

KILOWATT



TO OUR VALUED MEMBERS CLOSED - LOBBY

In the interest of public health & safety, the KPC lobby is currently closed. Members may make payments on site by dropping them in our after-hours drop box. Please consider using one of the multiple ways to make payments from the convenience of your home. Payment options can be found at www.kpcoop.com or by calling us at 800-551-4951. Representatives are available weekdays from 7:30 am to 4 pm. Thank you for understanding as we all work together in response to COVID-19.

CLOSED – COMMUNITY ROOM

Our Community Room is currently closed through the month of June. We apologize for any inconvenience.

IN THE EVENT OF AN OUTAGE

As we move into warmer June weather, the chance of summer storms increases. Storms, especially those with high winds, can cause power outages.

I thought it would be good timing to offer information and reminders of what to do in the event of an outage.

First, be sure to let us know when an outage occurs. Power outages can be reported three different ways:

- By calling our outage number at 800-551-4951, or
- Through the SmartHub app, or
- By using the green “Report an Outage” button on the top of our website (kpcoop.com)

Should you notice a downed power line, please report it immediately and do not assume its deenergized. Keep a minimum of 35 feet away, as a downed energized line can also energize the ground around it. For additional tips and safety information, check the outage section of the kpcoop.com website.

Restoring power quickly is a high priority to us when outages occur. Linemen are on call and ready to respond. In the case of larger and lengthier outages, we also have mutual aid agreements with other utilities, bringing in additional help when needed.



Sonja Bogart
KPC'S New CEO

We strive to keep members informed during outages. Two key spots to look for outage information are:

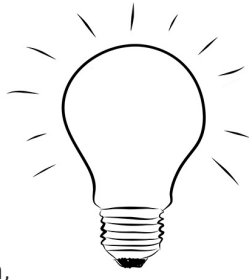
- A live outage map on our website.
- During larger outages, Facebook posts will provide updates and information.

I also wanted to emphasize the importance of ensuring we have an up-to-date phone number for you. If your number in our system is current and you call in an outage that we are already working to restore, a message will advise that we are aware. Current phone numbers help with tracking.

Finally, I would like to encourage signing up for SmartHub. This portal offers helpful information about your account, including energy usage data, as well as the ability to make payments online. SmartHub also allows for outage reporting. We are currently working to expand SmartHub features, launching a service that will provide outage alerts (via text or email) when your home or business loses power. By signing up for SmartHub today, you will be alerted when this feature is available later this year. You can sign up using the “New User? Register for SmartHub” link near the top of our website. Be sure to have your account number handy when signing up.

Ultimately, we are hoping for a quiet summer outage season, but it never hurts to prepare and hopefully these tips are helpful.

HOW TO RECYCLE LIGHT BULBS



If you are in the habit of throwing your old light bulbs in the trash, you might be making a mistake. KPC will recycle certain light bulbs free of charge for our members. Our lobby is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Once we re-open for regular business hours we will again take light bulbs for recycling. Please do not leave your bulbs outside of our building.

Types of Light Bulbs Accepted for Recycling at KPC

CFL bulbs and other fluorescent bulbs contain trace amounts of mercury, a hazardous material and should be properly disposed of. LED bulbs are non-toxic and built to last for years. LED bulbs can safely be thrown away; however, some components of the bulb can be recycled.

When the time comes that your fluorescent or LED bulb needs to be recycled, bring it to KPC for recycling. We do not accept Christmas lights, extension cords, cables, batteries, etc. If you have any questions, please call us at 800-551-4951.

LANDSCAPING FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

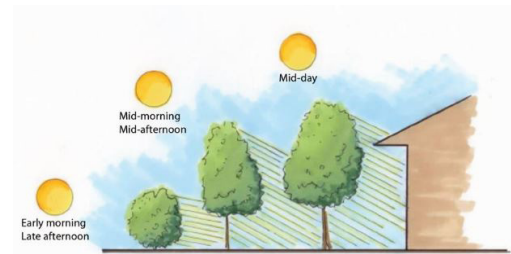
A well-designed landscape will not only add beauty to your home but can help save on heating and cooling costs.

All of the energy you spend each spring to create that perfect green lawn could be used to plant the seeds for a lower energy bill. A well-designed landscape can provide cooling shade around your home that reduces the need for air-conditioning. Dig this:

Plant leafy trees on the south and west sides of your home to provide shade on hot summer days. The leaves will fall off in the autumn and allow warm sunlight to help heat your home during winter.

Plant shrubs and ground cover around your house to help reduce heat buildup.

Place evergreen trees on the north and northwest sides of your home to provide year-round windbreaks from outside air.



Before you begin your landscaping project, call 811 to have underground utility lines marked. Knowing the location of underground utility lines on your property will help you avoid injury, service outages, and costly repairs.

KILOWATT CREDIT SCORECARD

Win a credit on your next bill.

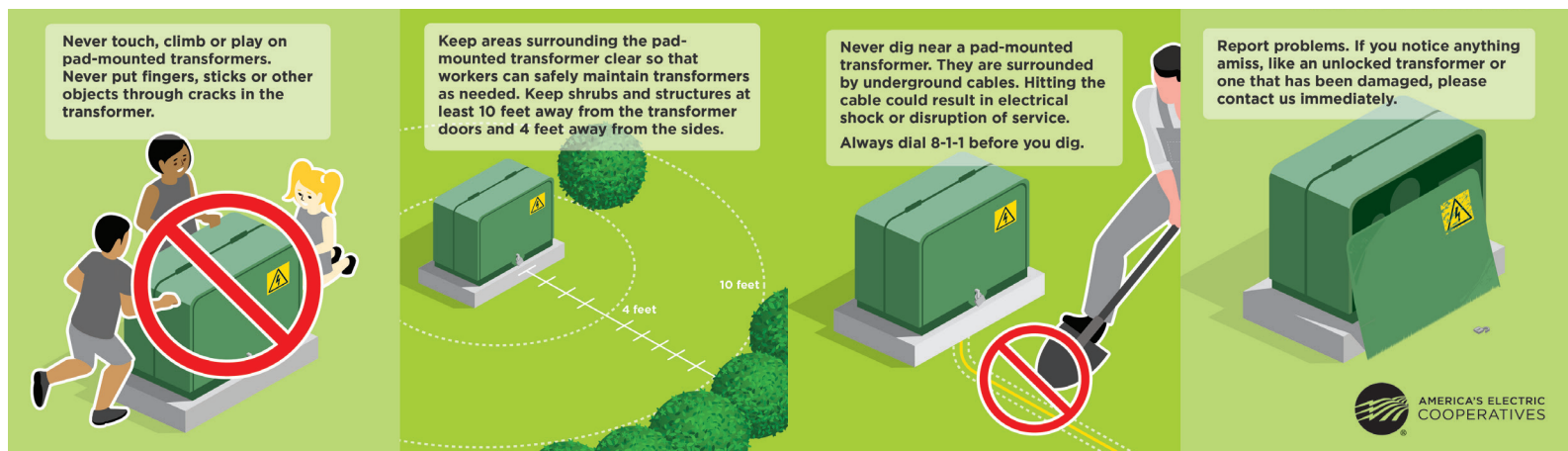
Account numbers used are 9 digits, as appearing on your monthly bill. If you find your account number in this KILOWATT, please notify us by the 4th to claim your credit.

We will credit your bill. Do not deduct the amount from your bill; pay as usual.

No one claimed their account numbers. Each account number is worth \$5.00.

Avoid the Big Green Box

Please stay away from pad-mounted transformers (the big green box). While safe, they are not meant for touching, climbing or playing. Pad-mounted transformers carry high voltages of electricity that serve many homes in our communities.





If you are on our Budget plan, please check your “Account Balance” on this month’s bill to verify that your budget was adequate for this past year. In July the balance of the account will be billed and the new budget amount will be calculated for the next year. If you are not on our Budget Plan and have been on our system for 12 months, now is the time to sign up. Call Jan at 800-551-4951.

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OPERATION ROUNDUP TRUSTEES

We are currently looking for 2 new Trustees, who live in District 3, to join the Kandiyohi Power Cooperative Charitable Trust. These positions are volunteer and meet 4 times a year. Responsibilities include reviewing applications and disbursing funds to community organizations that qualify for donations according to the Trust’s guidelines. If you are interested in this awesome volunteer opportunity, please call Robin at 320-796-0989 for more information.

We would like to give a huge thank you to Patti Hagen and Sharon Oleson for the years they have served on the Board of Trustees. We so appreciate your service and dedication to Operation Round Up. You will be missed!



OPERATION ROUNDUP

This month’s donations approved by the Trustees this quarter include:

New London Ambulance	\$1000.00
Spicer First Responders	\$1000.00
Prairie Woods Elementary STEM Program	\$1000.00
Mill Pond Mile	\$ 500.00
Kandi Works DAC	\$ 500.00
Kandiyohi County Food Shelf	\$2000.00
Atwater Historical Society	\$ 500.00
New London/Spicer Trap Team	\$1000.00
Kandiyohi County Public Library	\$ 500.00
Kandiyohi Relay for Life	\$ 200.00
Lullaby Quilters	\$ 500.00
Toys for Tots	\$1000.00
AB Vacuum (Mask effort)	\$1000.00
Let’s Go Fishing	\$1000.00
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$11,700.00

RETIREMENT



After almost 20 years of service to the members of Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, Loel Larson retired on June 5th. The employees and directors of Kandiyohi Power Cooperative congratulate Loel on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his dedication to the members of the cooperative.

Congratulations Loel!

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Kandiyohi Power Cooperative

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Phone: 1-800-551-4951

Fax: 320-796-0620

Tom McCormick

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Drop boxes available for your convenience
at Cash Wise and headquarters building
near flag pole.

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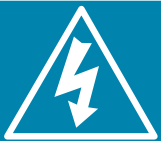
Michele Scheffler, Editor



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!!!

www.gopherstateonecall.org

1-800-252-1166



24-HOUR OUTAGE NUMBER

When your lights go out, so do we.

Call us if your power goes out even if you think your neighbors
already did. Leave one light on so you know when power has
been restored and make sure you have an emergency kit ready.

1-800-551-4951



TIPS TO GET YOUR HOME READY TO BEAT THE HEAT.

Take a few steps before you crank up the AC and you'll get more comfort
while saving on your energy bill this summer.

- Check the insulation. The level of insulation recommended for our area can be found at EnergyStar.gov.
- Ventilate the attic. When the temp outside is in the 90s, the attic can reach 140. Vents and/or an attic fan can help keep hot air from building up.
- Get the air conditioner ready. Clear leaves and debris from the condensing unit and replace or clean the filter.
- Use a programmable thermostat. Leave it on a higher temperature while you're away, and set it to cool the house half an hour before you return.
- Install ceiling fans. Use them to stay comfortable on moderately warm days, and to set the AC thermostat higher on warmer days.

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MEMBER APPRECIATION GAME CANCELLED

Due to concerns over the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Member Appreciation game planned for July 15th has been cancelled. The health and safety of our members, employees, and the public is our top priority. The Stingers and KPC are discussing an event that can accommodate and meet the COVID-19 requirements and if an event will be possible this year.