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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

Wishing you and your family new beginnings and prosperity. Our office will be closed in observance.

Commitment to Community Scholarship Applications Open

Learn more and apply on our website: www.hendrickspower.com

JANUARY 25

Legislative Breakfast

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
Mark your calendars for our 2021 Legislative Breakfasts. At 7:00 am, a complimentary breakfast will be served followed by an opportunity to talk with your representatives at the Indiana Statehouse. Social distancing will be in place, and masks are required. Please check our website and Facebook page for any possible updates.

The 2021 dates are:

January 25

February 22

March 29

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

These breakfasts are sponsored by Hendricks Power, North Salem State Bank, and Hendricks County Farm Bureau.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Local Youth Power and Hope Award Winner Named

Hendricks Power member and Danville resident awarded Youth Power and Hope Award

Each year, Hendricks Power partners with Indiana Electric Cooperatives to host the Youth Power and Hope Awards. The program recognizes middle school students who are making a difference in their communities. Five recipients each receive \$500 and will be featured in the January issue of Indiana Connection, a statewide magazine.

One of this year's talented recipients was Chloe Schut of Danville. Chloe is a sixth-grade student at Danville Middle School and the first Hendricks Power member to receive this award. Since moving to the area, she has made an effort to become involved in various community service activities. She has been involved in the Girl Scouts, Hendricks County Humane Society, and more.

Throughout her six years as a Girl Scout, Chloe has volunteered at local food pantries, collected food donations, visited nursing homes to sing carols and distribute holiday cards, and even built owl boxes.

In addition to scouting, Chloe has been a volunteer at the Hendricks County Humane Society for two years. She visits the center each week for routine cleaning, feeding, and administering medicine to animals. During quarantine, she also fostered kittens to ensure they received proper medical attention.

Hendricks Power is very proud of Chloe's contributions to her community and encourages her and our other young members to continue to make a positive impact through local volunteering and involvement.

Do you know a middle school student dedicated to improving their community? Applications for the 2021 Youth Power and Hope Awards will be available in June of 2021 on our website!

Winter Storms

How to prepare for unpredictable winter weather

Indiana weather can be unpredictable, especially during the winter months. That's why you should prepare for dangerous situations before a storm hits.

It is crucial to develop a plan for prolonged power outages during these harsh months. Heavy snows, freezing rain, and ice storms can all create electrical hazards.

"Being safe around electricity is something you should focus on year-round," said Dana Cochran, Director of Marketing at Hendricks Power. "Indiana winters can bring a whole slew of dangerous hazards, especially where power lines are concerned."

"Snow and ice often accumulate on power lines. The added weight may cause lines to snap off the poles or cause the poles to break," Cochran explained. "That can bring power lines into contact with the ground, trees, homes, vehicles, and other objects. If people or pets come in contact with a live power line, they can suffer serious injury or even death."

Due to these dangerous conditions, many residents may be confined to their homes for days at a time. That's why it is important to have a plan in place, especially during these prolonged outages. To better prepare you and your family for a power outage, your electric co-op recommends members keep a storm preparedness kit fully stocked with enough supplies for three days.

The basic supplies in this kit should include:

- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food
- Emergency blankets
- First aid kit/medicine
- Flashlight
- Battery-operated or hand-crank radio
- Extra batteries
- Toiletries

Visit goiec.org/3muM9Ae for more tips from the American Red Cross about how to build an emergency kit.

Now that your family is prepared for a prolonged outage, what should you do if the lights go out?

Keep warm air in and cool air out by not opening doors to unused rooms. Do not open doors to the outdoors unless necessary.

Food safety is also important when there is a prolonged outage. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible, and eat perishable food first. If you know a winter storm is coming, stock up on ice so you can keep things in coolers to keep them from going bad if an outage lasts longer than a day. Once the refrigerator reaches temperatures higher than 40 degrees Fahrenheit, foods can become unsafe to eat.

To protect your home's electrical equipment during an outage, turn off and unplug all unnecessary electronics or appliances. Doing so will keep equipment from being damaged by surges or spikes when the power returns.

Sources: Electrical Safety Authority, Popular Mechanics

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Replace standard power strips with advanced power strips to save energy. Advanced power strips look like ordinary power strips, but they have built-in features designed to reduce the amount of energy used by standby electronics that consume energy even when they're not in use (also known as phantom load).

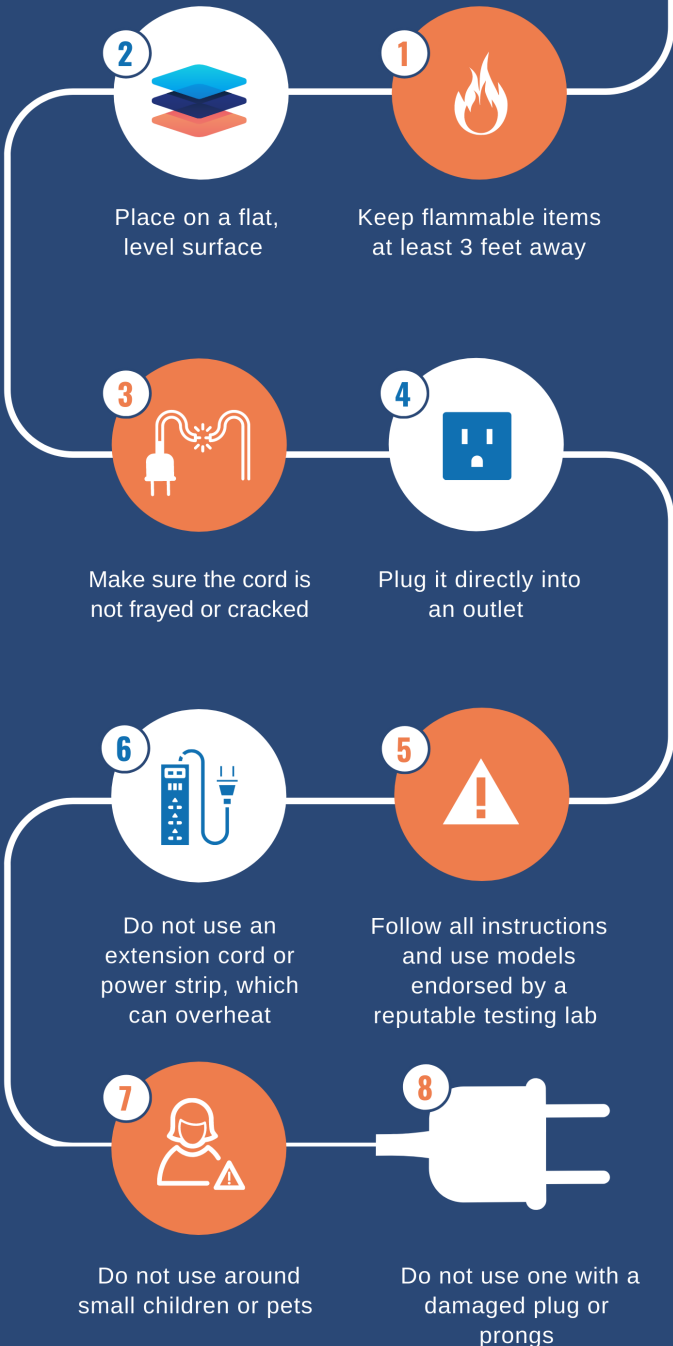
The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) estimates that the average home loses \$200 annually to energy wasted by phantom load.

Source: www.nrel.gov



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HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

UNDERSTANDING THIS PROCESS IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.

- 1 Idea
- 2 Bill introduced in legislative body and assigned to committee
- 3 Public hearing, amended and voted on in originating chamber committee
- 4 Originating chamber votes on amended bill
- 5 Public hearing, amended and voted on in other chamber committee
- 6 Chambers work out differences between two versions
- 7 President or governor signs it into law or vetoes it

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