

# NEWS & VIEWS

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS  
OF HENDRICKS POWER COOPERATIVE

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## AROUND TOWN

### Calendar of Events

MARCH 1

#### Youth Program Deadlines

Applications for Youth Tour and Camp Kilowatt are due for consideration.

**Learn More:**

[www.hendrickspower.com](http://www.hendrickspower.com)

MARCH 3

#### HPC Scholarship Deadline

Applications for Commitment to Community Scholarships are due by 4:30 pm.

**Learn More:**

[www.hendrickspower.com/scholarships](http://www.hendrickspower.com/scholarships)

MARCH 27

#### Legislative Breakfast

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds  
7 am

Enjoy a complimentary breakfast, followed by an opportunity to speak with your representatives at the Indiana Statehouse.

The remaining 2023 breakfast is April 17th.

RSVP to

[janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com](mailto:janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com) by the Thursday before the event.

JULY 20

#### Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation

Save the date & stay tuned for additional details!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

### Interested in Serving on the HPC Board of Directors?

If you'd like to have a vote in cooperative decisions, now is your time. Areas 4, 5, and 6 are up for election in 2023.

As a cooperative, Hendricks Power is guided by its Board of Directors, which is made up of member-owners like you! Board members are elected by other members in a democratic vote. This year, geographic areas 4, 5, and 6 are up for election. Due to recent growth, our geographic areas have been updated to better represent and serve our members. The current areas up for election include Middle, Brown, Marion, and Clay Townships of Hendricks County and Perry Township of Boone County. If you are a Hendricks Power member and reside in these areas, you're eligible to run! You can find your board district on the top center of your monthly statement.

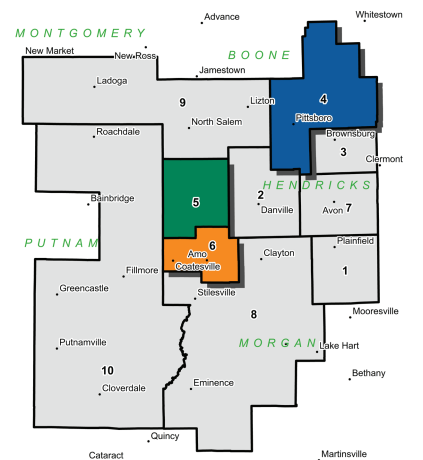
Board Members serve three-year terms and attend monthly board meetings to discuss and decide on current cooperative affairs. They affect important decisions about rates, renewable energy, financial plans, and overall co-op strategy.

#### How do I run?

If you are interested in representing your geographic area in our Board of Directors election, you will need to submit a petition. If you'd like to learn more about application materials and requirements, please visit [www.hendrickspower.com/about-us](http://www.hendrickspower.com/about-us). To receive an informational packet with application materials, contact Dana Cochran at [dcochran@hendrickspower.com](mailto:dcochran@hendrickspower.com) or by phone at (317) 718-7641. Petition Deadline: May 19, 2023

#### When is the election?

Voting will take place on the SmartHub app during July and at our annual meeting on July 20, 2023. All members, regardless of service area, will be eligible to vote. Election results will be announced at the business portion of the annual meeting on July 20, 2023.



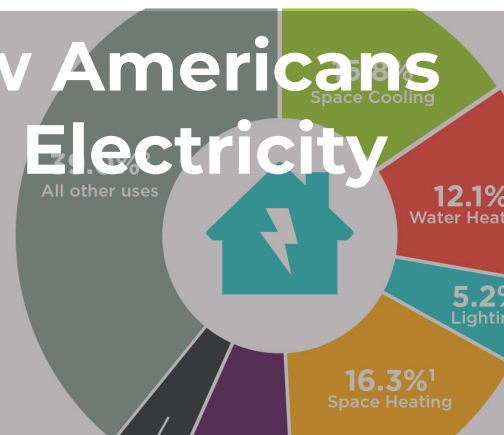
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# How Americans Use Electricity

Trying to save energy can be daunting, but knowing your highest uses of electricity can help

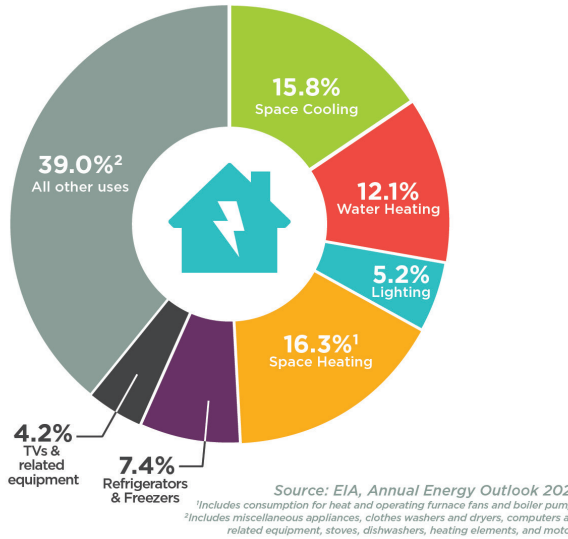
The latest data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows the combined use of clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, small appliances, and other electrical equipment (noted as "all other uses") accounts for the largest percentage of electricity consumption in American homes.

Space heating and cooling and water heating are the largest single-users of electricity. Knowing this information can help you make adjustments to your daily life that can pay off in saving energy. Consider turning your water heater down a few degrees and adjusting your thermostat to reduce usage. Now is also a great time to change your HVAC filter for spring!

Looking for more ways to save? Schedule a **FREE energy audit now!** [www.hendrickspower.com/energy-advisor](http://www.hendrickspower.com/energy-advisor)

## How Americans Use Electricity

The latest data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows the combined use of clothes washers and dryers, computers, dishwashers, small appliances and other electrical equipment (noted as "all other uses" below) accounts for nearly 40% of electricity consumption in American homes.



# Rate Adjustments Effective April

To better reflect the cost of wholesale energy, Hendricks Power will be updating rates for April usage, reflected in May statements

To better reflect the cost of electricity infrastructure and allow members more control and flexibility in their monthly expenses, Hendricks Power will implement a new rate beginning April 1, 2023. In addition to the current On and Off Peak weekday rates, there will now be a Super Off Peak rate.

The new rate structure will reduce the On Peak times to 5 - 8 pm; the Super Off Peak rate will be from 11:01 pm - 5 am, and all remaining time, including weekends, will be Off Peak. The On Peak rate will be \$.2074/kWh, Off Peak will be \$.1030/kWh, and Super Off Peak will be \$.0562/kWh.

Hendricks Power works diligently to ensure rates are as affordable as possible for members and hasn't increased rates since 2015. Residential members may see an average increase of 8% if there are no changes in current usage habits. Members are encouraged to reduce energy usage from 5 - 8 pm when wholesale power is the most expensive. Hendricks Power also offers the SmartHub app, which allows members to monitor their daily and hourly energy usage. Complimentary energy audits are also available to help members lower their usage and educate them on energy-saving rebate options. If you have any questions or would like to schedule an energy-saving audit, please visit us online at [www.hendrickspower.com/energy-advisor](http://www.hendrickspower.com/energy-advisor) or call our office at (317)745-5473. For complete details and money-saving tips, visit [www.hendrickspower.com/rate-update](http://www.hendrickspower.com/rate-update).



**DO YOU CHARGE YOUR EV AT HOME?**  
On Peak charging (5 - 8 PM) will be more expensive beginning with April's usage. Be sure you have charging scheduled from 11 pm - 5 am for the most savings!



## BEFORE PLANTING THIS SPRING, BE SURE TO CONSIDER YOUR SURROUNDINGS

When planting around your yard, be sure to consider how trees, shrubs, and gardens may impact your electrical service and equipment. Checkout the tips below before grabbing that shovel!

- Be sure to call 811 a few days before doing any digging. Some utilities aren't buried as deep as you'd think. 811 will come and mark your underground utilities for free, so you can avoid danger when planting.
- Consider your tree's mature height when planting. If your tree will be more than 25 feet tall when fully mature, plant it 40-60 feet away from power lines to avoid contact and maintenance.
- Avoid placing or leaning anything against your yard's big green box, also known as a pad-mount transformer. Although pad-mounted transformers have an outer casing around them, they lack the innate security of distance that pole-top transformers and overhead power lines offer.
- Avoid planting bushes or trees with hard, woody stalks within 8 feet of pad-mounted transformers. Line crews need to access internal components of these transformers to restore power in the case of an outage.
- Despite their appearance, do not place artificial boulders or small fences around your pad-mounted transformer. Disguising your transformer makes restoring power take longer.

If you have any questions about planting around your home or business and electricity, please call our office or visit our website at [www.hendrickspower.com](http://www.hendrickspower.com).



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Washing windows and screens is a great way to practice energy efficiency during spring cleaning. Clean windows and screens make your home brighter by allowing more sunlight in, reducing the need for lamps and fixtures. Clean screens also allow more fresh air in the home when the windows are open to recycle indoor air.



## Power Cost Adjustment

Effective in March 2023, you may notice a slight increase in the power cost adjustment (PCA) on your monthly bill. The new rate of \$0.005322 is due to a change in wholesale power costs from our provider, which includes changes in fuel costs, operations, maintenance of plants, depreciation, and infrastructure expansion.