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Toll Free: 800-762-7362

OFFICE HOURS

7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday

STREET ADDRESS

12628 E 75 N, Loogootee, IN 47553

MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 430, Loogootee, IN 47553

SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

To report an outage or emergency, call 812-295-4200 or 800-762-7362 day or night.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steve Streepy, *President*

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MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m.,

Daviess-Martin County REMC office

BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

SmartHub — online bill payment system

Budget billing

Auto bank draft

Drive-through window

Night depository

Credit card payment (VISA, Discover and MasterCard accepted)

Pay-by-phone: 1-888-222-0624

MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to provide safe, reliable electricity and quality services for our members at a reasonable cost."



REPLACE STANDARD POWER STRIPS

Advanced power strips have built-in features that are designed to reduce the amount of energy used by standby electronics that consume energy even when they're not in use.

— U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY



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Let's CONNECT



When we say that we live in a "connected" world, most of us think about technology, like our smartphones and other devices and gadgets. But

when you're a member of an electric co-op (that's you!), there's so much more to being part of our connected co-op community.

As member of Daviess-Martin County REMC, you help to power good in our local community through initiatives like Operation Round Up, food and toy drives and other initiatives that help the most vulnerable in our community.

We depend on you because you power our success, and when Daviess-Martin County REMC does well, the community thrives because we're all connected.

We greatly value our connection to you, the members we serve. And we'd like to help you maximize the value you can get from us through a variety of programs, products and services that we offer our members. For example, we can help you save money on your energy bill through online energy audits via SmartHub and rebates on water heaters, heat pumps, etc. When you download our SmartHub app, you can monitor and manage your home energy use, pay your bill online and access a menu of additional options for potential savings and more.

When you follow Daviess-Martin County REMC on social media, you can stay up to date on power restoration efforts, co-op director elections, giveaways and more. You'll

also see photos of our line crews in action and our employees helping with community service projects — and who doesn't enjoy seeing good things happening in our community?

By connecting with us, you can get real-time updates from your co-op. That's why we want to make sure we have your most current contact information on hand. If we can't connect with you on these platforms or in person, you could miss out on potential savings or important information.

We rely on data for nearly every aspect of our operations, and up-to-date contact information from our members helps ensure that we can provide the highest level of service that you expect and deserve.

We hope you will connect with us whenever and wherever you can — whether that means attending our annual meeting, providing feedback on a recent visit or call with our employees, or simply downloading our app.

Daviess-Martin County REMC exists to serve our members, and when we're better connected to you and our local community, we're better prepared to answer the call.

To update your contact information or to learn more about co-op products and services that can help you save, visit dmremc.com, download our SmartHub app, call 812-295-4200, or stop by our office when we are open at 12628 E 75 N, Loogootee.

We look forward to connecting with you!

JANE BAHLER-HURT
General Manager

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

In each magazine issue, Daviess-Martin County REMC asks our readers three questions. The answers can be found in the articles of Indiana Connection. Clip the coupon below along the dotted line. Fill it out and return it to our office with your monthly payment before the 20th of the month. (Delinquent members are not eligible.)

Each month, a winner will be drawn from the entries submitted. Make sure you bring or mail in your most recent coupon, as the coupons are dated monthly. Members with automatic payment accounts will be entered in the contest as well. Copies will not be accepted, and coupons are not available at the office! Winners will be notified and their names will be published in the following monthly issue of Indiana Connection.

MONTHLY WINNERS: Karen Porter, Loogootee

For bills dated the 5th of the month and paid by the 20th.

1. Daviess-Martin County REMC is one of _____ electric co-ops in Indiana.
2. The Department of Energy recommends setting your thermostat at _____ F during the winter.
3. Director districts up for election are districts 2, 5 and _____ .

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ACCOUNT NO.:

PHONE NO.:

“WHY IS MY BILL HIGHER THIS MONTH?”

UNDERSTANDING WHAT CAUSES INCREASED WINTER ENERGY USE

RECENT QUESTION FROM AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MEMBER:

“I’m calling because I received my December electric bill, and it seems a little high compared to my usual bill. We keep our house’s temperature set at 78 F and have not changed it much. Could you help my wife and I understand why our electric use increased last month?”

As member-consumers receive their first winter bill, this is a frequently asked question. Here’s some insight into understanding why your winter use may differ from the rest of the year.

Seasonal weather

Winter is notorious for keeping us indoors during inclement weather, resulting in higher home appliance use and higher thermostat settings. When it’s colder outside than inside, your heating system has to work harder to maintain the temperature setting inside the home.

Thermostat settings

The biggest users of energy in the household are the furnace and air conditioner. If you are interested in saving energy easily and efficiently, the Department of Energy (DOE) recommends setting your thermostat at 68 F in the winter. This is a 10 F decrease from the setting of 78 F as stated in the question above. Changing this setting could save as much as 10 percent on a member’s heating cost.

You may be thinking “that’s way too chilly for cold winter nights!” You can certainly set your thermostat higher than 68 F. Just remember, the harder your furnace has to work to maintain the temperature setting inside the home, the higher your use will be.

Monitor your use

Utilize SmartHub – your cooperative’s electric use app – to target periods of high use. The hour-by-hour readings allow member-consumers to pinpoint when you’re using more electricity. They can also identify the appliance(s) that may be causing the increase.

Interested in additional resources and information about energy savings around your home? Learn about our residential rebates on the next page.

2021 Residential Rebate Program



About the Program

Your electric cooperative is offering a 2021 residential rebate for qualifying equipment (water heaters, geothermal heat pumps and air source, ductless mini split or dual fuel heat pumps). To qualify, a resident must occupy the home where equipment is installed year-round (12 months) and unit must heat and cool whole home unless otherwise stated.

Please provide the following documents to your electric cooperative to apply for possible rebates*:

- AHRI (Air conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute) certificate for validation for all SEER ratings. (This can be obtained from the installing heating and cooling dealer.)
- 2021 Residential Rebate Application
- Proof of purchase (invoice or receipt)

Must apply by Dec. 15, 2021

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* Your electric cooperative reserves the right to approve, deny or select the appropriate incentive. Prior approval is required for electric resistance incentives.



Water Heater (Heat Pump or Hybrid)

New construction or replacing gas or electric



Geothermal Heat Pump

New construction or replacing electric resistance heat, gas, heat pump or geothermal



Air Source or Dual Fuel Heat Pumps

Heat pump replacing gas, existing AC or heat pump or new construction

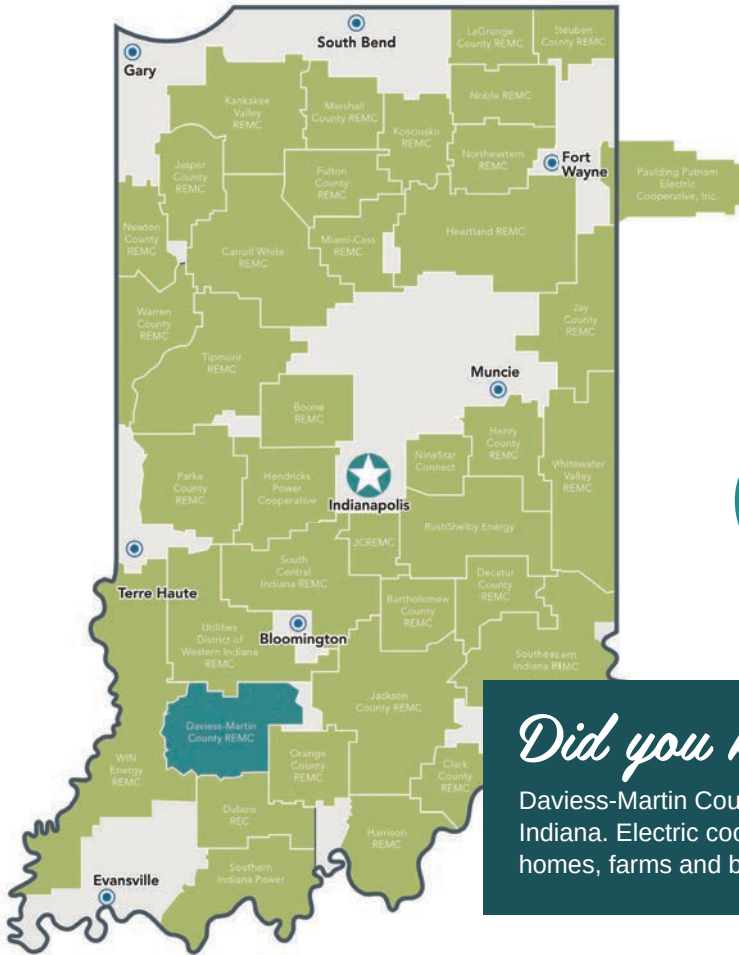
Heat pump replacing 100% electric resistance heat



Mini-Split Heat Pump

Single room or whole home installations

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HOVER YOUR SMARTPHONE
CAMERA OVER THIS QR CODE TO
DOWNLOAD THE SMARTHUB APP.

Happy New Year!

Did you know...

Daviess-Martin County REMC is one of 38 electric co-ops in Indiana. Electric cooperatives in the state serve 1.3 million Hoosier homes, farms and businesses in 89 of the state's 92 counties.



Annual Membership Meeting Date *to be determined*

DIRECTOR DISTRICTS UP FOR ELECTION

A date has not yet been set for the 2021 Daviess-Martin County REMC Annual Membership Meeting due to COVID-19 concerns.

REMC members will be informed as soon as a decision has been made on

the 2021 annual meeting date.

Director districts up for election in 2021 are as follows:

- **DISTRICT 2:** Daviess County (Van Buren and Barr townships)
- **DISTRICT 5:** Martin County (Perry and Center townships)
- **DISTRICT 7:** Lawrence County (Marion and Spice Valley townships)