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**TO REPORT SERVICE
INTERRUPTIONS, PLEASE CALL**

855-865-2229, (OPTION 1) DAY OR NIGHT.

Have the phone number associated with your account ready when reporting outages. Please limit after hours calls to emergencies and outage situations.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Daniel Houchin, District 1
- Randy Roberts, District 2
- Danny Easterday, District 3
- Rodney Hager, District 4
- Ben Lindsey, District 5
- Brian Hawkins, District 6
- George Key, District 7

REMC SENIOR STAFF

- Matthew C. Deaton, *General Manager/CEO*
- Marcy Bennett, *Office Manager*
- Misty Tincher, *Accountant*
- Mark Belcher, *Member Services Manager*
- Billy Chastain, *Electric Operations Manager*
- Charlie Rollins, *Fiber Operations Manager*



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Are you ready for spring storms?



If you've lived in Indiana any length of time, you know how unpredictable the weather can be, especially in the spring months.

While we hope for gentle spring

showers, we have been known to get thunderstorms, and even the occasional tornado in March or April. Snow and ice are also rare possibilities.

While Orange County REMC works hard to provide you with a constant supply of electricity, Mother Nature sometimes packs a big enough punch to bring down power lines, snap poles or damage transformers. When this happens, we work to respond as quickly as possible. However, larger outages can take longer to restore. Here are a couple of things members can do to make life a little easier during an outage.

PHONES AND MOBILE DEVICES

In this age of mobile technology, most of us depend on a cell phone, and may also use a tablet or laptop to stay connected and gather information. There are now several types of battery banks on the market with USB outputs, that are great for charging these types of small mobile devices when you can't plug into a conventional outlet. Some even have a solar panel, allowing you to charge the power bank without using electricity. Alternatively, you can charge

the power bank with a 12v port in your car and have it ready to power your devices.

LIGHTING

Portable lighting has come a long way since candles and kerosene lamps. Make sure you have several LED flashlights around. The LED bulbs are very bright, and use a fraction of the battery power of older type flashlights. You can get excellent light output from flashlights using tiny AAA batteries, or you can find flashlights that have a rechargeable battery and can double as a power bank that can be used to charge your phone or tablet.

GENERATORS

Most people automatically think about having a generator for back-up power. That is a great option, as long as you follow a few important safety steps. Either make sure you plug a few needed appliances directly into your generator, or have a transfer switch installed by a qualified electrician to keep the generator from back-feeding power onto our lines and putting our linemen at risk. Also, keep your generator outdoors (never in a garage or enclosed porch) to avoid deadly carbon monoxide in your home.

As always, if you see downed power lines or damaged electrical equipment, please stay away from it, and contact Orange County REMC immediately.

MATTHEW C. DEATON
General Manager/CEO

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Rate Schedule

How to compute your monthly electric bill:

Use this information to figure your bill for electric use in January, February and March.

Rate Schedule for Standard Service

Standard Service Consumer Charge.....	\$26
Standard Service Energy Charge.....	\$0.1124
Wholesale Power Cost Tracker ..	\$0.0032734
Total bill x Indiana sales tax	7%

Example for 1,200 kWh

Standard Service Consumer Charge.....	\$26
1,200 kWh @ \$0.1124	\$134.88
Wholesale Power Cost Tracker	
1,200 kWh @ \$0.0032734.....	\$3.93
Total	\$164.81
Indiana sales tax	\$11.54
Total bill	\$176.34

Rate Schedule for Time-of-Use Service

Time-of-Use Consumer Charge.....	\$30.90
Energy Charge On-Peak	\$0.1671
<small>(On-Peak: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday–Friday, EST)</small>	
Energy Charge Off-Peak.....	\$0.0691
Wholesale Power Cost Tracker .	\$0.0032734
Total bill x Indiana sales tax, 7%	

Example for 300 kWh (On-Peak)

and 900 kWh (Off-Peak)

Time-of-Use Consumer Charge.....	\$30.90
Energy Charge On-Peak	
300 kWh @ \$0.1671	\$50.13
Energy Charge Off-Peak	
900 kWh @ \$0.0691	\$62.19
Wholesale Power Cost Tracker	
1,200 kWh @ \$0.0032734.....	\$3.93
Total	\$147.15
Indiana sales tax	\$10.30
Total bill	\$157.45

Rate Schedule for Security Lighting

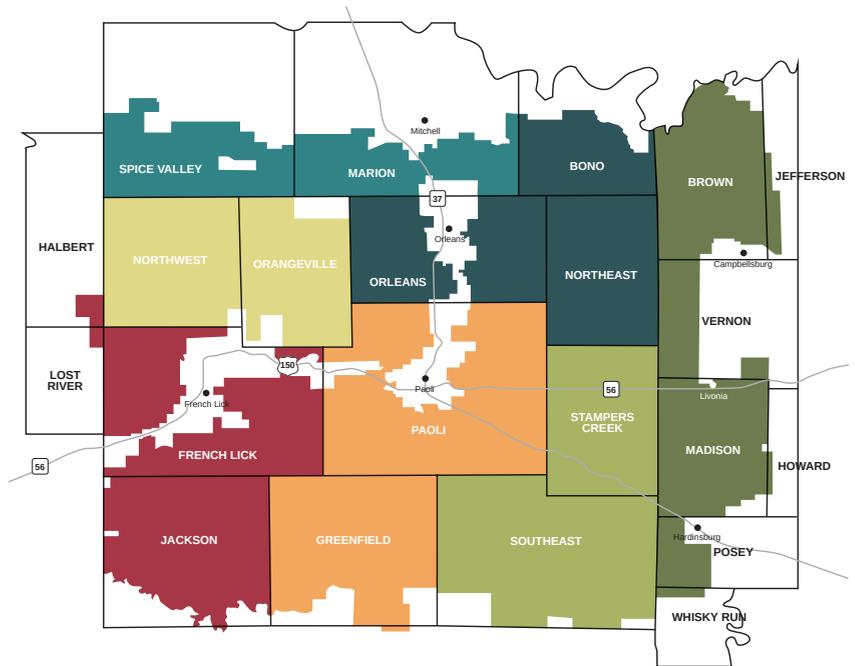
Security Lighting: 100 W HPS	\$9.82
Security Lighting: 40 W LED.....	\$9.82

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2021 Timeline for REMC director election

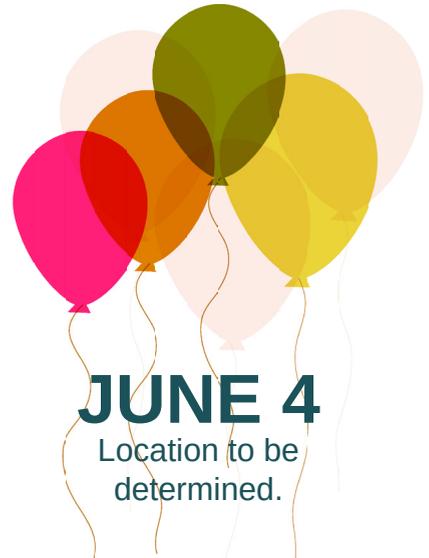
All REMC members who register and attend the Annual Meeting can vote for directors to serve the districts that are up for election in that calendar year. The information below details when deadlines occur in the election process. Incumbent directors whose terms expire in 2021:

Danny Easterday, District 3

Brian Hawkins, District 6

- Incumbent names published in the March issue of Indiana Connection magazine.
- Petitions of nominations due by April 20.
- Nominations by the board (absent incumbents seeking re-elections or petitioners) by April 20.
- Full slate of candidates posted and mailed by May 14. All candidate biographies published in the May or June issue of Indiana Connection.
- Election at annual meeting on June 4.

SAVE THE DATE



JUNE 4

Location to be determined.

2021 Orange County REMC ANNUAL MEETING

The Orange County REMC office will close at noon so employees can prepare for the Annual Meeting.

Registration will open at 4:30 p.m.

Features of the 2021 Annual Meeting will include:

- Catered Meal
- Entertainment
- Children's Activities
- Business Meeting
- Director Election
- Prize Drawing



DEMOCRATIC

MEMBER CONTROL

WHO'S IN CHARGE? CONSUMERS LIKE *you* CONTROL THE COOPERATIVE

The second cooperative principle, "democratic member control," states that co-op consumers like you control your cooperative. You play a role in setting policies and making decisions. Not only can you vote for your board representatives, you can run for the board yourself.

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**COOPERATIVE
PRINCIPLES**



It's still humid when it's cold outside

If you see condensation on your windows, it means the panes are not efficient enough to keep the cold air out.

Same goes in the summer: Single-pane windows are not high-quality enough to keep your cool, air-conditioned air indoors.

Those foggy windows are trying to tell you something: Replace them.

Moisture in the air condenses when it touches a cold surface, causing the glass to "sweat" like a cold glass of iced tea on a hot day. Condensation can form on the glass and even pool on the window sill. And like any excess moisture, it can eventually lead to mold and mildew. It also can damage your windows over time.

One solution: Replace drafty, single-pane windows

with double-pane versions that are more energy efficient. Here are four other ways to cut down on condensation:

- 1 Install ventilating fans in every bathroom and turn them on before every shower.** Let the fan run until the "fog" clears out of the bathroom, but no longer.
- 2 Use the hood fan over your stove when you cook.** Cooking sends moisture into the air — along with lingering odors. The fan will rid your home of those smells and humidity.
- 3 Vent your clothes dryer to the outside.**
- 4 Limit your use of humidifiers indoors.** It's possible to add too much moisture to indoor air.

Energy savings: Think about it

Saving energy isn't difficult, but it's not automatic. You need to plan to buy energy-efficient appliances and to develop energy-wise lifestyle habits.

Here are 11 easy things to do around the house to save electricity and pare down your energy bill:

- 1** Install a programmable thermostat to help you save energy while you work and sleep.
- 2** Wash your clothes in cold water and do only full loads.
- 3** For dinner, choose a meal you can cook in the microwave, slow cooker or pressure cooker.
- 4** Don't preheat the oven unless making bread.
- 5** Keep your refrigerator full but allow air to flow between items.
- 6** Reduce the temperature on your water heater to 120 F to save money and prevent scalding.
- 7** Unplug second refrigerators or freezers if you can't keep them full. Otherwise, fill vacant space with water or ice.
- 8** Use your clothes dryer's moisture sensor cycle. This shuts it off when clothes are dry even if the cycle hasn't finished.
- 9** Turn off the drying function on your dishwasher and crack the door to allow dishes to air dry.
- 10** Shut off your computer if you will be gone for more than 20 minutes.
- 11** Unplug cell phones chargers, laptop batteries, and other small appliances when not in use.