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Virtual energy assessments give insights toward savings

Ever wonder where your energy dollars are going? With Inter-County Energy's virtual energy assessment online tool, you can analyze your home's energy use and find ways to save.

We want to encourage you to take this assessment yourself. Once you know where your energy dollars are going, you can take steps to make sure your home heating and cooling are as energy efficient as possible.

The free virtual energy assessment tool allows you to view energy usage and costs by using your billing history, actual temperature information and some information about your home. Once you enter your account ID number, as it appears on your bill, you will begin the analysis.

The virtual energy assessment is free, available at any time and only takes about 10 minutes to complete. By answering some simple questions about your home's square footage, age, number of occupants and a few other variables (including types of appliances, windows and televisions), you will find out where your energy dollars are being spent. There's also a section to help explain why your energy costs



may be different from last month or last year.

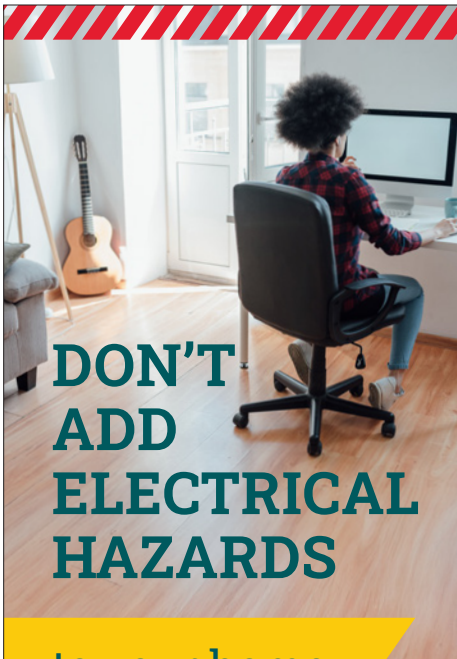
The best part of the online assessment is you can learn about ways to save energy and money by making a few no-cost to low-cost changes to the home. Some of these changes are really simple, and the savings can add up over time. Plus, your home will work more efficiently as we enter the time of year when a long cold snap can really drive up your monthly energy costs.

Your home's profile will be saved for whenever you want to return and make adjustments or review recommendations for energy savings. It's a simple process, and we hope you'll find the investment of your time worth it.

Go to www.intercountyenergy.net and click on Virtual Energy Advisor to begin your home analysis and to start learning where your energy dollars are spent, and how you can save some money by making small changes around your home.



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DON'T ADD ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

to your home office inbox

Things to consider for a home office:

DO designate a place for your office space. This will keep you from having to continually move equipment and will avoid stretching power cords that could become tripping hazards.

DO make sure outlets in older homes hold plugs snugly.

DO NOT overload outlets with multiple power strips.

DO turn off all devices at the end of the day to save energy and ensure added safety.

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David Turner retires

The beginning of 2025 brought a change to Inter-County Energy as David Turner retired with 27 years of service. David was hired on December 15, 1997, as a first class lineman in construction. In 2004, he moved to the position of maintenance serviceman over Garrard County, where he worked for 10 years. David assumed the role of crew leader in 2014 and then was promoted to his final position of maintenance superintendent. Inter-County Energy wishes David a happy retirement. We thank you for your 27 years of service and dedication to our members. You will be missed!



Love your electric cooperative

February is the month of love, and while that usually means candlelight and flowers, your heart might fill with appreciation and gratitude for your electric cooperative if you take some time to remember—or learn about—how it operates.

Cooperatives, including the one that keeps your lights on at home, are consumer-owned businesses, which means that every consumer of your

electric cooperative, including you, is also a member and an owner.

As such, you can run for a seat on the cooperative's board of directors, which is made up entirely of consumers like you and your neighbors. If you don't want to serve, you can vote. Every household gets one vote when it comes to electing the board members.

Which other utilities or businesses do you have that kind of relationship with?



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Give space heaters space

Personal space heaters can be both efficient and comfortable if it's only a small area that needs heating. But for their tiny size, space heaters can cause a lot of damage.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that more than 25,000 residential fires every year are associated with the use of space heaters, causing more than 300 deaths.

If you must use a space heater, follow these tips for safety:

- Only use space heaters that carry the mark of an independent consumer product testing laboratory, like Underwriters Laboratories. Certified models will offer the most current safety features.
- Keep all objects, bedding and people



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- at least 36 inches away from the space heater.
- Have fixed space heaters installed or checked by a qualified technician.
- Choose a space heater with a thermostat to avoid overheating the room.
- Oversized heaters will only waste energy. Buy the correct size heater for the room.

Don't let pipes freeze

When the heat is off in unused property or rooms—such as vacation homes, guest rooms or attics—you may think you are saving money. But diving temperatures can freeze pipes or sprinkler systems, potentially causing pipe damage and flooding—and costing you thousands of dollars in repairs.

When water freezes, it puts great pressure on its container—including metal and plastic pipes. To avoid freezing, keep the thermostat at 55 degrees or higher in all vacant areas. For parts of your house without heat, like exterior walls and attics, check insulation around pipes. Any area of pipe exposed to the cold is at a greater risk for freezing.

Another way to keep your house and your pipes warm is to install insulation throughout your attic, basement, or anywhere else in the house where it's the coldest. This will lower the cost of heating your home while protecting your plumbing.



MARIA NAZAROVA/ADOBESTOCK

Advanced meter project update

Remaining focused on reliability and efficiency standards is our commitment to our members throughout our ongoing meter exchange project. The Kentucky Public Service Commission approved Inter-County Energy to change out and upgrade all electric meters across our 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. Work will continue this year in Boyle County, Mercer County and western Casey County. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office at (859) 236-4561.



A heartfelt thank you

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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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In this month's issue of *Kentucky Living*, Inter-County Energy Cooperative is proud to provide you with the 2025 Kentucky Electric Cooperatives Legislative Guide.

We collaborate with co-ops across Kentucky on this public service as part of our ongoing effort to ensure that the interests of our consumer-members of Inter-County Energy are well-represented by policymakers in Frankfort and Washington, D.C.

This year's legislative guide highlights updates on the Rural Electric Cooperative Caucus, a bipartisan group of Kentucky lawmakers committed to understanding how electric co-ops operate and advocating for co-op priorities.

We are fortunate that several lawmakers representing areas served by Inter-County Energy are active participants in this caucus. Special thanks to senators Amanda Bledsoe, Jared Carpenter, Jimmy Higdon, Brandon Jackson Storm and Max Wise, and representatives Josh Bray,

Daniel Elliott, Deanna Frazier Gordon, Kim King, Candy D. Massaroni, David Meade and Michael Pollock for their involvement and support.

Would you take a moment to thank these lawmakers for their membership in the caucus and their advocacy for priorities such as helping Inter-County Energy deliver competitively priced and reliable electricity? Often, our elected officials hear complaints about what's going wrong—we believe it's equally important for them to hear when something is going right.

The easiest way to express your appreciation is by scanning the QR code below. You can also visit RuralPowerKy.com to thank your legislator for supporting Inter-County Energy Cooperative as a caucus member.

This initiative is not tied to any political party or election. It's simply our way of saying thank you.

