



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Are we there yet?

Are we there yet? Typically, on a family vacation, the kids will ask just after leaving home, “How much longer?” A couple hours into the trip, the question of “Are we there yet?” comes up. So, this should fit perfectly for many families during a normal summer, heading to the beach or to a family reunion out of state or a theme park adventure. But this is not a normal year — maybe there isn’t a road trip planned because of the pandemic or other more pressing family concerns this summer. Hopefully by now, your cooperative will be back to more normal activity. We have been doing all the recommended social distancing practices and attempting to keep our employees and members safe. We have continued to stay open to provide the best service possible to you, our member-owners. Thank you for understanding some of the temporary changes that we had to implement.

This time of year may be vacation time for many of you, but it is the time of year when your cooperative needs to keep an eye on high demand with the extreme heat and hot weather that July and August can bring. This

can prompt the peak alerts that you will hear from time to time. Please pay attention to these messages because if we can control the peak, it helps contain costs all year long for you. If you have concerns about high usage, don’t hesitate to call and ask for an energy audit from our member services department. We hope that by now we can come to your home and do an in-person audit and if not, they can do a good job over the phone.

Are we there yet? Those words can be so annoying and stressful on a family vacation, but in these days that folks have been staying at home, it will be a welcome sound to be able to get away once again. While you are enjoying the summer, rest assured that Guernsey-Muskingum will be preparing to keep the lights on for when you return home. I hope you all get to enjoy the words “are we there yet?” one more time this summer.



Brian Hill
GENERAL
MANAGER/CEO





Ray Crock

Five home energy hogs

We're all familiar with the advice to keep our thermostats turned up in summer, to turn off lights we aren't using, and to unplug electronics that draw energy even when they aren't in use. But while you're taking those steps, other energy hogs may be increasing your energy use.

1. Old fridge or freezer in the garage

That second fridge or freezer may be costing more than you think. If the model was produced prior to 1990, it's likely using twice as much energy (or more) than a newer ENERGY STAR-rated model. If it's located in the garage, it may run constantly in the summer, which could lead to higher electric bills.

2. Cooling or heating an uninsulated area

Cooling or heating an uninsulated workshop or garage can be expensive. Pet owners have been known to heat and cool an uninsulated garage to keep pets comfortable, not realizing that this might be costing more than heating their actual home. If you really want to heat or cool these types of spaces, they need to be well insulated and heated/cooled efficiently, perhaps with a ductless mini-split system.

3. Hot tub

The average operating cost of a hot tub is \$250 per year. But that amount may be higher if your hot tub is an older, less efficient model, or if you live in a colder climate. A

smaller hot tub with better insulation, a cover, and a pump that runs on a lower voltage will use less energy than other models. In the end, getting a good deal on a used hot tub may cost more in energy bills in the long run.

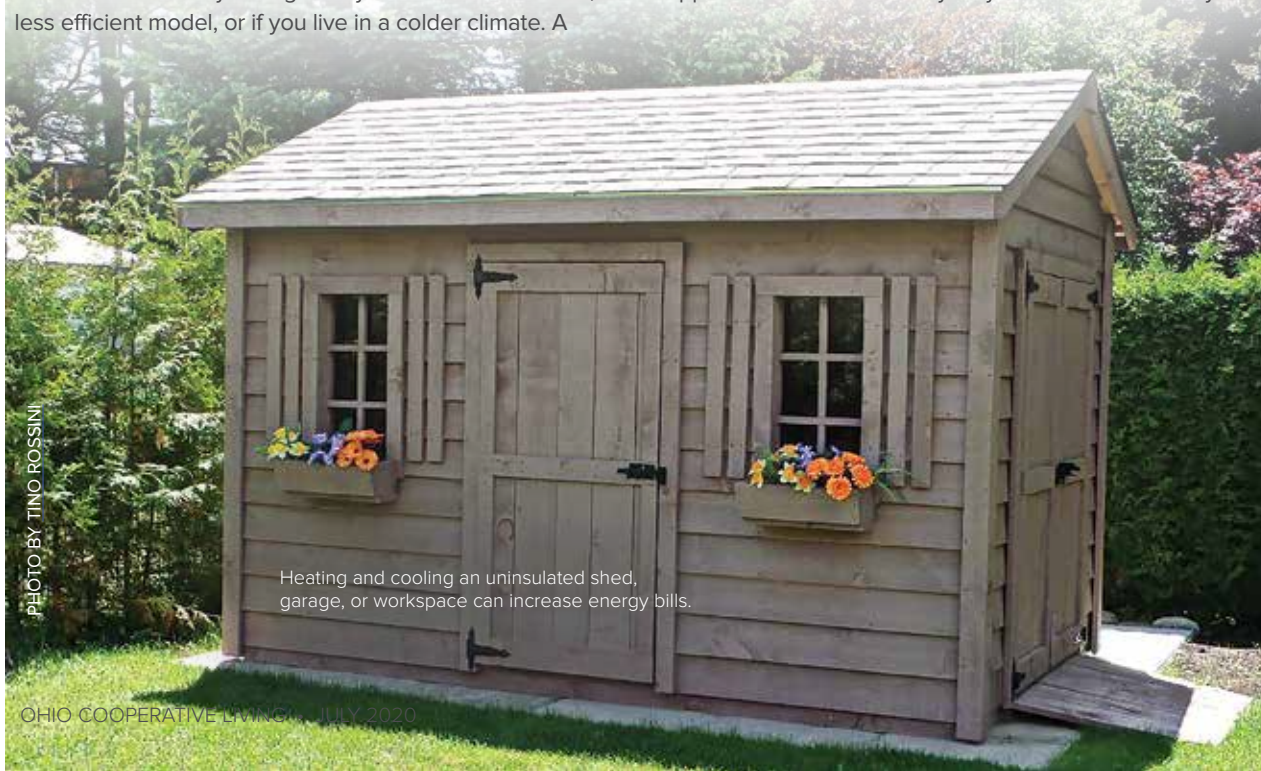
4. Swimming pool

If you have a swimming pool, consider installing a smaller, more efficient pump and reducing how often it runs. You can also look at installing a larger filter and maximizing the flow of water through the pipes by making them larger and reducing how sharply the corners turn. These measures could cut your electric use for the pool pump by as much as 75%. Consult with a pool installation specialist to find the most efficient setup that will still keep your pool clean.

5. Pumps

If you live on acreage or on a farm, you probably have several pumps, including irrigation, well, septic, and sump. If you're like most of us, you use those pumps until they break down. Consider replacing the oldest and most-used pumps over time with new, more efficient ones that are sized correctly for their task. Also, make sure you're eliminating leaks in the water lines, which make your pumps work harder and longer.

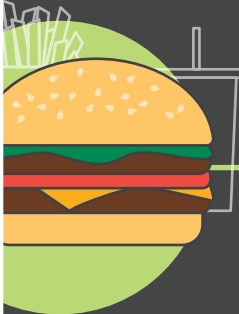
Turning a critical eye to some of the unexpected energy-users in your home can help you identify energy hogs that could be gobbling up electricity. An energy audit is a valuable tool for professional assistance in identifying opportunities to save money on your summer electricity bills.



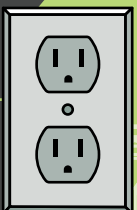
Heating and cooling an uninsulated shed, garage, or workspace can increase energy bills.

PHOTO BY TINO ROSSINI

THE VALUE OF ELECTRICITY



\$5.30
average cost of a Big Mac® value meal




\$3.87
average daily cost of power

Electricity is expressed on a daily basis using EIA 2018 Average U.S. Monthly Residential Bill of \$117. Big Mac® is a registered trademark of McDonald's Corporation. McDonald's Corporation does not endorse or sponsor this material.

Sources: Economist.com and EIA, 2018 data.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Spending more time at home? Try an online energy audit to assess the overall efficiency of your home. Visit www.energystar.gov, then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started!

**11th ANNUAL
FARM SCIENCE REVIEW
BUS TRIP
Wednesday, Sept. 23**

Yes, I/we would like to join our co-op and ride in a Muskingum Coach Tour Bus to the Farm Science Review in London, Ohio.

Seats will remain at \$25 each this year.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____. Please make check payable to GMEC.

**DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE TRAFFIC,
LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US!**

Your ticket covers the bus trip to and from the event and your ticket to the Farm Science Review.
Bus departs Cambridge at 6 a.m.,
and Zanesville at 6:30 a.m.

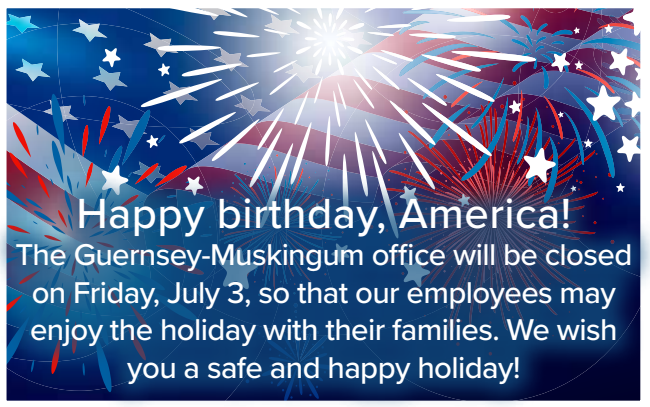
Mail or return to:

**Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc.
17 S Liberty St, New Concord, Ohio 43762**

For more information, call member services
at 800-521-9879.

I WILL BOARD THE BUS AT

CAMBRIDGE ZANESVILLE



Happy birthday, America!
The Guernsey-Muskingum office will be closed on Friday, July 3, so that our employees may enjoy the holiday with their families. We wish you a safe and happy holiday!

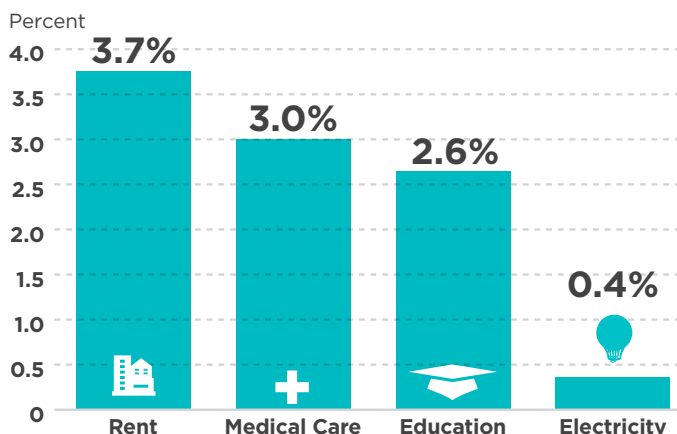


GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CURRENTLY SPEAKING

ELECTRICITY REMAINS A GOOD VALUE

The cost of powering your home rises slowly when compared to other common expenses. Looking at price increases over the last five years, it's easy to see electricity remains a good value!

Average Annual Price Increase 2014-2019



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



Haven Hodcroft



Adam Steer

Holdcroft and Steer promoted

Haven Holdcroft and Adam Steer were recently promoted to the position of crew leaders, beginning their new duties in May. Haven has been with the cooperative since 2011, and Adam started in 2014. Good luck,

Congratulations!

Is your name and account number here?

If it is, call the cooperative's office and receive a FREE home change-out to LED lightbulbs (limit six bulbs). Thanks for reading the local pages of *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine.

#12-0050-51-02..... Tracy Payton
#11-0738-60-00 Carl Dearing
#68-0041-67-17 Keryssa D Williams
#46-0068-20-02 ... Billie D Tarpley

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Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

ELECTRIC RATES

Farm and Home Service rate schedule R-1*
Service Availability Charge — \$22/mo.
First 500 kWh/month — 12.369¢/kWh
Over 500 kWh/month — 11.045¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service rate schedule S-1*
Service Availability Charge — \$360/yr.
First 800 kWh/yr. — 19.969¢/kWh
800 to 6,000 kWh/yr. — \$10.845¢/kWh
Over 6,000 kWh/yr. — 11.045¢/kWh
(Minimum annual charge — \$360/yr. for service between March 1, 2020, and Feb. 28, 2021)

Commercial Service rate schedule C-1*
Service Availability Charge — \$24/mo.
First 1,500 kWh/mo. — 12.769¢/kWh
Over 1,500 kWh/mo. — 11.045¢/kWh

*Rider T — Kilowatt-Hour Tax applies to all rate schedules and must be added to the rates shown.

First 2,000 kWh/mo. — 0.465¢/kWh
Next 13,000 kWh/mo. — 0.419¢/kWh
Over 15,000 kWh/mo. — 0.363¢/kWh

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