

NEWS & VIEWS

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OF HENDRICKS POWER COOPERATIVE

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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

APRIL 2
Good Friday
Our office will be closed in observance.

APRIL 4
Easter
Wishing all of our members a happy Easter holiday.

APRIL 12
Lineworker Appreciation Day
Sending a big "Thank You" to our lineworkers for all they do!

APRIL 17
Tox-Away Day
Brownsburg East Middle School
8 am - 1 pm
Residents are encouraged to safely dispose of chemicals, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, medicines, medical sharps, tires, electronics, appliances, and more. Learn More: www.hendrickssolidwaste.com/

APRIL 26
Legislative Breakfast
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
7 am - 9 am
A complimentary breakfast will be served, followed by an opportunity to talk with your representatives. These breakfasts are sponsored by Hendricks Power, North Salem State Bank, and Hendricks County Farm Bureau.

RSVP at janna.bolen@infarmbureau.com by the Thursday prior to the event.



POWER RESTORATION

Hendricks Power Linemen Assist in Kentucky Restoration

After winter storms and low temperatures tear through Kentucky, HPC linemen assist in restoring power

Hendricks Power was one of three Indiana electric cooperatives to send crews and equipment to assist with the power restoration effort in Kentucky after a winter storm moved through the state.

Twelve Hoosier lineworkers were dispatched to Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative in West Liberty, Kentucky, on February 16th to assist in the power recovery effort after more than half of the electric distribution cooperative's consumers were left without electricity. In addition to Hendricks Power, crews from Marshall County REMC (Plymouth) and South Central Indiana REMC (Martinsville) assisted repair efforts for a week.

"While we take care of needs at home first, our crews are always eager to help others as well," said Joe Parsons, Director of Operations, Hendricks Power. "We appreciate their dedication and time commitment, and support from their family members while they are away working endless hours. They represent us well by how professionally and safely they work."

Crews noted the vast difference in terrain and often found themselves chipping away at rock to set new poles. One memorable location required crews to walk about a mile, without truck access, and took them about four hours to dig a five-foot hole.

Regardless of the circumstance, it is important to remember safety around downed power lines. Always assume a downed power line is still energized. If you see a downed line, stay away and contact your electric utility. Additionally, stay away from limbs or trees in contact with downed lines because they can be conductors of electricity.

The Indiana electric cooperative mutual aid program provides cooperative assistance in service restoration from storms or other events that result in significant power outages.

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Your Touchstone Energy® Partner



Shift Your Power and Save

with our upcoming Wi-Fi thermostat rebate program



In mid-May, Hendricks Power will launch a new Wi-Fi thermostat option as part of PowerShift, a program that offers rebates for residential members to shift their energy use to times when electricity is less expensive. The typical American family spends 20 percent of its budget on energy. As energy demand increases, such as peak times during extreme weather conditions, costs for power plants to produce electricity can rise dramatically. PowerShift can help you shift your energy use to lower cost times helping everyone save energy and keep costs low.

"PowerShift helps us to avoid the costs associated with building new power plants by minimizing the peak demand that is placed on the energy grid," said Steve Hite, energy advisor at Hendricks Power. "We are committed to keeping our rates affordable, and PowerShift is a great resource to avoid unnecessary costs."

Hendricks Power will offer a one-time \$50 rebate to members who are accepted into the PowerShift Wi-Fi Thermostat Program. Members who participate also will receive an additional \$25 annual payment for adding their Wi-Fi thermostat to the program. Members with eligible Wi-Fi thermostats already installed will immediately be eligible for the PowerShift program at launch and should receive a notification through their thermostat's manufacturer's notification platform. While most Wi-Fi thermostats will be eligible, there will be a few that are not; a complete list will be available when the program launches.

PowerShift is designed to minimize disruption and will pre-cool the home prior to any load shifting events. Events will only take place between noon and 9 p.m. during the week; never on weekends or holidays. The load shifting signals will not harm the

thermostat or your air conditioner system and will not collect individual data. More information will become available in the coming months.

"We offer several options so that residential members can participate in PowerShift in the way that they feel most comfortable," Hite said. "Our new Wi-Fi thermostat program is one more way, and the thermostat rebate is a great incentive for people who have been interested in upgrading to a Wi-Fi thermostat."

If you are interested in upgrading to a smart thermostat, but aren't sure how to choose the best one for your home, contact our energy advisors at 317-745-5473.

See a full list of available rebates at www.powermoves.com.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Don't set your water heater too hot!

Some manufacturers set water heaters to 140 degrees, but most households usually only require them to be set at 120 degrees. Consider setting yours to 120 to reduce mineral buildup and save energy!

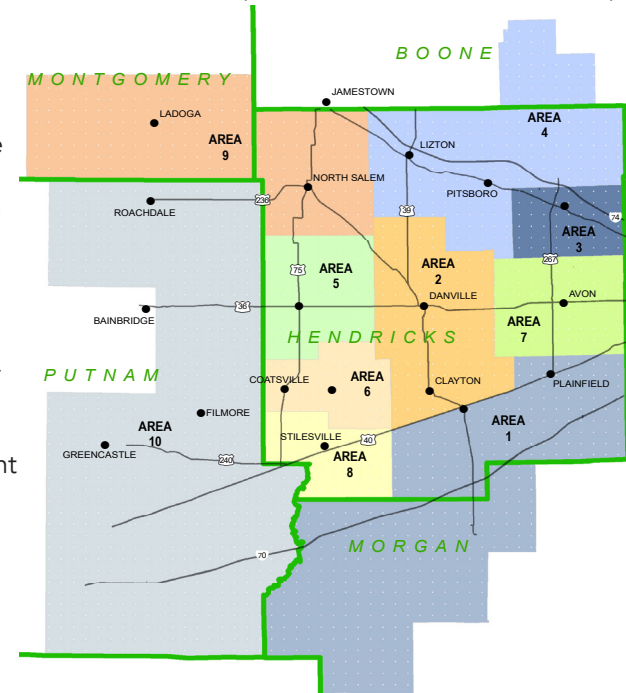


Source: www.energy.gov

Interested in Becoming an HPC Board Member?

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 7, 8, 9, and 10 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 townships in Putnam and Montgomery counties along with Washington, Franklin, and Eel River townships in Hendricks County. 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. To receive an informational packet with application materials, contact Dana Cochran at dcochran@hendrickspower.com or by phone at (317) 718-7641. **Petition Deadline: May 21, 2021**

When is the election?

Voting will take place prior to our annual meeting on July 22, 2021. All members, regardless of service area, will be eligible to vote. Election results will be announced at the business portion of the annual meeting. **New in 2021: Members will be able to vote online through SmartHub.**

Save the Date: 2021 Annual Meeting



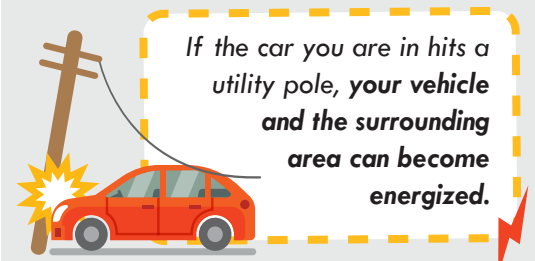
Join us for our 2021 annual meeting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds! We will be updating members on current cooperative happenings, announce election results, and more!

Annual Meeting: July 22, 2021

KNOW WHAT TO DO



if in an Auto Accident with Power Lines



Even if you do not touch lines or equipment, you can still be killed or seriously injured.



1. Do NOT leave the car, and warn others to stay away.

2. Call 911 to have the utility notified.



3. Wait until a utility professional has told you it is safe.



If the car is on fire, jump clear of the vehicle: **with feet together, and without touching the car and the ground at the same time.**



Continue to **hop away** with your **feet together** as far as you can.



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