



Egyptian Electric News

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Egyptian Electric offers free walk-through energy evaluations for first-time requests

Colder weather typically results in higher energy bills, and with winter in full swing, we'd like to remind you about a free co-op service that can help you boost efficiency and save money.

Whether your home is old or new, chances are you are spending more on energy costs than necessary. Your meter only reads the energy used in a cycle, and energy used translates to dollars. As your trusted energy partner, we believe savings and efficiency are within reach for everyone, and that's why Egyptian Electric offers a Walk-Thru Energy Evaluation free for first-time requests.

An energy evaluation/audit provides a holistic view of your home's efficiency. Understanding how your home uses energy can help determine the best ways to adjust energy consumption, improve problem areas and ultimately keep more money in your wallet. You could say this is a good kind of evaluation to tackle low-hanging fruit.

So how does it work? First, request the Walk-Thru Energy Evaluation by calling our office. The walk-through evaluation is basically as it sounds: Our trained employees will walk through your home, looking at attic insulation levels, foundation insulation, wall insulation and the heating



and cooling system. As there will be no written report, the homeowner will need to be present and ready to take notes. The auditor will discuss any deficiencies they discover and make verbal recommendations to the homeowner. **Carissa Morrison**

A free energy evaluation is just one of the many perks of your co-op

membership, so we hope you'll take advantage of this valuable service!

This evaluation is designed with Egyptian Electric members in mind, putting the power to save in your hands. For more information, visit eeca.coop or call our office at 800-606-1505.



Egyptian Electric
Cooperative Association
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

1732 Finney Road
Murphysboro, IL 62966

Business hours/After hours
800-606-1505

24/7 Automated Pay-by-Phone
844-759-3977

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- At our office lobby, drive-thru, drop-box, or payment kiosk
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- By phone at 844-759-3977, using credit card or checking account
- Off-site kiosks located at 2301 N. Reed Station Parkway and 1815 W. Main in Carbondale



Final opportunity to apply for Youth Tour 2024!

High schoolers, do you need a meaningful experience to add to your resume or college application? This is a unique opportunity you don't want to miss! Each year, Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association (EECA) sponsors at least two high school students to attend Youth Day in Springfield. Of the students chosen for Youth Day across co-ops throughout the state, at least two will be selected for Youth Tour — an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Both trips are an opportunity to explore historical sites, meet lawmakers and witness government in action.

This opportunity is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors attending public or private high schools or otherwise a child of a consumer-member within the EECA service area, including the following districts: Marissa, Sparta, Du Quoin, Chester, Pinckneyville, Murphysboro, Elverado, Trico, Carbondale, Steeleville, Red Bud and Carterville. **Logan Eastman**

All expenses, including transportation, will be covered by EECA.

Applications are available through high school guidance counselors, on our website and at our office, and must be submitted by Feb. 2. For questions, contact Brooke Guthman at 800-606-1505 or bguthman@eeca.coop. Don't miss this chance to enhance leadership skills, make lifelong friends and explore the state and nation's capitals!

MEMBER PRIZES

Every month we will have three member names hidden throughout our Egyptian Electric News section. If you find your name, call our office and identify yourself and the page that it is on and you will win a \$10 credit on your next electric bill.

FIELDS & WIRES SAFETY WORKSHOP

PROVIDED BY:  Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

A SPECIAL EVENT GEARED TOWARDS **FIRST RESPONDERS & FARMERS**



Former lineman, **Gerry Kinney**, will share his incredible story...



...and Meteorologist **Jim Rasor** will provide a weather talk and spring forecast!

FRI, MAR 15
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
1732 FINNEY ROAD, MURPHYSBORO

 LUNCH PROVIDED

REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT EECA.COOP



ELECTRIC SAFETY - WEATHER TALK

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Area rugs are an easy, cost-effective solution to cold floors. Adding area rugs to hard-surface flooring can add warmth to any room and keep your feet cozy on cold winter days. **Edward Vogt**

Choose rugs made from wool or other natural fibers and plush or high-pile textures for the most insulation. Place rugs in areas where you need additional warmth, like the foot of a bed or under a coffee table. Area rugs can enhance the aesthetic of your home and keep you cozier.



HAPPY PRESIDENTS' DAY

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Our office will be closed
Monday, Feb. 19.



When the power goes out, we are working hard to restore it

We hate it when the power goes out just as much as you do. When there is an outage, we work hard to resume service as quickly and safely as possible.

Many times, the reasons for outages are beyond our control. Here are the main reasons the power goes out in the winter months:

- **STORMS** — Conditions brought on by storms, such as high winds, ice, and lightning can interrupt service.
- **TREES AND VEGETATION** — Branches, limbs or trunks can fall on lines or other equipment. Ice and wind can make matters worse. This is why we work so hard to keep power lines and equipment clear.
- **ANIMALS** — It is estimated that **11 percent** of all outages are caused by our furry friend, the squirrel. They love to chew on the weatherproof coating around lines. We put

nonharmful devices on our equipment to make poles harder to climb.

- **ACCIDENTS** — Cars and trucks that have a run-in with a utility pole can cause an outage. The accident may have been caused by icy road conditions or limited visibility during a winter storm.
- **OVERLOAD** — This happens when demand spikes, such as when too many heating systems run on a cold winter day and cause power disruptions.

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

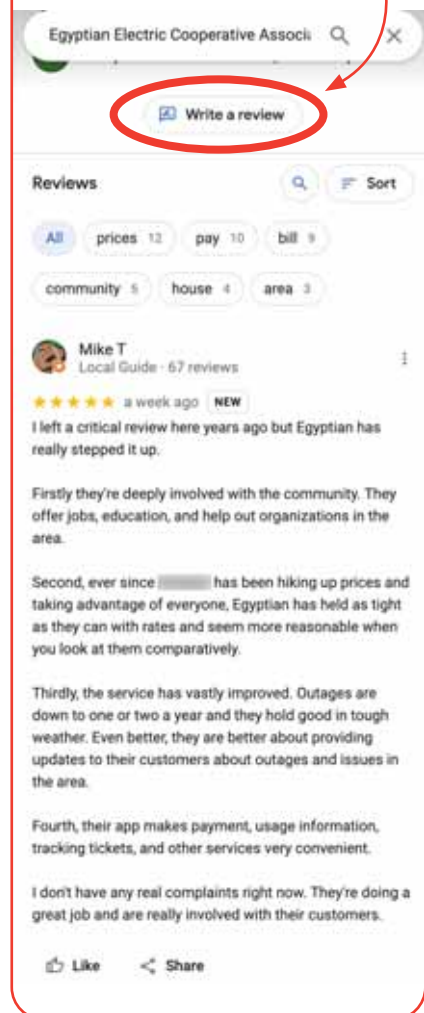
How to report an outage to Egyptian Electric Cooperative

To report a power outage, call our office at 800-606-1505 (This phone number is available 24/7/365), or to report an outage online, log into your SmartHub account or report the outage within the SmartHub app.

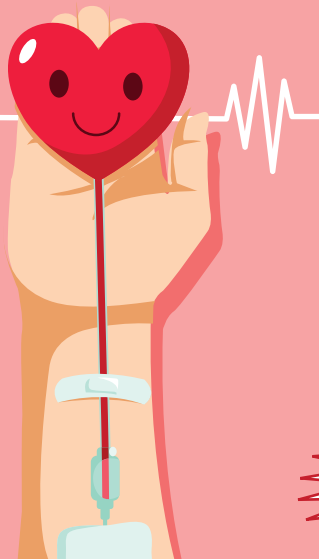


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Your feedback is appreciated, and every piece of input is valuable.



BLOOD DRIVE



Tuesday, Feb. 6

10 a.m.–3 p.m.

**- EECA Headquarters -
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