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How safe is your home?

A burglary of a home in the United States happens every 13 seconds. One of the biggest deterrents to break-ins is a home security system. Once an alarm or home security system has sounded, most burglars will abandon their plan.

Not only will home security systems protect from theft, but with the ever-evolving technology, many systems include fire and flood protection and with Smart Home options, you can control your lighting, garage doors, heating and cooling.

If this seems like an overwhelming amount of options, don't worry! Northeastern REMC has partnered with Simplx Security to break down the options available to you.

Join us at our next Power Hour on Thursday, October 24, to learn more about purchasing and installing home security – some are DIY projects, some are left better to the pros. We'll talk about all of the options.



Simplx is a locally owned and operated full-service security company, specializing in security, camera and fire alarm systems serving clients across northern Indiana.

Join us to learn about home security



Presented by Northeastern REMC

Thursday, October 24 7:00 p.m. @ The Charles

3127 Carroll Road | Fort Wayne IN 46818
(Formerly The Shiloh)

Reserve your **FREE** seat
by **October 22**

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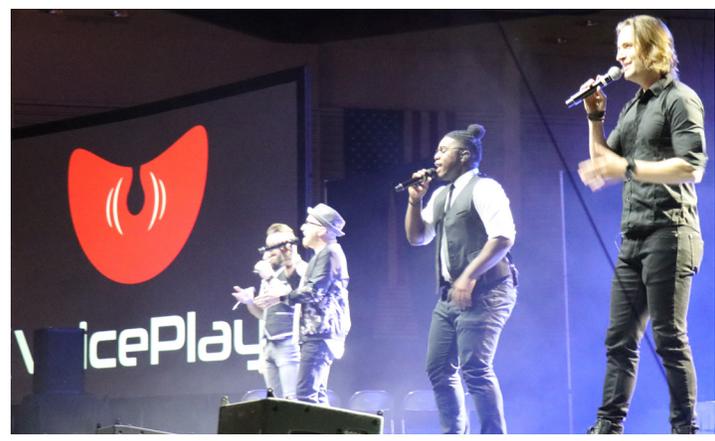
Dessert buffet and beverages
provided – adults only please.

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Questions? E-mail memberservices@nremc.com

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

1-888-413-6111

Line Locating: Please call 811 at least 2 full business days prior to digging.



Northeastern REMC **REBATE** PROGRAM

Once you purchase your Nest thermostat, you can enroll in our voluntary Rush Hour Rewards program to save even more.

How it works:

During peak electric usage, load management programs allow us to reduce demand on our own system, which can reduce our power supply costs. This can result in savings for our members.

How you'll save:

You'll receive a Nest thermostat at a discounted price PLUS free shipping

Up to \$150 bill credit by using a local Nest Pro Installer

\$50 annual bill credit after enrolling in our Rush Hour Rewards Program

Members who participate save an average of 15% off their electric bill

Learn more:
nest.nremc.com

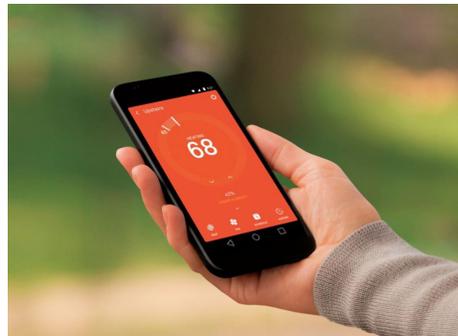
Get ready for winter with a Nest Smart Thermostat

The best time of the year to start winterizing your home is before the temperatures start to drop. While there are many changes you can make to your home in preparation to winter, the biggest one is to upgrade your thermostat to a Nest Smart Learning Thermostat.

How Nest is different than other smart thermostats:

- The Nest thermostat automatically turns itself down when you're away to avoid heating or cooling an empty home
- Smart thermostats learn the temperatures you like and program themselves
- Connect your Nest thermostat to Wi-Fi to change the temperature from your phone, tablet, or laptop
- Shows energy consumption in real-time
- Nest can be integral part of your home security system

Contact our energy advisor, Jeanne, to learn more about the Nest thermostat and our Rush Hour Rewards program. 1-888-413-6111 ext. 403 or j_hasty@nremc.com.



Halloween decorating tips to stay safe

Holiday decorating season kicks off in Fall with Halloween. Make sure your outdoor decorations only LOOK or SOUND spooky by following these quick tips:

- Inspect each mechanical ghoul, ghost or goblin for cracked, frayed or bare wires.
- Be sure to only use electrical items marked "for outdoor use." Plug those decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).
- Before trick or treaters arrive, be sure electric cords

are away from doorways and walkways,

- Keep nails — and staples, too — away from light strings and extension cords. They can easily damage the cord's insulation.
- When you're leaving home for a few hours, make sure you turn off your electrical decorations.

For more safety tips for any season, follow NREMC on Facebook at [facebook.com/nremc](https://www.facebook.com/nremc)

Staying safe during fall harvest season

Farming is the sixth most dangerous job in the United States, according to a 2014 report from TIME magazine.

One hazard often overlooked is the possibility of electrocution. Every year, 62 farm workers are electrocuted in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The most common risk of electrocution for farm workers comes from overhead power lines because tall equipment, such as grain augers, combines and raised dump truck beds, can easily become entangled in the lines.

Grain bins also pose a danger. The National Electrical Safety Code requires power lines to be at least 18 feet above the highest point on any grain bin with which portable augers or other portable filling equipment are used.

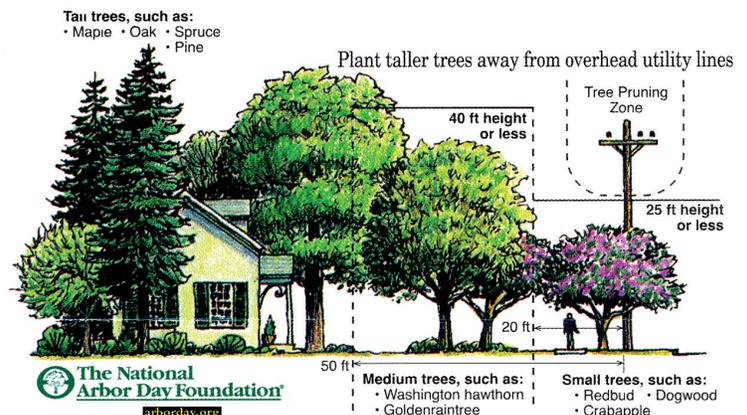
Farmers are encouraged to call their electric cooperative if they plan to install new grain bins or if they are concerned about the proximity of power lines to existing structures or equipment.



Don't plant without a plan: Five steps for fall tree planting

Trees and power lines often coexist without problems. However, that doesn't mean you shouldn't take precautions when planting a tree.

1. Before you begin planting, call 811, the underground utility locator service, to mark the location of underground utilities so injuries can be avoided. Never assume these utility lines are buried deeper than you plan to dig.
2. Choose trees that will grow no higher than 25 feet when planting near power lines. Think ahead. Little trees quickly become big trees.
3. Do not plant near underground utility services. Tree roots can grow and interfere with underground pipes, cables and wires.
4. Pick the right spot. Don't plant trees, shrubs, plants or other vegetation where they can damage electrical equipment or interfere with your co-op's ability to access it.
5. Ask NREMC to come trim your tree if it begins growing near power lines; don't risk your safety doing it yourself.



2019 MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT

The 2019 Member Appreciation Night & Annual Meeting was held on September 7 at the Allen County Memorial Coliseum with special musical guests VoicePlay. This acapella group sang a variety of genres and hits without a single instrument! These talented guys even got the audience involved when they brought a NREMC member on stage to sing with them!

Other highlights from the evening included bucket truck rides for the kids, a photo-op with a real NREMC pole, face painting and a beautiful Indiana-shaped cutting board gift for all of our members who attended.

A few members won bill credits for their participation in this year's board of directors' election. Local vendors were in attendance during the expo and members had a chance to see a Chevy Bolt from our friends at Kelly Chevrolet. It was a wonderful evening of celebrating our members!



NIGHT & ANNUAL MEETING RECAP



WINNERS

\$100 bill credit:

Brian Harmison Dennis Cook
Luis Rivera Manford Snider
Stephen Fivecoate

\$50 bill credit:
(for completing the event survey)

Gerald Fletcher



View more photos on our
Facebook page



A big thanks to all
of our members who
attended this year.
Mark your calendar
for next year:
09.12.20

One new director and three incumbents named to board following election

Every year, members are given the opportunity to elect individuals to the board of directors. For the second year, NREMC offered early voting to make participation even easier for members. Thousands of votes were cast online, by mail, in-person in the NREMC lobby and in-person at the annual meeting. This resulted in one of the largest elections in NREMC's history.

Northeastern's newest director is Carol Cooper, representing District 9. Carol Cooper is currently the Chief Operating Officer of Dermal Research Laboratories. She resides in Huntertown and has been a member of this co-op for more than 13 years. She brings with her years of experience in technology and corporate business. She is particularly interested in the security of the electric system, and wants to bring her knowledge and strengths to help protect our system against natural disasters, sabotage and cyber attacks.

Reelected for additional terms were Don Dafforn (District 5), Joe Kruyer (District 6), and Cathy Egolf (District 7).

NREMC looks forward to working with the board of directors as we strive to continue to improve the quality of life of the members in our co-op, just like you.



*Don Dafforn
District 5*



*Joe Kruyer
District 6*



*Cathy Egolf
District 7*



*Carol Cooper
District 9*

Board officers named for 2019 - 2020

The following board members were elected as officers by their peers at the first board meeting following the annual meeting in September.

Board Chair: Tom Western
Vice Chair: Joe Kruyer
Treasurer: Ingrid Nicholson
Secretary: Rob Higgins



Co-op Principle #2 Democratic Member Control

Did you know this election is an important part of the Cooperative Principles?

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

Every September, our co-op comes together to elect these important guiding members across nine districts in our service area.

Learn more about the co-op principles:
nremc.com/content/cooperative-principles

Garden beds and volunteer spirit raised on United Way Day of Caring

A group of employees from Northeastern REMC recently joined the United Way of Whitley County's Day of Caring for the largest volunteer event in Whitley County.



This annual event promotes the value of volunteerism, increases awareness of local non-profit organizations and helps bring people together to accomplish good work throughout the county. Working together with the local community is one of the many ways co-ops stand out among other organizations.

This year, the team of nine spent the day at the Woodlands Center, part of Whitley County's Council on Aging, located on the northwest side of Columbia City. Together, they built raised garden beds for seniors who enjoy gardening but may not have had a place to garden until now. This included a wheelchair accessible area so many seniors can use this new space. The team finished their day by steam-cleaning all of the chairs used in their dining area and banquet hall.

Overall, the day was a huge success in Whitley County. The NREMC team looks forward to days like these throughout the year when they can demonstrate care for community. After all, we're not just connected by power lines, this is the community we share.



SPOTLIGHT

New phone number

Have you noticed a new phone number populated on your caller ID when you get a call from us? We have switched to a toll-free number. 1-888-413-6111. Don't worry, the previous phone numbers will continue to be in service for the next few months.

Thanksgiving hours

Our office will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Most transactions can be taken care of using SmartHub on our website or mobile app. We hope you and your family enjoy this time of gratefulness!

Schedule your FREE energy-use consultation

As the seasons change, so does the way you use energy in your home. You can make your home more comfortable and save money every month on your electric bill. Call to schedule a FREE whole-house energy use consultation performed by our Certified Energy Advisor, Jeanne Hasty. Book now: 1-888-413-6111, ext. 403, or email j_hasty@nremc.com.

Our Vision

Service, Satisfaction and Safety - Second to None!

Our Mission

To meet our members' on-going need for reliable energy service at a good value while meriting trust and confidence.

You can keep up with more of our community impact by visiting: facebook.com/nremc