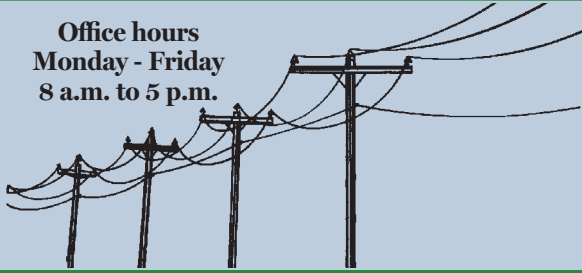


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8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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To report a power outage: 888-256-9858

Your call will be answered by the Cooperative Response Center. Give them the name on your account, service address and a telephone number where you can be reached.

They will dispatch a line crew to restore service.

Be sure to check your fuse or breaker system before reporting a power outage.

Jackpot news!

Gary Haas of rural Malinta reported spotting his hidden account number in the December issue of *Country Living*. He won half the jackpot and received a check for \$30. Joseph Cox of rural Swanton would have won the same amount if he had reported finding his account number.

Your account number is on your bill statement. Disregard the zeros at the left in the number, but consider any zeros to the right when converting your number to words.

The hidden account numbers always are in Tricounty's local pages of the magazine. The jackpot now stands at \$60. So read *Country Living*, find your hidden account number, report it and win!

Get to know your co-op network

The power behind the power

EVERY DAY, Tricounty is hard at work to make sure all of our members have the electric power they need at the best possible price. And behind the scenes, we are working with a network of cooperatives to make that happen. One five six four zero zero four.

Tricounty is a part of Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, the wholesale power supply cooperative and statewide service organization for the 25 co-ops serving Ohio. Owning our power provider gives us more control over supply and pricing, and service support helps us work more efficiently, thanks to collaboration with our peers in the state.

As you know, every month we generate an electric bill that we send to you. We use the National Information Solutions Cooperative to ensure we can apply the latest technology, help lower your energy costs and send timely, accurate bills to you.

No business can operate without several different types of insurance, such as general liability, auto and worker's compensation. So once again, along with other electric cooperatives across the country, we are members of Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange. This allows us to maintain reliable coverage at an affordable price.

It also takes a whole lot of "stuff" to operate an electric co-op, such as poles, wires, transformers and many other items that you may not see. This is why we partnered with other Ohio co-ops to create RESCO, or the Rural Electric Supply Cooperative. The power of this co-op allows us to have quick access to all the materials we need at the best price.

Tricounty is also a member of Touchstone Energy®, a nationwide alliance of 750 local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives. Our participation allows us access to a wealth of educational materials. It also allows us to benchmark our performance in comparison with other co-ops so that we can learn from others as we constantly strive to serve you better.

Finally, Tricounty is part of the Cooperative Response Center, which allows us to answer your calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

So, while you are a member of one electric co-op, you are actually connected to many other co-ops. And being connected to this cooperative network ensures your needs are met in the most efficient and cooperative way possible. ☺

Your elected representatives

on the Tricounty Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Board of Trustees



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OUR SERVICE AREA is divided into seven board districts, each with a member-elected representative who sits on the cooperative's board of trustees. A nominating committee selects candidates for the position of trustee from cooperative members residing in the district up for election who have expressed an interest in serving. The entire membership votes on candidates at the annual meeting.

The seven-member board meets at the cooperative's headquarters, normally on the last Wednesday of each month. The trustees are responsible for cooperative policies, rates and objectives and regularly review the cooperative's operating performance. As representatives of the rural community, they communicate the problems and needs of the membership.

District I —

Dover, Pike, Fulton and York townships; sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 28, 32 and 33 of Swan Creek Township SW; and sections 9, 16 and 21 of Swan Creek Township NW, Fulton County.

District II —

Washington and Liberty townships, Henry County.

District III —

Pleasant, Napoleon, Flatrock and Marion townships, Henry County; and Liberty and Van Buren townships, Putnam County.

District IV —

Harrison and Monroe townships, Henry County.

District V —

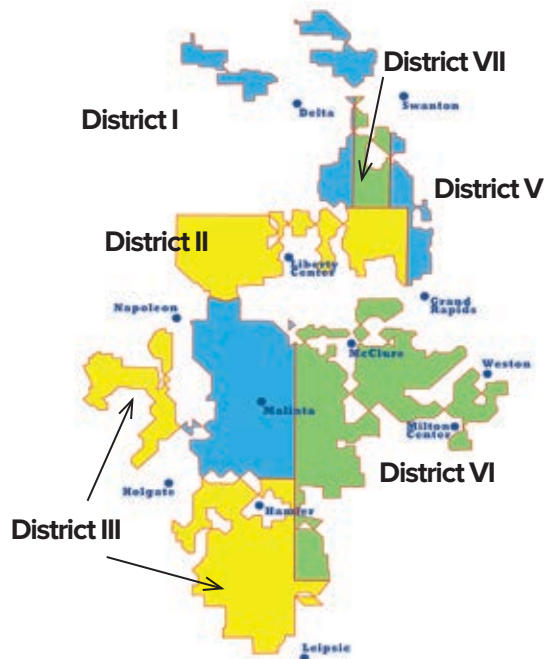
Providence Township, Lucas County; sections 1, 12, 25 and 36 of Swan Creek Township SE; and Section 24 of Swan Creek Township NE, Fulton County.

District VI —

Damascus, Richfield and Bartlow townships, Henry County; and Grand Rapids, Milton and Weston townships, Wood County.

District VII —

Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 26, 27, 34 and 35 of Swan Creek Township SE; and sections 10, 15, 22 and 23 of Swan Creek Township NE, Fulton County. ☞



Last call to claim capital credits

In December 2011, we mailed capital credits refund checks to current and former members for 70 percent of the 1998 allocation. Of these, about 100 checks totaling \$17,497 still are unclaimed. If you know the whereabouts of any of these people, have them contact our office. These former members or their heirs must claim their checks by Feb. 28, 2016. Two one nine zero zero zero six.

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**YOUTH
TOUR 2016**

HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS:

*Interested in a life-changing leadership
experience in Washington, D.C.?*

June 10-16

What is Youth Tour?

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is an annual leadership program coordinated by Tricounty and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives. It's a weeklong, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., that gives exceptional high school students the opportunity to meet with their congressional leaders at the U.S. Capitol, make new friends from across the country and see many of the famous Washington sights.

Electric cooperatives from 43 states will send about 1,600 students this year for the annual tour. **Will you be one of them?**

To apply for the Youth Tour:

Successful applicants:

- must be a high school sophomore or junior.
- must be a son, daughter or legal ward of a Tricounty member living on the cooperative's lines and receiving electric service from the cooperative at the time of selection.

How will the finalist be chosen?

Tricounty will sponsor one student on the Youth Tour. Interested students should complete and return a test on rural electric cooperatives to Tricounty by **March 31**.

**Yes! I am interested in hearing how I can be part
of the trip to Washington, D.C., this summer.**

Name _____

Address _____

ZIP _____ Phone _____

Sophomore Junior

Mail to: Tricounty REC, Inc.
 P.O. Box 100
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**OHIO'S ELECTRIC
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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives

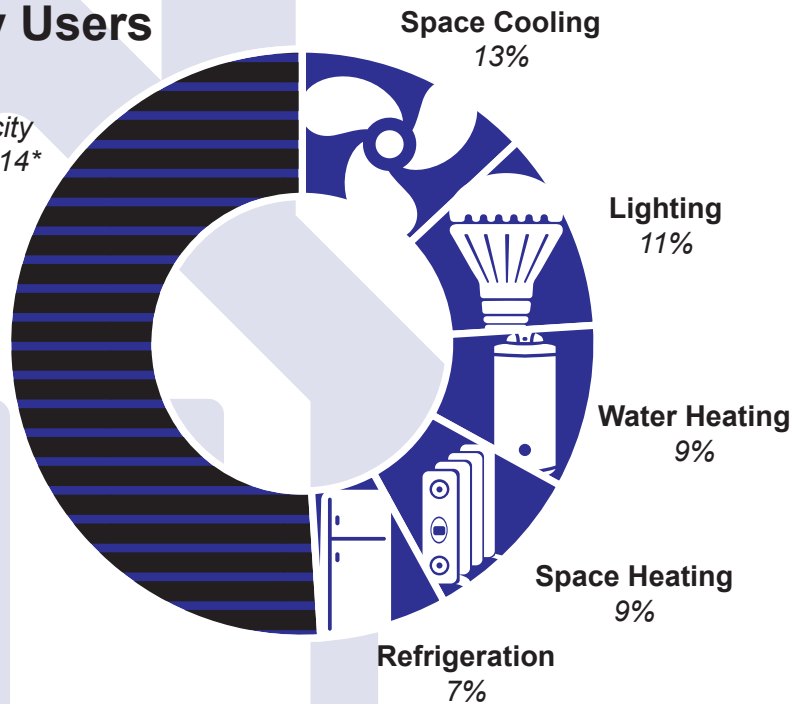
Top Five Energy Users in U.S. Homes

Estimated residential electricity consumption by end use, 2014*

Other uses include TV, set-top boxes, home entertainment and gaming systems, monitors and networking equipment, clothes dryer, small electric devices, heating elements and motors.



America's Electric Cooperatives



*Source: EIA



DANGER! Outlet Overload

Every year, U.S. fire departments respond to an estimated **25,900 home electrical fires**. These fires cause an estimated **280 deaths**, **1,125 injuries** and **\$1.1 billion in property loss**.

Thirty-nine percent of home electrical fires involve outlets, receptacles and other electrical wiring.

To ensure your safety, you should only use about 80 percent of the available current for each electrical outlet in your home.

Are you overloading outlets?
Use this formula to find out:

WATTAGE/VOLTS=AMPS

Example:

Let's say you are using 2,000 watts of power for one outlet. Divide the watts by the volts in your home, typically 120, and you come up with 16.6 amps of current being used. With a 20-amp electrical outlet, you are using about 80 percent of the available current.

Source: U.S. Fire Administration, Home & Garden