

# INTER-COUNTY ENERGY

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## *Merry Christmas*

**MAY YOUR  
HOLIDAY BE  
MERRY AND  
BRIGHT!**

**INTER COUNTY**  
ENERGY COOPERATIVE

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 



# Install carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas

Carbon monoxide detectors are a must if you heat your home with a gas furnace or use other gas appliances at home.

You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, which is a potential byproduct of burning fossil fuels. Your home should have at least one carbon monoxide detector to alert you of the presence of gas. Follow these safety guidelines:

If you install only one carbon monoxide detector, put it near the bedrooms so it can alert your family to wake up in case levels of the gas reach an unhealthy level. Better: Place a detector on every floor of the house.

Keep your detectors at least 15 feet away from a gas stove or oven, which may emit a small amount of carbon monoxide on startup.

Detectors don't operate properly in humid areas like the bathroom.

Replace the batteries in your alarms twice a year.

Properly maintain your gas appliances, including the furnace and stove. The same goes for devices that use gasoline.

Know the warning signs of too much carbon monoxide in the house: Stuffiness, stale air; condensation on windows; yellow burner flames on the stove; and fluttering or extinguishing pilot lights.

If you notice signs of carbon monoxide or your alarm sounds, get out of the house. Call a natural gas contractor to inspect the equipment.

If your garage is connected to your house, avoid idling your car. Car exhaust is a source of carbon monoxide.



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*Inter County Energy will be closed December 24–25 and January 1 in celebration of the Christmas holiday and New Year's Day.*

*Please contact our 24-hour outage line in case of an emergency/outage at (888) 266-7322.*

*We hope everyone has a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, from our Inter-County Energy family to yours.*

ANNA NIKOTANGIERNE/ADOBE STOCK



ALENGANG/HELVA/ADOBE STOCK

## SWEETS AND PHOTOS with Santa

FREE EVENT | TREAT BAGS | TAKE YOUR OWN PHOTO

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024 | FROM 3–6 PM

Inter-County Energy  
1009 Hustonville Rd, Danville

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# Safe toys mean healthy, happy kids

December isn't just the month when you buy the most toys and gifts. It's also National Safe Toys and Gifts Month. Buy toys that are age appropriate so your gift will be both fun and safe. Here is a checklist for buying safe toys:

Check the minimum age recommendation on the package. Buy a gift that suits a child's age, ability and interest level.

Supervise children while they are using electronic toys. Put the toys away

afterward in a dry area out of smaller kids' reach.

Explain to the child how to use the toy. If it plugs in to the wall, teach the child how to safely use electrical outlets. Demonstrate how to unplug by pulling on the plug itself, not the cord.

Look for the letters ASTM, which mean the toy meets the American Society for Testing and Materials' safety standards.

Keep an eye out for toy recalls online at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).



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## Advanced meter project update

Remaining focused on reliability and efficiency standards is our commitment to our members with this meter exchange project. The Kentucky Public Service Commission approved Inter-County Energy to change out and upgrade all electric meters across the service area. We are currently contracting with Luthan Electric Meter Testing. Members do not need to be present during the installation of

the new meter, but Luthan will require access to the cooperative meter. The meter exchange process will only take a few minutes, with a brief power interruption during the exchange. With the end of year approaching, work is being completed in the counties of Garrard, Lincoln and the western portion of Madison County. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office at (859) 236-4561.

# GENERATOR SAFETY FOR YOUR HOME

## Generator Do's and Don'ts

- DO** operate a generator outdoors in an area with plenty of ventilation.
- DO** install carbon monoxide alarms inside the home to provide an early warning of this colorless, odorless gas that can kill you.
- DO** turn on the generator before plugging in appliances.
- DO NOT** plug a generator into the wall without installing a transfer switch to prevent backfeed.
- DO NOT** use a generator as a permanent solution.



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## In the spirit of giving

### OUR MISSION

Inter-County Energy accomplishes our daily mission by providing energy and services to our members through a culture of Safety, Accountability, Integrity, Innovation and Commitment to Community.

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### OFFICES:

DANVILLE/BOYLE COUNTY

OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

(859) 236-4561

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From bell ringers at store entrances to TV ads promoting perfect present ideas, giving is a hot topic at this time of year. At Inter-County Energy, we embrace the spirit of giving throughout the year—no holiday required.

Beyond providing safe, reliable, and competitively-priced power to our members, we are deeply committed to building stronger, sustainable communities. We take tangible steps to honor the cooperative principle of “Concern for Community” through donations of time, money and other resources.

Inter-County Energy put energy into these distinct areas of giving in 2024:

**Families and children.** We helped area families with sick children by collecting supplies and volunteering at the Ronald McDonald Houses in Lexington and Louisville. Along with Kentucky’s Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, we provided sponsorship and volunteers for the Special Olympics Kentucky Summer Games that hosted 1,200 athletes, including several from our area.

**Veterans.** Your co-op made it possible for Kenneth Carroll of

Hustonville to participate in this year’s Honor Flight to view national memorials honoring veterans’ military service.

**Safety.** Inter-County Energy employees presented 20-plus free classroom programs to teach our children how to play it safe around electric power lines and at home.

**Environmental stewardship.** Our Cooperative Solar program offers an easy way for members to support renewable energy initiatives.

**Economic Development.** Along with fellow Kentucky’s Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, we’re investing in initiatives to attract business investors and bring more jobs here.

**Education.** The co-op awarded \$6,000 in scholarships to six local high school seniors to defray costs for attending a college, university or trade school.

In these ways and more, we strive to make every day a season of giving, because it’s the cooperative way.

All of us at Inter-County Energy send best wishes for a happy holiday. May you fully experience the joy of the season.

