

INTER-COUNTY ENERGY



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Do you understand your home's electrical system?

A lot of people won't plug in their new TV or toaster without reading the instruction booklet at least once. But many will move into a new home without understanding the electrical system that makes all the electronics work. Would you know how to trip the main circuit if someone was being shocked in the bathroom?

"Understanding how your home's electrical system functions is important not only to keep it properly maintained, but for your safety if a problem arises," says Bo McGuffey, Safety/Loss Control Coordinator. "We ask all of our consumer-members to familiarize themselves with this equipment that keeps their homes running smoothly."

Inter-County Energy handles the line portion of a consumer's service, which includes everything up to the attachment point on the house. Everything beyond that point is called the "load side," and everything on the load side is the consumer's responsibility.

Inter-County Energy connects the outdoor wires to the meter mounted outside your home. The meter measures the amount of electricity your home uses and determines your bill each month.

Tampering with it is both extremely dangerous and illegal.

In most cases, you'll find your electrical service panel inside your home—sometimes it is located outside. It keeps everything inside running. The service panel sends electricity to the light switches, outlets and appliances. If your electricity short circuits or an overload shuts down power, your service panel is where you will go to restore the flow.

Depending on the age of your home, either fuses or circuit breakers help your home's electrical system from overloading, thus preventing an electrical fire. The main breaker will cut all power to the home, and the individual circuit breakers administer power to individual parts of the home. If you look in your service panel, all of the circuits and what they power should be labeled. A couple times a year, try turning each breaker on and off. This helps familiarize you with each component of the box and will keep them from getting stuck.



You are responsible for making sure no circuits are overloaded. A general rule when setting up your breakers is to have only one big ticket item on a circuit. That means you would not put your refrigerator and washing machine on the same circuit. If your circuits frequently overload, it may be time to contact an electrician to add more circuits to your service panel.

Once you understand the basic workings of your home's electrical system, you'll be able to jump into action if a problem arises.

Source: Electrical Safety Foundation International, Boston Building Resources



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A Inter-County Energy representative will contact you when we receive the form.**

Christmas Blessings auction

The 13th Annual Inter-County Energy Christmas Blessings, Inc., auction, hosted by Inter-County Energy, will be a little different this year due to COVID 19. The auction will be held online using Facebook starting November 13 through November 17. Be on the lookout for more updates on Inter-County Energy's Facebook page. All proceeds from the auction will be used to purchase gifts and food for the children of two families in each of Inter-County's six service districts. In addition, we will continue supporting one local military family, and we are excited to have the opportunity to sponsor some seniors in our communities as well. You are invited to participate and bid on a variety of items and join in our efforts to make the Christmas holiday a little more special for families in need.



Inter County Energy will be closed November 26 and 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Please feel free to use our mobile app or contact our 24-hour outage line in case of an emergency or outage at (866) 224-2235.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

**Don't forget to fall back on November 1!
Set your clocks back by one hour.**





An attitude of gratitude

OUR MISSION

The mission of Inter-County Energy Cooperative is to provide long-term valued electrical energy and services to our members through a culture of safety, accountability, innovation, integrity, and commitment to community.

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Given all that the world, our nation and our state has endured in 2020, the focus of our Thanksgiving celebrations may simply be that we have persevered.

If you have had a difficult year, know that you are not alone, and that all of us at Inter-County Energy are thankful that you belong to this cooperative. We have worked to keep our consumer-members informed about co-op operations and of the resources available for those who may be struggling during challenging times.

Inter-County Energy is thankful because you give us purpose. Providing you safe and reliable electricity at the lowest cost possible is our business purpose. But, ultimately, the mission of Inter-County Energy is to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

“Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity,” William Faulkner wrote. “It must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all.”

To embrace this quality means being grateful all the time. And we would like to express our gratitude to our consumer-members for the simple ways you help us serve you.

Thank you for the kind words you share with Inter-County Energy when our line technicians or other staff members come to your aid. And thank you for your suggestions when our efforts could use some improvement.

Thank you for slowing down when Inter-County Energy crews are working on the side of the road, for being careful when operating farm equipment near power lines and for understanding that our right-of-way crews are working to keep your electric service safe and reliable. Thank you for your patience and understanding when our crews are restoring power, and for your prayers for their safety.

Thank you for voting at your polling place and in our co-op elections. And thank you for speaking up for this co-op community when government makes decisions that affect us. Thank you for reading your *Kentucky Living* and staying up to date on information from Inter-County Energy.

Finally, please allow me to publicly thank everyone at Inter-County Energy, our employees and our board. Your efforts demonstrate your gratitude for our consumer-members and the opportunity to serve them.

Happy Thanksgiving.



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