



POWERLINES

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OCTOBER DUE DATES

The due dates for payment of electric bills are **October 19** and **26**.



CELEBRATING THE POWER OF COMMUNITY: NATIONAL COOPERATIVE MONTH AT WHITEWATER VALLEY REMC



MELODY LYNCH
Chief Operating Officer

In October, WWVREMC will join more than 30,000 cooperatives across the nation to celebrate National Cooperative Month, a time to recognize the vital role cooperatives play in building

stronger communities and a more resilient economy.

The Cooperative Difference

At the heart of WWVREMC is a simple but powerful idea: we are owned by the people we serve. That's why we call you members, not customers. This cooperative model allows us to focus on your needs — not shareholder profits.

Our roots trace back to a time when rural communities were left in the dark — literally. Investor-owned utilities saw little profit in serving rural areas, so neighbors came together to form WWVREMC. Through collaboration, determination, and a shared vision, they brought electricity to Eastern Indiana. That same spirit of cooperation continues to guide us today.

A Model Built on Principles

The cooperative model we follow was inspired by the Rochdale Pioneers of 1844, a group of English workers who created a store based on democratic decision-making, fair pricing, and profit-sharing. These principles still define cooperatives around the world — and they're alive and well at WWVREMC.

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we serve fewer members per mile of line than municipal or investor-owned utilities. That means we must do more with less — but we do it with pride, because we're committed to serving our communities, not maximizing profits. The hidden account number is 1255903.

Member-Driven, Community-Focused

Our members are at the core of everything we do. You have democratic control over your cooperative, including the opportunity to vote for our Board of Directors at our Annual Business Meeting. Your monthly bill isn't just a payment — it's an investment. A portion goes toward equity in the cooperative, helping fund capital projects and strengthen our financial foundation.

We also believe in giving back. Through programs like Operation Round Up, and by actively participating in local events, we strive to be more than just your electric provider — we aim to be a trusted community partner.

Listening, Learning, and Looking Ahead

We're always listening. Through surveys and direct feedback, we learn what matters most to you — whether it's energy efficiency, communication preferences, or new services. This input helps shape our strategic planning and ensures we continue to evolve with your needs.

As we celebrate National Cooperative Month this month, we thank you for being part of the WWVREMC family. Together, we're not just powering homes — we're powering community.



You own a slice




LET'S CELEBRATE NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH!

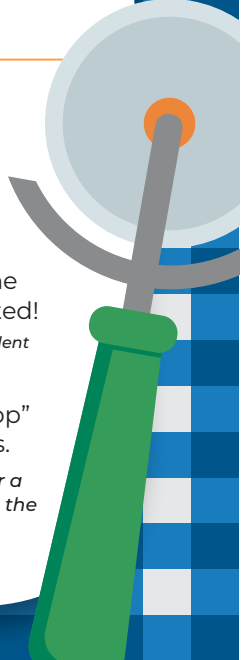
WWVREMC's October Member Appreciation Pizza Party

As a proud member of WWVREMC, you don't just belong to the co-op — you own a slice of it. And now, we're serving up a celebration that's as rewarding as it is delicious!

Join the fun by visiting us anytime during October's regular business hours to participate.

Event details

-  Every member receives a custom WWVREMC pizza cutter.
-  Enter to win FREE* pizza for a year. One lucky member will be randomly selected!
*One member will receive a Pizza King gift card equivalent to one pizza per month for a year.
-  Snap a picture at our "Slice of the Co-op" selfie station with pizza-themed props.
Share your photo using **#SliceOfWWVREMC** for a chance to be featured and get another entry in the drawing to win free pizza for a year!



PLUG INTO SAFETY



PREPARATION IS KEY

to preventing home electrical fires

An electrical fire can damage your property and potentially take lives. Prevent fires by following these basic safety practices.

Have your home inspected by a qualified electrician, especially if it's older than 20 years.

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home. Test them monthly and replace the batteries every year. Replace alarms every 10 years or according to the manufacturer.

Install arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) to safeguard against arc faults.

Keep heat-producing appliances **unplugged when not in use.**

Do not overload outlets. Power strips do not provide more power, only more access to the same limited capacity circuit.

Use extension cords only temporarily and never run them through walls, doorways, ceilings, or floors.

Unplug an appliance that repeatedly blows a fuse or trips a circuit breaker and have it repaired or replaced.

Don't ignore warning signs of trouble, such as flickering lights, odd odors, and unusual sounds.

Small Change, **BIG** IMPACT



Have you ever wished you could make a difference in your community with just a few cents? With Operation Round Up®, you can.

This voluntary program allows members to round up their monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar. The spare change — an average of just \$6 per year — goes directly into a fund that supports local nonprofit organizations doing incredible work in our community.

WHY IT MATTERS

Since its launch in 2003, Operation Round Up has awarded over \$709,000 to nonprofits across our service area. These funds have helped:

- Stock shelves at local food banks
- First responder equipment
- Support youth programs like FFA and 4H
- Build community spaces and recreational facilities
- Provide arts and education grants

Every quarter, a board of trustees reviews applications and distributes grants to organizations that need it most. Your small contribution helps make these big things possible.

FALL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN: EXCITING NEWS!

Now is the perfect time to sign up, because this year's Fall Membership Campaign comes with a chance to win a special prize!

Everyone participating in the campaign will be automatically entered to win an Electric Snow Blower!



The lucky winner will be drawn at the beginning of January, following the campaign's conclusion on December 31, 2025. Whether you're a new participant or already enrolled and choose to make an additional donation, you're eligible to win!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Participation is easy:

- New members can enroll by checking the box on their billing form or signing up online.
- Current members can make a one-time donation of at least \$10 or add a monthly contribution beyond the rounded-up amount.

WHAT MEMBERS ARE SAYING:

"Operation Round Up is one of the easiest ways to give back. I don't even notice the change on my bill, but I know it's helping someone in need."

SPREAD THE WORD

We organize a membership drive every fall with prize drawings to encourage new sign-ups and additional donations. Invite your neighbors to join. The more members who take part, the more lives we can impact. Whether it's helping a nonprofit build a deck for community events or funding emergency equipment, your spare change helps create a stronger, more caring community.

Let's round up for a better tomorrow — because small change really can change lives.

HIDDEN ACCOUNT NUMBER

Each month we hide an account number in the Powerlines. Did you find it?

NO AUGUST WINNER

Keep reading your Powerlines each month. The next hidden account number could be yours!

PAYMENT OPTIONS

U.S. Mail

Whitewater Valley REMC, P.O. Box 350
Liberty, IN 47353

SmartHub

Log on at www.vremc.com.

Pay-by-Phone

Call 855-940-3859. Set up your PIN. Follow prompts.

Liberty Office

In person or in the drop box.

Automatic Withdrawal

Simply request a form and submit it to our office.

Franklin County National Bank (FCN)

In person or in the drop box. Bring payment stub.

VanillaDirect

Visit vanilladirect.com for payment locations and details.

For more information about payment options, please call us:

765-458-5171 or 1-800-529-5557

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Liberty Office Hours

New location is 1201 S. State Road 101,
Liberty, IN 47353

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

CLOSED SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

To Report an Outage or Emergency

Call 1-800-776-0493, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Log in to your SmartHub account and report your outage.

BE READY TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- The name and account number under which your electric service is listed.
- Map location number.
- Your phone number – needed to call back or confirm power restoration.
- The type of problem you are experiencing – flickering lights, complete power outage, etc.



BILL CREDIT WINNERS

Our monthly drawing for five \$20 bill credits from all voting members of the 2025 annual meeting continues. Here are the winners.

OCTOBER

Bryan Jennings, Connersville

Paul George, Brookville

Kim Jenkins, Centerville

Bill Downing, Centerville

Stephen E. Glover, Centerville

halloween PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST



Get your carving tools ready and show off your spooky skills!

TO ENTER:

Please email a photo of your carved pumpkin with you or your kids in the picture (to prove it's your creation) to info@www.vremc.com.

**Please note that any pictures submitted could be displayed on our social media.*

PRIZES:

1ST PLACE
\$100

2ND PLACE
\$75

3RD PLACE
\$50

All entries will be voted on by our employees.

Note: Employees and board members are not eligible to participate in the contest.



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: OCTOBER 31

Let the carving begin!



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