needs of the

communities we serve. I commend our team for the planning, preparations and work they put in to keep our communities' lights on and buildings cool through this time of year. Now and through the fall season, it is our turn to get our homes ready for the colder weather that will eventually come.

I use the upcoming fall season as a time to clean up and put away all the summer toys — the kick balls, water guns, bikes and whatever else that is spread out across both the front and back yards. It seems like they multiply each and every year.

I also take the time to check our heating unit. Just because it worked last winter doesn't mean it won't have any issues this go-round. It's pretty simple to see if everything is working just right. I turn on the heat and bump up the thermostat a few degrees. Within 15 minutes or so, you should feel everything warming up. If not, you should contact your local heat pump contractor.

It's also not a bad time to work



Manager's Message

Brad Coppock
General Manager

on sealing windows and doors. I am considering caulking windows this year to eliminate air leaks throughout our home. This practice also restores energy efficiency, and it isn't difficult to do.

Powell Valley Electric Cooperative is hard at work too, preparing the power grid for the winter season. Our team is trimming trees and providing preventive maintenance across the cooperative's service area. All these efforts help us ensure that the power stays on when you need it most.

Regardless of the temperature outside, you and your family can be confident that the team at Powell Valley Electric Cooperative will be here, working around the clock to meet your power needs.

Fiber Update Info

as of July 2024

Miles of backbone – **1,801**

Services installed to the home – **9,411**

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Annual Meeting – Saturday, Sept. 21

It's almost time for Powell Valley Electric Cooperative's annual meeting! As the golden days of summer fade into the reds and oranges of fall, preparations are in full swing. We look forward to sharing this day with you, our valued members.

The 2024 annual meeting will take place Saturday, Sept. 21, at Hancock County High School in Sneedville, Tenn. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., with the meeting program and business session starting at 12:00 p.m. During this time, you can vote in the director election, listen to entertainment by the talented bluegrass group Tennessee 90, and enjoy a delicious breakfast.

On behalf of the directors, management, and employees of Powell Valley Electric Cooperative, we invite you to join us for the 2024 annual meeting. We look forward to coming together in fellowship and conducting the business of the cooperative.

Holiday Closing Notice ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Powell Valley Electric Cooperative offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day. As always, cooperative dispatchers will be on duty to answer your emergency calls. Have a happy and safe holiday!

Safety Tips

Shane Bunch
Safety Coordinator



Our nation's farmers are out doing what they do best: feeding and clothing the world. It's harvest season — a time to reap the reward of the hard work that has taken place on farms across the state this summer. Even though we're coming to the close of the crop season, safety still needs to be your top priority.

Each year, around 62 farm workers in the U.S. are electrocuted, according to the National Ag. Safety Database. So, before you jump in the combine, do a thorough look over your fields and locate any potential risks before harvesting. This includes low power lines or poles that will be in the path of your machinery. Remember, it is important to keep everyone safe and never measure line heights yourself.

Most importantly, before you get out in the fields this harvest season, make sure you know what to do in the case of an emergency. If any of your equipment meets an overhead power line, stay in the cab and call 911. Dispatchers will notify Powell Valley Electric Cooperative so that we can quickly de-energize the line. If you have to exit the machinery in the case of a fire, be sure to jump clear and as far as possible. From there, shuffle away slowly, avoiding lifting your feet completely off the ground for at least 100 feet. Electrical current can flow through the vehicle and energize the ground up to 100 feet away from the point of contact. Shuffling greatly reduces the current flow through your body from the energized ground.

We hope you have a safe and successful harvest!

Official Notice: Annual Meeting Order of Business

Powell Valley Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting
Sept. 21, 2024 – Hancock County High School, Sneedville, Tenn.

ANNUAL MEETING – SEPT. 21, 2024

- 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Registration
- 9 a.m. Entertainment by Tennessee 90
- 12 p.m. Call to Order – Roger Ball, President
Invocation
Reports
Business Session – Roger Ball, President

ANNUAL MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Report on number of members present.
2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof, or the waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
3. Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
4. Presentation and consideration of, and acting upon, reports of officers, directors and committees.
5. Election of directors.
 - a. Report of Committee on Nominations.
Pursuant to the Bylaws, the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations. This Committee has met and nominated the following members for your consideration:
District 2 - Ricky West
District 7 - Mike Shockley
District 8 - Logan Shepard
 - b. Report on nomination by petition.
The following nominations were made by petition:
District 2 - Matthew Payne
District 7 - Jack Mullins
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Prizes.
9. Adjournment.

/s/ Judith Robertson, Secretary

**Any customer with special needs, i.e., ramp for access by wheelchair, etc., at the annual meeting location, please notify the cooperative at 423-626-5204.*

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Trimming Trees for Your Wallet's Sake

Money, unfortunately, doesn't grow on trees, but trees can impact your wallets. We realize that tree trimming can be a costly investment, but it is, in fact, key to keeping your electric rates low. Powell Valley Electric Cooperative works hard to maintain growth near our infrastructure to improve reliability, mitigate safety hazards and prevent power outages, which in turn lower your electric bill.

Keeping trees trimmed around power lines improves service reliability. Overgrown trees and branches can create faults, which result in power outages. By maintaining a clear distance between branches and power lines, utilities can provide a more stable and reliable power supply. This results in higher reliability, more satisfied consumers and fewer after-hours outage calls.

Regular tree trimming helps mitigate safety hazards. Those same overgrown trees and branches can pose a great risk to community and crew safety. If the vegetation comes into contact with power lines, it could lead



to electrocution or fires. By keeping trees trimmed, utilities can minimize these risks and cut down the associated costs of both emergency response and potential liability claims.

Trimming trees around power lines also prevents costly damages. Virginia is no stranger to a summer storm or even high winds, and those often lead to trees and branches falling onto power lines. These repairs can be costly for your electric co-op. By regularly trimming trees, Powell Valley Electric Cooperative can reduce the risk of trees and limbs falling on power lines and avoid expensive damage to the power system.

Regular tree trimming around power lines plays a critical role in improving reliability, mitigating safety hazards and preventing power outages. Proper vegetation management can help Powell Valley Electric Cooperative provide lower electric rates and a safer and more efficient energy infrastructure for the communities we serve.

5 Ways to Save on Water Heating

Next to heating and cooling your home, heating the water your family uses eats up more energy than anything else. Here are five ways to cut down on your use of hot water, which could shave a few bucks off of your energy bill.



TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS

Set a timer for four minutes before you hop into the shower. You'll have plenty of time to lather up and rinse off without wasting hot water.

OPT FOR THE DISHWASHER

The dishwasher uses less energy and less water than hand-washing. It also does a better job of sanitizing dishes because it operates at higher temperatures than you typically would when hand-washing.



FIX LEAKY FAUCETS

Even at a rate of one drip per second, that tiny drip can run up your energy bill by up to \$35 extra per year and waste more than 1,600 gallons of water.



WASH CLOTHES IN COLD WATER


Most laundry detergents clean clothes just as well in cold or warm water as they do in hot water. Your clothes will get just as clean without the extra energy use.



ONLY RUN FULL LOADS

Wait until the dishwasher and the clothes washer are full before running them. The fewer loads you run, the less hot water you'll use.






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100MBPS/100MBPS	\$59.95
500MBPS/500MBPS	\$79.95
700MBPS/700MBPS	\$89.95
1GIG/1GIG	\$99.95

LEASED WIRELESS ROUTERS ARE AVAILABLE AT AN ADDITIONAL MONTHLY FEE OF \$5.00.

UNLIMITED PHONE SERVICE IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR \$24.99 PER MONTH.



Need New Appliances? *Now is a good time*

Save a bundle on major appliances during Labor Day sales.

At this time of the year, stores are making room for next year's models of refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, microwave ovens, and washers and dryers, which they introduce in September and October.

They offer deep discounts at end-of-summer sales. Look on retailers' websites for coupons that can shave even more off the price of kitchen and laundry room appliances.

Not ready to buy? Mark your calendars for upcoming sales throughout the year, especially on:

- Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. Look for appliance "packages." You'll save extra if you buy several appliances from the same store at once.
- The week after Christmas. All of next year's new models will be fully in stock by then, so stores will put last year's appliances on clearance.
- New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday are big sale days in January. Also, look for big sales on President's Day in February.
- During the spring, stores advertise sales on small appliances like microwaves and coffee makers that might interest high school and college graduates who will need to furnish dorm rooms or new apartments in the coming months.
- Look for sales on major appliances around Mother's Day and Memorial Day in May and on tools and electronics in mid-June when people are buying gifts for Father's Day.



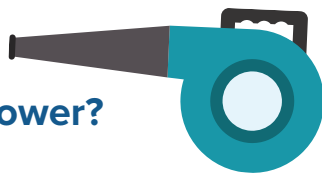
Need a new leaf blower? *Make it electric!*

After years of endorsing gas-powered leaf blowers over electric, Consumer Reports has changed its tune, saying many electric models outperform traditional gas devices for vacuuming, handling and noise.

In fact, the magazine, known for its objective testing of appliances and other products, said in a comparison of leaf blowers that "electric is the clear winner."

"The best electric leaf blowers we've tested match or beat the best gas models in every single test we conduct," the article said. Their only drawback, when compared with gas, the magazine said, is that electric leaf blowers require recharging, which takes some time.

If you're in the market for a lightweight, quieter and still powerful leaf blower, consider a cordless electric model.



Rate Adjustment Effective Oct. 1

As your trusted electric cooperative, our mission is to provide you with reliable and affordable electricity while maintaining the financial stability and sustainability of our operations. We strive to keep you informed about any changes that may impact your service and rates.

Since 2019, we have been passing through a partnership credit from the Tennessee Valley Authority directly to our members. This credit has been a benefit to you, helping to lower your overall electricity costs. However, beginning Oct. 1, the pass-through of the partnership credit will end.

WHY IS THIS CHANGE NECESSARY?

Rising Operational Costs: The costs of maintaining and upgrading our infrastructure, ensuring reliable service and adapting to regulatory requirements have increased. To continue providing the high level of service you expect, we must adjust our rates accordingly.

Ensuring Long-Term Financial Health: It is crucial to maintain the cooperative's financial health to support future investments in infrastructure, technology, and maintenance that benefit all members.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

Starting Oct. 1, the partnership credit will no longer be applied to your bills, resulting in a slight increase in your electricity rates. In 2023, the average residential customer used 1,072 kilowatt-hours per month at a cost of \$121.22. This average monthly bill will rise to \$123.56, an increase of \$2.34 per month.

We understand that any change in rates can impact our members, and we assure you that this decision was not made lightly. We understand that any increase in costs can be challenging, and we are committed to helping you manage this change.

This adjustment is imperative to meet rising energy demands, maintain service reliability, and ensure the long-term financial health of our cooperative.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we make these necessary adjustments. Thank you for being a valued member of our cooperative. Together, we will continue to build a brighter and more sustainable energy future.

TVA has proposed a 5.25% increase to be approved at their next board meeting. At the time this article was submitted this has not been approved. We will provide future information on our website as more information becomes available.