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We've improved your usage management tools!

Are you looking to view your usage and weather trends by month or even by day? Go to Clinton County Electric's website, www.cceci.com, log into SmartHub, click start now under the View and Manage My Usage box and select a tool.

The Usage Explorer tool provides a detailed look at your past and present usage all in one place. The Average Usage tool shows your typical or average usage for the selected time period. Finally, the Usage Comparison tool lets you compare two bills of usage history side by side.

Please keep in mind, some of the information can only be viewed from the time the Automated Metering System (AMI) was installed. Clinton County Electric started installing AMI back in August 2018 and finished the project in December 2018.

Do not hesitate to call the office Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at 800-526-7282 with any questions.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When it's warm out, avoid using the oven. Try cooking on the stove, using the microwave or grilling outside instead.

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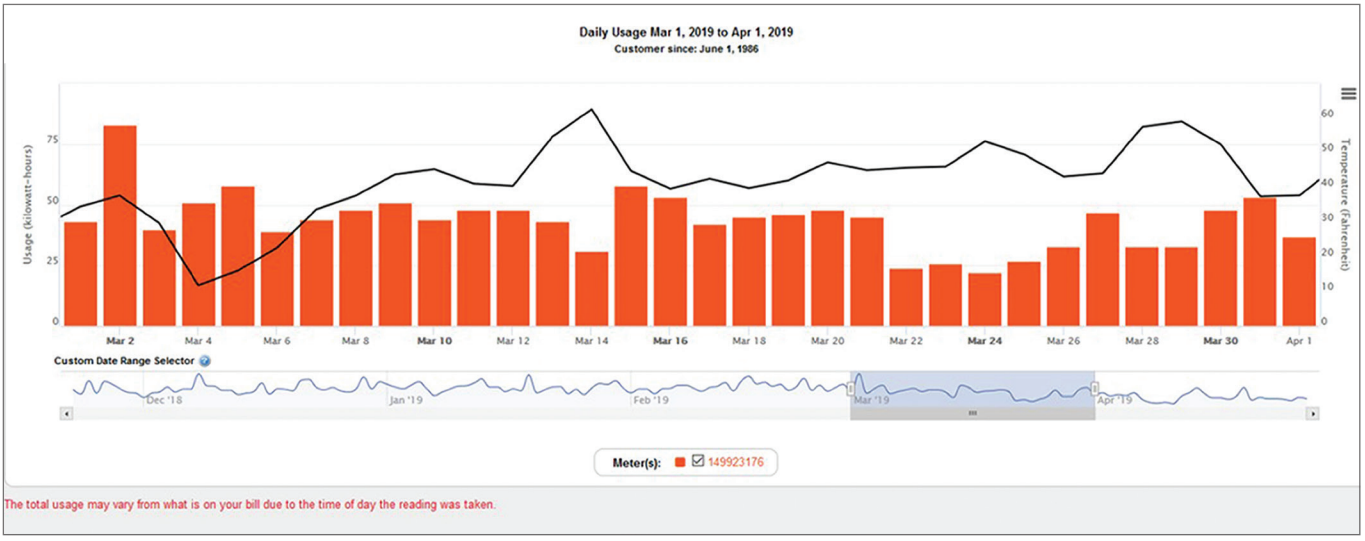

Always assume a downed power line is deadly

Overhead power lines carry thousands of volts of electricity. If a line is down, always assume it is energized and dangerous, even if the power is out in your area. Touching or getting near a live power line injures and kills.

Never approach an accident scene where a line is down or damaged. If you run toward the accident to help, you too could become a victim by entering the energized area.

Power lines can come down or sag close to the ground for a few reasons: severe weather or damage due to a car accident, for instance. And a downed line isn't always visible. After severe weather, lines can lurk underneath water or debris.

Stay clear of all types of utility lines. Even if you think lines might be designated for telephone or cable service, they may have contact with damaged and energized power lines nearby. **Safe Electricity** and **Clinton County Electric Cooperative** offer these additional safety reminders:

- Call 9-1-1 to report fallen or damaged power lines.
- Power lines do not have to be arcing or sparking or making a humming noise to be live.
- Do not attempt to move a downed line or anything it is touching with another object such as a stick or pole. Even materials that don't normally conduct electricity can do so if they are slightly wet.
- Do not step in water or walk in debris near a downed power line.
- Stay at least 10 feet away from the downed power line.
- Do not attempt to drive over a downed power line.
- If a power line falls on your vehicle while driving, do not attempt to drive away or get out. Call for help and STAY INSIDE THE VEHICLE until utility crews say it is safe to get out. If there is a fire or you smell gasoline, hop out without touching the vehicle at the same time and DO NOT WALK, but hop away to safety.
- Line properties can change: Any power line that is dead could become energized at any moment due to power restoration or back feed from backup generators.

Always consider all lines, regardless of the type, energized at deadly voltages. For more information about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.

$2,000 Thomas H. Moore Scholarship awarded

Owen Henderson, a 2019 graduate of Wesclin High School, has been selected as a recipient of the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Scholarship. Owen is the son of Hank and Laurie Henderson of Trenton, Clinton County Electric Cooperative members, and will be attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in the fall to study journalism. Henderson was selected from among 316 applicants.

The Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1994 to provide financial assistance to deserving students. Applicants must be high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school in Illinois. Scholarships are based on grade point average, college entrance test scores, work and volunteer experience and participation in school and community activities.

Each year, 12 $2,000 scholarships are awarded to Illinois students who are sons or daughters of cooperative members, directors and/or employees. Six scholarships are given to students enrolling at a four-year institution; four are reserved for those enrolling in a two-year Illinois community college; one (the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship) is awarded to the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director; and the LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship is presented to a student to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College. To learn how to apply and when applications are open for these scholarships, please contact Carrie Trame, trame@cceci.com.

Clinton County Electric Cooperative President Bob Kroeger (right) presented the Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship to Owen Henderson (left) on Wednesday, May 8 at Wesclin High School's Annual Awards Night.

Sons and daughters of CCEC members are awarded scholarships

Clinton County Electric Cooperative proudly offers two $500 scholarships to senior students from Carlyle, Central, Christ Our Rock Lutheran, Mascoutah, Mater Dei and Wesclin High Schools. The following sons and daughters of Cooperative members were awarded $500 scholarships this past May on behalf of Clinton County Electric Cooperative:

Carlyle High School:

- Jared VonderHaar, son of Carl and Lisa VonderHaar
- Allison Diekemper, daughter of Tony and Brenda Diekemper

Central High School:

- Mackenzie Tebbe, daughter Mark and Dawn Tebbe
- Lexis Wiegmann, daughter of Gary and Sherry Wiegmann

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School:

- Hunter Childress, son of David and Heather Childress
- Jennifer Johnson, Daughter of Daniel and Judith Johnson

Mascoutah High School:

- Taylor Potrawski, parent/guardian is Amy Klein/Nancy Klein
- William Reese, son of Jason and Sharol Reese

Mater Dei Catholic High School:

- Maci Dumstorff, daughter of Brian and Lisa Dumstorff
- Rachel Gerdes, daughter of Robert and Debra Gerdes

Wesclin High School:

- Courtney Lercher, daughter of Shawn and Jennifer Lercher
- Nate Brede, son of Brent and Lisa Brede

Congratulations to all of the sons and daughters of CCEC members who were awarded scholarships in 2019.

OFFICE CLOSURES

The cooperative office will be closed Thursday, July 4, 2019 in observance of Independence Day and Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day. Although the office will be closed, view your account information and pay your bill 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by visiting our website www.cceci.com or by calling 800-526-7282.

Considering Solar?
Call us first!

As interest in "green" energy and ways to save money on utility bills continue to grow, some cooperative members may be considering the installation of a solar array.

Since these types of systems have the capability of returning electricity back to the electric grid, there are some major safety considerations to sort through before a system is installed.

Before deciding to buy a solar array, examine the economics to determine if such a system will lower your monthly electricity costs. If you do decide to install a solar array, contact our office as early as possible in the process.

A CCEC representative will provide information on our interconnection process and policies, as well as answer any questions you may have. That way, you and your installer will have the information needed as you progress with your system.

For more information on CCEC policies and requirements, please contact the office Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 800-526-7282.

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