

AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

APRIL 11
Lineworker Appreciation Day
Thank you to all of our hard-working lineworkers for their dedication and sacrifice for our community. We appreciate you!

APRIL 15
Good Friday
Our office will be closed in observance.

APRIL 21
Musical Chairs Fundraiser
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
6 PM
This all-ages event welcomes contestants and spectators to enjoy a DJ, cash bar, appetizers and desserts, along with gifts and plenty of good company. Tickets are \$20.
Learn More:
<https://tinyurl.com/3p8hfma6>

APRIL 23
Gardening for All Ages
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
Sat: 11 AM - 6 PM,
The free spring gardening show returns to the expo hall with free seeds, trees, gardening presentations, and gardening-related vendor booths.
Learn More:
www.hendricksgardeners.com



SOLAR POWER

Shedding Light on Solar

Is solar power right for your home?

The solar power and renewable energy sectors have grown tremendously over the last ten years. With promises of lower energy bills, tax incentives, and increased property value, going solar is an attractive option for homeowners. Many homeowners can enjoy these benefits, but some companies take advantage of unsuspecting consumers. Before signing a contract, here are a few considerations and questions to ask!

- Is your installer certified?
Many national solar installers hire employees that aren't certified electricians or hold a NABCEP® (North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners®) Certification. Many companies may also claim they are affiliated with a government entity or utility when they aren't.
- Does it make sense?
While leasing panels or taking advantage of financing may seem enticing, don't commit to these long-term contracts without consulting your utility first. Most residential solar arrays don't generate enough energy to sustain your household. Members will likely still require power from the grid and have a Hendricks Power bill each month.
- Are you going to add a battery backup?
Many people don't realize that they have no way to store their energy without a battery backup. That means when you're generating the most energy during the day, many people are at work and unable to utilize the energy being generated. That also means during a power outage you can still be left in the dark.
- Have you compared quotes?
Like any other large investment, it's worth your time to compare quotes and get different opinions on what's right for your home.
- Talk to your utility!
We encourage members to get all the facts on solar before signing any documents. Your utility is the most reliable source of information on how much you can expect to save on your energy bills and if solar makes sense for your property. Solar can be an excellent investment for many members, but it never hurts to get a second opinion.
Contact us today for your free solar consultation at (317) 745-5473 or at hendrickspower.com/energy-advisor.

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APPRECIATING OUR LINEWORKERS

Each year on Linemen Appreciation Day, we like to acknowledge our dedicated and hardworking line crew for all they do for our community. Being a lineworker is not for the faint of heart, and they selflessly sacrifice each day to ensure our members have reliable electricity to power their lives.

WHY WE LOVE OUR LINEWORKERS



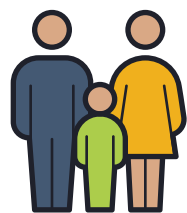
BRAVERY

Lineworkers have a very dangerous job. They work around the clock, often in hazardous conditions, risking their lives. When storms roll through and bad weather wreaks havoc on our community, they are the first to brave the storm to ensure our members have electricity.



DEDICATION

As a cooperative, Hendricks Power is part of a large network of other cooperatives, and our team has been known to travel across the country to restore large-scale outages in areas that need a helping hand.



SACRIFICE

Our lineworkers work tirelessly on weekends, late nights, and even holidays to ensure our community has access to electricity. That also means sacrificing time away from their families and loved ones to ensure the greater good.

THANK YOU!



GIVE LINE CREWS LOTS OF ROOM

APRIL 11–15 IS NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK.

As lineworkers and road crews do their jobs to help the community, electric cooperatives ask drivers to do their part in keeping workers, themselves and their passengers safe when driving through work zones.

TIPS FOR DRIVING SAFELY IN WORK ZONES

Pay attention and expect the unexpected. Work zone configurations can change without notice.

Don't text or talk on the phone and avoid taking your hands off the wheel.

Watch for speed limit reductions, narrowing lanes, changing traffic patterns, and – most importantly – highway workers.

Respect the posted speed limits and safely merge as soon and as safely possible. This will allow traffic to flow smoothly.

Keep in mind: driving 45 mph, instead of 55 mph, through a 5-mile work zone will only add 1.2 minutes to your trip. Speeding and aggressive driving are major causes of work zone crashes.

PLUG
into
SAFETY

Energy-Saving Landscaping Tips & Tricks

With prices rising everywhere, from the grocery store to the pump, it may be an excellent time to get a bit creative in ways to save energy! It may be difficult to understand how or why your yard could be a source of energy savings, but we have a few tips for you on any budget.

Clear and access your space. First thing's first! To better understand your yard and get a fresh start, be sure to trim or remove any dead plants or overgrowth accumulated. Don't forget your transformer (the big green box) in your yard if you have one! Be sure there are no trees or bushes within 4 feet of the sides, and 8 feet of the front opening is essential to ensure reliable electric service to your neighbors.

Consider a small garden. Even the smallest yards can offer plenty of space for fruits, vegetables, and even herbs. Peppers, tomatoes, strawberries, blueberries, and your favorite herbs, including Rosemary, Parsley, and Cilantro, will thrive in the summer months. You can save money by purchasing seeds instead of plants and allowing them to germinate on your south-facing windowsills to transplant later in the season.

Plant trees. Strategically planting trees on your property can reduce solar heat from entering your home. Reducing rays allows your air conditioner to save energy. The best place to plant trees for shade on your property is in the southwest corner, at least 15-20 feet from your home, depending on their mature height. Evergreens are not recommended for shade for efficiency because they will reduce your solar gain in the winter.

Irrigate your yard in cooler times. When running your sprinklers or watering your lawn or garden, be sure you're watering during the cooler times of the day. Watering your yard after getting off work may only seem like a habit, but it saves energy because the cooler weather doesn't cause evaporation to occur as quickly.

Harness the sun. Many of us have patio lighting, string lighting, and even stake lighting for after the sun goes down. If you haven't already, consider solar options! There are many solar lighting options, so check out Lowes or Amazon when putting the finishing touches on your outdoor escape.

If you're looking for more ways to make your yard or home more energy-efficient, you can always contact us for a free energy audit at www.hendrickspower.com/energy-advisor.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When streaming content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop.

Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25% to 30% less energy than standard equipment.

Source: www.energy.gov

