


Norris Electric

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

News

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.

Norris Electric offers the following night lighting:

73-watt LED outdoor light.....	\$7.00 per month
250-watt high pressure sodium directional light	\$17.00 per month
400-watt high pressure sodium directional light	\$20.50 per month
1000-watt metal halide directional light	\$31.00 per month

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

Attention 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, 2017.

Please go on line at www.norriselectric.com to print off an application.



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.norriselectric.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 are able to view Norris Electric's outage map by logging on to our website at www.norriselectric.com. 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.

New employee

Norris Electric would like to welcome Blake Kuhl. Blake was hired as an Apprentice Line Clearance Man.

Blake started employment with Norris Electric on October 31, 2016. He graduated from Lincoln Trail College with an Associate in Applied Science in Telecommunications. Blake worked for a tree contractor crew before coming to Norris Electric. He is currently engaged and plans to plant roots in the Dieterich area. He loves



the outdoors and numerous sports. NEC would like to wish Blake a long and fulfilling career at Norris Electric Cooperative.



Tim Bohnhoff has accepted the position as Office and Member Services Manager of Norris Electric Cooperative. Tim will assume the Office Manager duties while maintaining part of his Member Services Coordinator duties. Tim has worked at Norris for 10 years and with his background and knowledge in the Energy Industry, he is a valuable asset to NEC. We congratulate Tim and look forward to working with him in his new position.



Save the date...

Norris Electric Cooperative will be holding their Annual Meeting on February 11, 2017. Plan to join us for a short meeting, lunch, entertainment and prizes.

Think safety when operating a generator

A generator can be a valuable piece of equipment to keep appliances working during a power outage. Generators can be either temporary or permanently installed.

A permanent generator is wired into a house by a qualified electrician using a transfer switch that prevents a generator from feeding electricity back into overhead lines, which can be deadly for linemen.

A temporary generator is powered by gasoline and should not be attached to a circuit breaker, fuse, or outlet. Before ever purchasing a generator, you need to know the wattage required to run the appliances you will attach to the generator. You also need to know the surge power, which is the power it takes to turn an appliance on.

Once you have purchased the proper generator, follow these tips from Safe Electricity to properly operate your generator:

- Read and follow all manufacturer operating instructions to properly ground the generator. Be sure you understand them before hooking up the generator.
- Never operate a generator in a confined area, such as a garage. Generators can produce numerous gases, including toxic and deadly carbon monoxide. They require proper ventilation.
- Generators pose electrical risks especially when operated in wet conditions. Use a generator only when necessary when the weather creates wet or moist conditions. Protect the generator by operating it under an open, canopy-like structure on a dry surface where water cannot form puddles or drain under it. Always ensure that your hands are dry before touching the generator.
- When you refuel the generator, make sure the engine is cool to prevent a fire, should the tank overflow.
- There should be nothing plugged into the generator when you turn it on. This prevents a surge from damaging your generator and appliances.
- Be sure to keep children and pets away from the generator, which could burn them.
- Shut down the generator properly. Before shutting down a generator, turn off and unplug all appliances and equipment being powered by the generator.
- Remember maintenance between uses. It is also a good idea to inspect the fuel and oil filters, spark plug, oil level and fuel quality and to start the generator on a regular basis before an emergency situation occurs.

For more information on electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.



Home Generator Systems

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 businesses 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 Norris Electric at 877-783-8765.



Six 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! Take a look at these six resolutions that can help you save money all year long.



- 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 goes 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.

Great discounts when you use your Co-op Connection Card!

Highlights for the month of January:



Brown Duck, www.brownduck.com	Free shipping and 20% off on purchases through the website. Use code 20%OFF
Valley Party Supply, Vincennes, IN	\$5.00 off rental of \$50.00 or more!
The Little Theatre on the Square, Sullivan, IL	\$2 off a full price ticket for any main stage production (during ticket reservation)
The Village Framery, Palestine, IL	15% off custom framing or 10% off canvas photo prints. 1 discount per visit, may not be used with other offers.
Street Chiropractic Assoc., Ctd., Olney, IL	25% off 1st day services including exam & necessary x-rays. Excludes workcomp, personal injury, insurance. We accept with insurance pays.

As a Norris Electric Member, make sure to use your free Co-op Connections Card for discounts and valuable offers at local businesses and national retailers for those everyday purchases and gifts. Go online to search for local and national deals by zip code or by category at www.connections.coop.

Need a New Card? Contact us at 1-877-783-8765