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Baseload power vs intermittent power

What to consider when purchasing an electric vehicle

Which heat pump is best for your home?

Electric safety achievement

On July 23 at 6 a.m., eight representatives from the Minnesota Rural Electric Association and the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives arrived at our cooperative offices for an unannounced safety inspection of our facilities, distribution system, substations and to conduct on-site crew observations. This was all part of MiEnergy's voluntary participation in our national Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP) that focuses on continuous safety improvement and a positive safety culture.

MiEnergy is unique in that our service territory covers both Iowa and Minnesota, and we are an active participant in both electric statewide organizations. This provided a unique opportunity for a team of safety professionals from both states to conduct our on-site observation.

The observation day included:

- Inspections of four facilities in Caledonia, Cresco, Preston and Rushford.
- Examination of our entire fleet to ensure Department of Transportation inspections were completed as required.
- Ensured all fire extinguishers, first aid kits, automated external defibrillators were in working order and all tools properly stored.
- Lifesaving rubber goods were inspected to ensure protection from punctures and damage.
- · Grounding chains and all hotsticks test dates were reviewed.
- Die-electric testing documentation records were

Board room highlights | July 30, 2024

- Journeyman Foreman Steve Bronner presented information on his recent trip to Guatemala through the NRECA International program
- · Dairyland Power Cooperative CEO Brent Ridge provided an update and had a Q&A session with the board.
- Finance Director Johanna Stayskal presented the year-to-date financial report that is tracking close to budget.
- Reviewed the cyber security policy.
- Approved revolving loan fund applications for the Winona Area Industrial Development Association and Stateline Auto Sales.
- · Management provided reports on operations and subsidiaries.
- Discussed an opt out opportunity for Operation Round Up.

The next board meeting will be held at the Cresco office on August 29 at 9 a.m.



• Lineworkers' rubber glove changeouts and exchange

• All administrative areas, service centers and pole yard

electrical infrastructure including several substations

• Following the onsite inspections, the RESAP team

Upon completion of the onsite observations that took

outstanding, meeting or exceeding the criteria established

by our national association in all the applicable categories.

Only two categories identified areas of improvement that

can be immediately improved upon to achieve satisfactory

adjustments, material securement/storage and documented

important, areas identified. All the recommendations from

One might ask why you would subject yourself to such a

rigid unannounced inspection process. This is the absolute

best way to find areas of improvement and to evaluate our

You have heard me say countless times that MiEnergy

Cooperative has a tremendous group of employees. As

CEO, I get to witness this on a daily basis. The RESAP

also at the top of their game when it comes to safety and

compliance. Goal number one is always to make sure our

employees return home safely to their families every day.

I congratulate our employees for their focus on safety

as a shared responsibility and unwavering commitment at

Training Coordinator Brad Pecinovsky for his leadership in

all levels of the cooperative to drive our culture of safety

performance. I also want to thank our Compliance and

As always, I welcome your calls, emails and personal

our cooperative's safety performance.

visits.

onsite observation reaffirms not only that, but that they are

cooperative's operating practices in comparison to other

utilities at a national level. It allows us to incorporate

leading practices in safety and compliance.

performance. Clutter in a storage room, grinder wheel

testing of eyewash stations were some of the small, but

the observation team will be reviewed by the employee

safety committee at our next meeting.

a day and a half, the results were extremely rewarding

in many ways. First, the overall inspection results were

also reviewed our compliance programs.

• The observation team interviewed employees on

safety procedures and practices, performed crew

observations and completed inspections of our

records were reviewed.

facilities were also reviewed.

and underground cabinets.

Heat and cool with heat pumps Check out options to fit your home

Do you have an old heating system and are considering a switch to a heat pump? Could you use help choosing the best option for your home?

Heat pumps have been around for decades. In that time, the technology has come a long way, and they could use a rebrand.

The name heat pump does not reflect the benefit of air conditioning that comes with the technology. Heat pumps are highly efficient because they don't use energy to create



Heat pumps come in a variety of styles and configurations to fit different homes.

heat. Instead, they use energy to move heat-into the home in the winter and out of it in the summer. They typically produce about three times more energy than they use.

The most common types of heat pumps are air source and ground source. Airsource heat pumps transfer heat from the outside air, even if it isn't particularly warm outside. Ground source, or geothermal heat pumps, transfer heat between your home and the ground. Air-source heat pumps are more common because they have a lower upfront price tag.

Heat pumps come in a variety of styles and configurations to fit different homes. Air-source heat pump technology has been popular in warmer climates for decades, but cold-climate versions are now available, too. Here's an explanation of how each type operates:

Ducted air-source heat pumps are ideal for homes with existing ductwork or where ductwork can be added. Replacing an aging central air conditioning system with a heat pump can significantly reduce heating costs.

Ductless heat pumps, or mini-split heat pumps, also draw heat from the outside air. They are a great solution for homes without existing ductwork.

There are many configurations to suit different home layouts. New options on the market allow for coupling with gas or propane backup heat, which might be a good fit for your home. Ductless heat pumps can be an excellent option for homes with wood stoves. This can help home air quality, heat the home without gathering wood and provide air conditioning in warmer months.

Geothermal heat pumps transfer heat from the ground to your home. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, they are even more efficient than air-source heat pumps, reducing energy use by 70% to 80%. They can also heat water for use in the home, which saves on water heating costs.

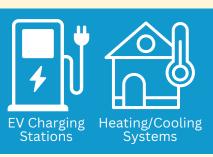
From a user experience perspective, heat pumps are a little different because the heat from the register doesn't feel quite as warm as oil, electric, natural gas or propane heat. That can take a little getting used to, but the efficiency gains and energy savings make the investment worthwhile.

Before buying a heat pump, compare equipment ratings. The higher the rating, the more efficient the equipment. MiEnergy Cooperative has rebates available to members who install air-source heat pumps (both ducted and ductless) and ground-source heat pumps. If it is time to replace your heating system, switching to a heat pump can conserve energy and potentially save on your electric bills.



Don't forget about our rebates!







MiEnergy has a variety of rebates available to members that purchase energy-efficient products and appliances that meet or exceed specific criteria. Those rebates are only available until funds are depleted, or December 31, whichever comes first.

Tax credits and rebates are also available through the Inflation Reduction Act.

Rebate forms and information about the Inflation Reduction Act are available online at

www.MiEnergy.coop/rebates or by calling 1-800-432-2285. View details of the rebate before making purchases to ensure your items qualify.

Where's my rebate check?

MiEnergy does not mail rebate checks. The rebate amount will appear as a line item on your bill with the word "rebate," and the amount will be listed as a credit

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The difference between baseload and intermittent power and why it matters

It's one of those excruciating days when the warm air becomes unbearable. You crank up the air conditioner on the way home from work, and the first thing you do when you get home is turn the thermostat down a couple of degrees.

Thousands of other people respond the same way throughout your area and the entire region. Every air conditioner and fan starts working at full speed to keep everyone cool and comfortable. The end of the workday creates a massive surge in the amount of electricity needed to meet the demand. It's up to the people who oversee the operation of North America's power grid to make sure there's an adequate amount to keep vou comfortable.

It's a challenging task because the amount of electricity that is needed varies throughout each day. While you and your neighbors are asleep, the demand is lower. However, as everyone wakes up, turns on the shower, and starts the coffeemaker, the demand for power climbs quickly.

Our electric grid gathers and distributes power from many sources, including power plants that convert fossil fuels like coal, natural gas and oil into electricity; nuclear power plants; and renewable energy sources, such as wind turbines, solar farms, hydroelectric dams and even landfills. The electricity supplied from these sources is categorized as baseload, peaking or intermediate power.

Baseload power accounts for most of the electricity we use. Always-available power sources are designed to constantly generate large amounts of power, so you and everyone else are assured of a reliable electricity supply whenever you need it. The most familiar examples of baseload sources are nuclear and fossil-fuel power plants and some hydroelectric and geothermal facilities. While baseload plants provide an affordable and dependable power source, they're not engineered to keep up with sudden changes in electricity demand. The companies operating them are unable to turn them on or off quickly.

When the demand for electricity shifts—either gradually or suddenly-grid operators turn to either intermediate or peaking power plants. These plants are designed to start up quickly and adapt their power output to meet the varying demand. In most cases, peaking plants supply more frequent and sudden changes, whereas intermediate plants supply more gradual or slower changes.

Renewable power sources such as solar and wind farms are increasingly used to supply electricity. Both sources provide intermittent power since the amount of electricity generated and the time at which electricity is generated depend upon cooperation from nature. Solar panels can't generate electricity when there's not enough sunlight, and large wind turbines generally don't produce power until the wind speed reaches at least 13 miles per hour. Because intermittent power sources like wind and solar depend on unpredictable weather conditions, they can't be relied upon to deliver predictable and constant baseload power. This is why changes in electricity demand are



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usually met with intermediate or peaking generation powered by more traditional sources like natural gas.

Electric co-op members concerned about climate change may wonder why power suppliers aren't rushing to replace fuels like coal and natural gas with environmentally-friendlier alternatives like wind and solar. If co-ops and other electric utilities switched completely to intermittent sources, they wouldn't be able to meet consumers' needs for reliable power.

One promising technology involves the development of energy storage devices such as batteries that can store excess power generated by wind and solar so it's available even when the weather isn't cooperating. While that technology is advancing, it's still evolving, and large-scale use of such batteries is many years away. Batteries also require large amounts of elements, such as lithium, that must be mined, creating additional environmental concerns.

While electric co-ops are working hard to shift to environmentally-friendlier sources, the realities of differing power needs are why most maintain a diverse mix of energy sources and fuels. Co-op members can help by taking steps to reduce their energy use. For example, switching to more efficient lighting and appliances will not only reduce your monthly electric bill but also reduce the amount of electricity that's needed.

Contact your local electric co-op to learn more about practical ways to use less electricity without sacrificing comfort and convenience. The less power we all use, the less power producers will have to generate.

For more than four decades, business writer Scott Flood has worked with electric cooperatives to build knowledge of energy-related issues among directors, staff and members. Scott writes on a variety of energy-related topics for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association representing nearly 900 electric co-ops

A GUIDE TO Electric VEHICLE OWNERSHIP

The automotive industry is undergoing a transformative shift as many consumers are making the switch to electric vehicles. Electric vehicles, or EVs, offer numerous benefits, from environmental sustainability to cost savings.

Transitioning to an EV requires careful consideration of multiple factors. The following list overviews key aspects of EV ownership and can help you make an informed decision based on your specific needs.

EV KNOWLEDGE

Familiarize yourself with EV basics. Understand the differences between Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV), Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV) and Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEV). Consider your daily, monthly and annual driving needs and evaluate each option.

DRIVING RANGE

Evaluate an EV's driving range when fully charged to ensure it Some plug-in electric vehicles are subject to additional fees to aligns with your daily commute. We often think about a summer compensate for road tax revenue that is typically collected from road trip for our driving needs, but it's important to remember gasoline taxes. Additionally, you may have to pay a higher vehicle there are other options for infrequent, long-distance travel. registration fee for EVs and hybrid vehicles. It's important to be aware of these potential fees when considering the total cost of **HOME & PUBLIC CHARGING OPTIONS** ownership for an EV.

EV ownership offers many benefits. EVs often have fewer Determine if you will need to install a Level 2 charger and if restrictions in High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, allowing for your home's electrical system is compatible. By evaluating your guicker commutes. EVs are exempt from certain inspections due whole home energy use, you can determine if electrical panel to their lack of an internal combustion engine, and they require upgrades are necessary for a Level 2 system. Level 1 chargers no oil changes, leading to lower maintenance costs. And owning typically do not require upgrades. an EV is a fun experience -- drivers can enjoy a fast-accelerating, Research the availability of public charging stations along your auieter ride.

typical routes.

COST COMPARISONS & INCENTIVES

Compare EV prices from multiple dealerships. Sticker prices are higher upfront, but EVs have proven to be cost effective due Jennah Denney writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association representing more than 900 local electric to reduced maintenance and fuel costs. cooperatives.



Explore federal, state and local incentives available for EV purchases. Check with your electric co-op to see if they offer incentives or special rates for EVs. MiEnergy has rebates on home vehicle chargers and EV charging rates available.

MAINTENANCE & BATTERY WARRANTY

EVs typically require less maintenance than conventional vehicles, which can lead to long-term savings. EVs have far fewer moving parts than combustion-engine vehicles, resulting in a streamlined maintenance experience.

Ensure the EV battery includes a substantial warranty. Most manufacturers offer eight-year warranties (or up to 100,000 miles).

INSURANCE IMPLICATIONS & OTHER FEES

Consult with your insurance provider to review potential changes to your policy when owning an EV.

If you're interested in an EV, reach out to MiEnergy to learn more about home EV charger rebates and EV charging rate programs.

Seasonal Summer Shift campaign Still time to participate and discover

As we wrap up the final month of the Summer Shift campaign, we want to explain again why we encourage you to use electricity before 11 a.m. and after 7 p.m. on summer weekdays.

Electricity costs differ depending on the time of day it is being used. Consumers in our regional energy pool use more electricity on summer weekdays between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Think of 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. as electricity "rush hours." All central station generation is on-line and transmission routes reach capacity. That makes the costs high with some cases translating to many multiples of our typical rates.

As a member-owned non-profit electric cooperative, we have no incentive for you to use more electricity than necessary. Our goal is to provide reliable and affordable electricity to our members. One way to make that happen is to educate members on what they can do to make a difference.

The Summer Shift campaign provides an easy way for members to make a difference in their electric costs. It is just three months out of the year (June, July and August) and only on weekdays. We even provide ideas on exactly what you can do between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. that will help.

• Delay the start of the dishwasher.

- Turn up the thermostat a few degrees.
- Shift the start of laundry.

Thanks for your participation in helping keep electric rates affordable for everyone.



SUMMER



Students return from youth event in D.C.

William Carlson, of Houston, and Aleah Eichenberger, of New Hampton, recently participated in the National Electric Cooperative Youth Tour of Washington, D.C. sponsored by MiEnergy.

Each year in June, this weeklong leadership development program provides high school students opportunities to learn about government, the electric cooperative business model and today's pressing issues in the energy industry. Students met their elected representatives in the U.S. House and Senate, toured historic sites and ran their very own Snack Cooperative.

The National Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has been a joint effort of local owned electric cooperatives, such as MiEnergy, their statewide trade associations, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) for 66 years.

In addition to taking in the sights of the nation's capital, all the state groups convened for the Rural Electric Youth Day, sponsored by NRECA, to learn from public figures and other inspirational speakers. For more information on how you can

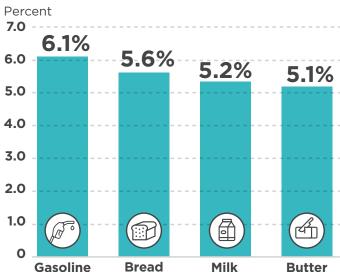
participate in MiEnergy's 2025 Youth Tour program, visit MiEnergy.coop/ vouthtour.



ELECTRICITY REMAINS A GOOD VALUE

Although inflation has led to increasing costs in many areas of our lives, the cost of powering your home rises slowly when compared to other common goods. Looking at price increases over the last five years, electricity remains a good value.

Average Annual Price Increase 2018-2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index

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lloved getting this photo of a . young MiNews reader! I wonder if she was planning a visit to the **Hidden Springs** Peony farm with her mom?

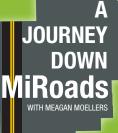


Photo submitted by Kaylee and Levi Henry of rural Riceville. Thanks to the Henry's for sharing this keepsake photo!

Do you have any suggestions for upcoming feature story articles for our Journey Down MiRoads series? Send them to mmoellers@MiEnergy.coop. I'd love to hear from members about what areat thinas our area has to offer! ~ Meagan Moellers

MiEnergy is hosting American Red Cross community blood drives in September. These blood drives are open to the general public. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter MiEnergy to schedule an appointment.



American **Red Cross**

September 5, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cresco office

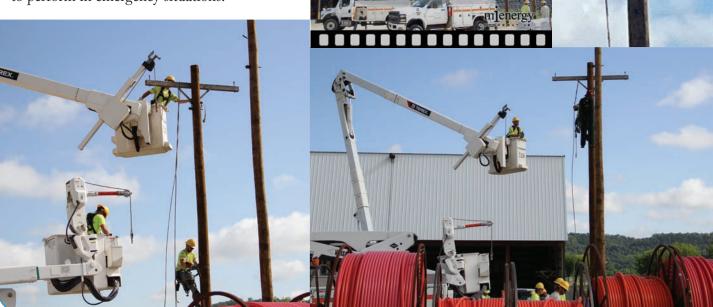
September 25, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Rushford office



Safety training is "top" priority for co-op

Safety is very important at MiEnergy. The annual pole top and bucket rescue practice for climbing poles with fall protection and emergency response is a key part of that training and education.

Watch a video at www.youtube.com/@ mienergycoop where MiEnergy's safety and compliance coordinator, Brad Pecinovsky, explains more about this critical safety training that happens each year at the cooperative ensuring our employees know how to perform in emergency situations.





Connect at the lowa State Fair!

The Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa are pleased to once again sponsor the 4-H Exhibits Building at the 2024 Iowa State Fair. MiEnergy is proud to be a Touchstone Energy member, which means we're part of a nationwide network of locally owned co-ops that provides resources and leverages partnerships to help memberconsumers use energy wisely.

If you're planning a visit to the Iowa State Fair from August 8-18, make sure to stop by the Touchstone Energy booth in the air conditioned 4-H Exhibits Building on the southwest corner of the fairgrounds.

Electric co-op staff from across the state will hand out plastic hard hats and suckers for the kids while supplies last. Kids can also try on some lineworker safety gear and take fun photos in our co-op safety selfie station.

MiRecipes Family Favorites

Submit your family's favorite recipe for consideration to be printed in the December 2024 newsletter. Deadline is November 15. Send to Meagan at PO Box 90, Cresco, IA 52136 or email: mmoellers@MiEnergy.coop. MiRecipes will be printed quarterly in this publication. If we publish your recipe, you will receive a \$5 credit on your next electric bill. Limit one recipe published per member annually.

CHERRY BARS | SARA LAQUA, LEWISTON

1 c. butter 2 c. flour 1 c. sugar 1 can cherry pie filling

Mix butter, flour, and sugar. Place 2/3 of mixture in 9x13" pan and press. Cover with can of pie filling. Sprinkle top with remaining crumbs. Bake at 400° until light golden brown (approximately 18 minutes).

CHICKEN CRESCENT ROLLS | TANYA JOHNSON. ELMA

2 (8 oz. cans) refrigerated crescent roll dough 2 (10.5 oz. cans) cream of chicken soup 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese 3 c. fully cooked shredded chicken 1 pkg. ranch dressing mix 2 green onions (chopped)

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Prepare a 9x13" baking dish by spraying with non-stick cooking spray.
- 2. Pour the canned soup and cream cheese into a medium pot and heat on the stove over medium heat, stirring often, until the cream cheese is melted and incorporated into the soup. Add the ranch dressing n and remove the sauce from the heat.
- 3. Reserve 1 c. of the sauce, then add the rest to a medium mixing bo Add the shredded chicken and green onions; stir well to combine.
- 4. Separate the crescent roll dough and scoop a spoonful of the chick mixture onto the wide end of each crescent roll and fold the long p of the dough over and around the chicken to create a little packet Place each packet into the prepared baking dish.
- Pour the reserved gravy around the chicken packets in the pan. 5.
- Bake for 20-25 minutes until golden brown. Serve warm. Serves 8. 6.

KRINKLE COOKIES | DON KRIVACHEK, FORT ATKINSON

1 box any flavor cake mix (chocolate, red velvet) 1 (8 oz. cool whip) 1egg

Mix all together in a bowl. Drop by teaspoonfuls in powdered sugar. Plac greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 12-15 minutes.

PAPA RUDY'S FAVORITE COOKIES (MONSTER COOKIES) **JOLENE PITZENBERGER-TIMP, JACKSON JUNCTION**

1 c. white sugar 2 c. brown sugar 1/2 c. butter or margarine 3 eggs 2 c. peanut butter 1/4 T. vanilla

1/4 c. flour 2 t. soda 4½ c. oatmeal 1 c. chocolate chips 1/2 c. chopped nuts (optional) 1c. M & M's

Mix the first six ingredients and add the rest. Bake for 15 minutes in a preheated oven at 350°. Cool slightly before removing from cookie sheets. These cookies freeze well.

STRAWBERRY MARGARITA PIE ANGIE LALLEMONT, WINONA

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mix	1/4 c. sugar
	1¼ c. pretzels (crushed)
owl.	$\frac{1}{2}$ c. (1 stick) butter or margarine (melted)
	1 (14 oz. can) sweetened condensed milk
cken	1/3 c. lime juice
point	1 (8 oz. pkg.) whipped topping (thawed)
t.	1% c. strawberries (crushed or pureed)
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,	Mix pretzels, sugar and melted butter in a 9" pie plate. Press firmly into
5.	bottom and up sides of pie plate to form crust. Refrigerate.
	Mix condensed milk, strawberries and lime juice in large bowl until well
	blended. Gently stir in whipped topping. Pour into crust.
	Freeze 4 hours or overnight until firm. Let stand at room temperature
	for 15 minutes or until pie can be cut easily. Garnish with additional
	strawberries and lime slices, if desired.
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	For easy serving: dip pie plate into warm water, just to rim, for 30
	seconds before cutting pie.



Start discussions about electrical equipment and safety when children are young!

Here are some great safety lessons to teach:

DO

- Stay inside after a storm in case there are downed power lines.
- Place a cell phone on a bedside table, not on bedding or under a pillow.
- Find another tree to climb if an overhead power line is nearby.
- Fly kites, drones or other RC toys in an open area away from overhead power lines.

DO NOT

- Do not go near a downed power line.
- Do not use or set plugged-in items near water, including a sink, pool or bathtub.
- Do not go near or enter a substation to retrieve a toy or pet.

Safe

Electricity.org®

Do not try to free an object that is stuck in a power line.

Learn other electrical safety tips at:



WINNESHIEK COUNTY FAIR—DECORAH

MiEnergy sponsored two contests at the Winneshiek County Fair: chocolate chip cookies and homemade apple pie.

Pictured I to r: second place Garv Sacquitne, first place Jenn Rose Novak, third place Harper Novak, judges Johanna Stayskal from MiEnergy, Jessie Woodward and Heather Benzing from Decorah Bank and Trust. There were 20 entries that were judged on appearance, taste and texture.



Pictured front row I to r: Ruth Hageman, Winneshiek County Fair, third place Marian Rovang Rude, judge Alicia Hilgerson from Decorah Bank and Trust, second place Jada Vanden Brink, judge

Lydia Cunningham from Decorah Bank and Trust, first place winner stand-in for Elaine Knutson and judge Kim Larson from MiEnergy.



FARM SAFETY-ST. CHARLES

Above, MiEnergy's Tyler Eide and Lucas Gravos presented at the 4-H Winona County Fair Safety Day Camp and Tractor Safety Certification. The lineworkers presented on electrical safety on the farm at the Winona County Fairgrounds to approximately 25 students in third grade and above.

FARM SAFETY—CALEDONIA

At right, MiEnergy's Chris Horn and Greg Becker were invited to speak about electrical safety on the farm at the Youth Tractor Safety Certification Training at the Houston County Fairgrounds and organized by the University of Minnesota Extension. Twelve youth ages 14 and up partipated in the certification training.











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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Placing heat sources, such as lamps, computers or TVs, near your thermostat can result in false temperature readings, increased energy use and inconsistent cooling/heating. Make sure your thermostat is installed in an area clear direct sunlight and drafts. Ensuring your thermostat is free from these types of interferences optimizes energy efficiency, improves indoor comfort and reduces wear and tear on your cooling/heating system.

Source: Energy.gov



HAPPY LABOR Day

MiEnergy is closed Monday, Sept. 2.

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Planning a digging project in your yard or on your property? If you dig without knowing what is located below, you could damage an underground line.

Not only could you become seriously injured, but you will be responsible for the cost of repairs. To avoid hassles and fines, call 811, the Call Before You Dig number, at least two business days prior to breaking ground. (811 locators do not mark privately owned underground lines or pipes, such as service to outbuildings, sprinkler systems or invisible fences.)

An uneventful digging project is the best kind to have.

