

INTER-COUNTY ENERGY

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Save money in the attic

Simple projects in your attic can save you money every month

Remember when your mom insisted you wear a hat on really cold days so the heat wouldn't escape from the top of your head? The same concept applies to the attic of your home.

More than a place to store old items, the attic provides a protective barrier to prevent heat from escaping your home, while also keeping humidity and moisture out during cold weather. Take these steps to maximize its energy efficiency, ensuring comfort and saving money.

1. Stop air leaks. Trouble spots include anything that comes through the attic floor, such as recessed lights, chimney, attic hatch and pipes, and ducts or wires. Use inexpensive caulk, expanding foam or weatherstripping to seal gaps. Install an insulated cover for pull-down stairs or attach weatherstripping and insulation around the attic door.

2. Evaluate insulation. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates you can save between 10 and 50% on heating costs simply by improving attic insulation. If you can see the ceiling joists on the attic floor, more insulation is likely needed. The DOE recommends a minimum grade of R-49, or about 16-18 inches of insulation, for Kentucky.

3. Verify ventilation. Moisture and heat buildup in an under-ventilated attic. During ice or snow accumulations, a warm attic can cause damaging ice dams to form in gutters. The typical Kentucky home has ridge vents to promote air flow. Ensure these vents are uncovered—

even in the winter—to allow air to circulate properly.

For detailed guidance about upgrading the energy efficiency of your attic, visit Togetherwesaveky.com/energy-tips/ and click on any of the attic energy tips.



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Advanced meter project update

Luthan Electric is facilitating transition

Luthan Electric started exchanging meters in Boyle County in late July. Having completed work in that area, the contractor has moved into the eastern portion of Casey County and will continue into Lincoln and Rockcastle counties. Keep in mind our goal is to finish 2024 strong by having Garrard County and a western portion of Madison County completed. The plan is for Luthan Electric to start 2025 off in Mercer County then move west to Marion and Washington counties. Meter installations in the western portion of Casey County, Taylor, LaRue and Nelson counties will finish the project sometime in 2025.

Inter-County Energy has begun this process of upgrading the metering system with a new advanced meter, providing members with improved access to their daily usage patterns and usage data in 60-minute increments, along with other usage-management options. For more information, go to our website at www.intercountyenergy.net under the Residential tab.

Contractor Luthan Electric Meter has started the meter exchange project on behalf of the cooperative, a project approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.



Inter-County Energy will be closed Monday, September 2, in honor of Labor Day.

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Harvest time electrical safety

Moving large farm machinery can pose electrical hazards

Kentucky's farmers will be shifting into high gear soon as they move into their fields to bring in crops. All that increased activity puts farmers and farm workers at greater risk.

Combines and grain augers are large pieces of equipment. It might be easy to assume that machinery will easily pass power lines, but that isn't always the case. The biggest cause of electrocutions on farms is equipment accidentally touching power lines.

Here are some tips Kentucky's electric cooperatives recommend for farmers to protect themselves and their workers:

- Always look up and around before moving or raising equipment. Keep

in mind that power lines sag between poles, especially on hot days. Stay at least 20 feet from all power lines and power poles.

- Never try to raise power lines to allow passage of tall equipment.
- When considering the height of equipment, don't forget about the radio antennas and GPS receivers that may reach another couple feet above the roof.
- Fully lower grain augers and other portable equipment before moving them.
- When moving equipment near power lines, have a spotter to ensure your safety. If you're not completely sure equipment will fit under a

power line, find an alternate route around it.

- Watch out for power poles. Striking one may cause live lines to drop on your equipment.
- If you're in equipment that touches power lines, stay in the cab and call for help. Tell others to stay away.

Working the land has enough hazards in the work itself. Moving to and from the fields shouldn't be one of them. This harvest season, plan your route in advance and use great care when moving any large equipment near electrical equipment.



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Every year, Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, including our co-op, sponsor veterans to go on an Honor Flight. It is one of the most important days of the year for our co-op and it's always one of the most memorable days for the veterans from our area on the flight.

Army veteran Kenneth Carroll Leigh of Hustonville served this country during the Vietnam War. Junction City's Freddie Turner was in the Marines during Vietnam War. Until a few weeks ago, neither had visited our nation's capital to view the memorials erected in honor of their military service.

On Saturday, Aug. 24, our veterans joined other Kentucky war veterans for this year's Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. The experience is a busy day of touring and tributes to recognize veterans' service and sacrifices.

The Honor Flight itinerary included seeing memorials dedicated to those who served in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The group

also viewed a monument recognizing Marine Corps veterans. This year's Honor Flight participants witnessed a solemn wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

On the way home the veterans participated in a "mail call" reminiscent of their wartime duty. Each received notes of appreciation sent by friends, family, school children and electric co-op employees.

As a fitting finale to the day, Inter-County Energy members and employees were on hand for a special homecoming celebration at Lexington's Blue Grass Airport. Honor Flight participants were greeted by flag waving and cheering as they paraded through the airport terminal building.

This is the 13th year Inter-County Energy has sponsored Honor Flight. It's a small way of expressing thanks to all Kentuckians who have served this great country. We owe them so much.

To apply for a flight or learn more about Honor Flight Kentucky, visit www.honorflightky.org.



2023 Honor Flight Veterans. Photo: Tim Webb