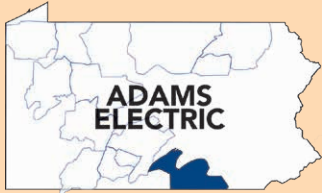




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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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## A Voice for Energy Policy



**STEVE RASMUSSEN**

**ACCORDING TO THE NORTH AMERICAN** Electric Reliability Corporation, the demand for electricity is the highest it's been in more than two decades. American families need the lights to stay on at a rate they can afford. Spurred by data centers and manufacturing, costs are rising as electricity demand across the nation skyrockets while power production decreases.

America's electric cooperatives are working to meet the fundamental need to keep the lights on by pushing for smart energy policies.

Your cooperative leaders and others from around the country met in Washington, D.C., in April and in Harrisburg in May to share our energy initiatives and priorities with legislators.


On the federal agenda, your co-op board and staff lobbied for permit reform, reminding legislators that red tape not only increases the production time for reliable energy but also the cost. In addition, the EPA's power plant rule has been forcing the premature closure of always-available power, which puts the electric grid in growing jeopardy of blackouts. We encouraged legislators to continue the push to repeal this unworkable, unproven pursuit.

Other topics of discussion in D.C. included urging our legislators to keep the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program off the chopping block. Pennsylvanians with past-due energy bills rely on this assistance to avoid shut-offs and power interruptions. Also, Federal Emergency Management Agency funds need to continue to be available following natural disasters. Without this assistance, critical electric services will take longer to repair, and the costs passed on to rural communities will be drastic.

Some key talking points for our discussions in Harrisburg were similar, including increased electric demand, rising energy costs and grid reliability. We urged members of the General Assembly to enact policies that maintain existing generation, encourage the construction of new baseload generation and ensure large energy consumers, like data centers, bear the costs they create, instead of passing them on to consumers.

In addition, wildfires are starting to gain traction locally, which poses a risk to electric infrastructure in rural areas. We asked lawmakers to enact policies that reduce wildfire fuel on state lands (i.e. dead trees) and work with electric utilities to mitigate wildfire risk (and costs) by facilitating a more comprehensive vegetation management program.

Finally, a pressing issue in rural Pennsylvania is long-term population decline. Increased funding for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, specifically the Rural Population Revitalization Commission, will help to analyze ways to reverse this concerning trend.

Want to help us spread the word on these energy issues and others? Consider participating in America's Electric Cooperatives PAC, a membership program that helps rural cooperatives have their voices heard. We'll be actively looking for co-op members to sign up for (or recommit to) this program this month. Plus, you'll receive an exclusive invite to a PAC event hosted by our Member Engagement Group in October. Check your July bill and bill insert for more information. 

**STEVE RASMUSSEN**  
 CEO/GENERAL MANAGER

## 'Tis the Season for Community Fairs

**KAMI NOEL**, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

**IT'S FAIR SEASON – ANIMALS**, rides, games and fun for all ages!

Rural communities, especially where agriculture is prominent, gather annually to show livestock, home-grown products and handmade wares.

The Shippensburg Community Fair ([shippensburgfair.com](http://shippensburgfair.com)), the South Mountain Fair in Arendtsville ([emmitsburg.net/smf](http://emmitsburg.net/smf)) and the York State Fair ([yorkstatefair.com](http://yorkstatefair.com)) are all set for late July. Check each fair website for specific details.

**The Shippensburg Community Fair** is entering its 67th year and includes attractions like the Fair Queen and Little Miss contests, truck and tractor pulls, a demolition derby, and fireworks. Hundreds of people

from Shippensburg and surrounding communities come together during the fair to display their exhibits and compete with others for a first-place ribbon.

The fair, July 21-26, offers opportunities for exhibitors, including shows and contests in various categories, such as dairy, horses, fruits, vegetables, baked goods, crafts, woodworking, youth, and more.

**The South Mountain Fair** includes daily activities, such as carnival rides and entertainment each afternoon, July 22-26. Look for fun and unique special events like a mullet contest, draft and miniature horse pulling, laser tag, chainsaw carving, and a parade of antique farm equipment.

A special feature of the fair is 4-H Day on July 22. The co-op has specifically sponsored this event since 2022. Adams County 4-H presents the junior livestock swine judging that Tuesday, adds market sheep and goat judging on Wednesday, and then dairy-beef feeder calf judging and dairy-beef finished steer judging on Thursday. There are other 4-H events throughout the week as well.

**The York State Fair**, back for its 260th year, promises to be an entertainment-heavy event, with large, ticketed arena shows nightly, July 18-27, at the York Expo Center.

Known as "America's First Fair," the event has grown from an agricultural market on the town square to a long-standing tradition, featuring live concerts, kid-friendly rides, livestock exhibits and delicious fair food.

Each fair offers daily specials, occasional themes or discount days, and multiple opportunities to catch live music. Plan your visits now to take in the sights and sounds that appeal most to your family and schedule. 🎡



**SHOW TIME:** For many years, including 2012 when this display was presented, Adams Electric Cooperative has set up a stand at the Shippensburg Community Fair to meet consumer-members and engage with the community.



**RIDE TIME:** Many of the fairs and festivals held throughout the summer include rides and games for kids and families. The Shippensburg Community Fair, as seen here in 2015, has something for everyone to enjoy.



# Extreme Summer Temps Can Impact Electric Reliability

**WHEN OUTDOOR TEMPERATURES SOAR**, electricity use spikes as air conditioners run longer and more often to counteract sweltering heat. Factor in that most consumers tend to use electricity at the same time — in the morning and early evenings — and that equals a lot of strain on the electric grid.

At Adams Electric Cooperative, we work closely with Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., our generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative, to ensure we have the energy our members need whenever they flip a switch. The electric grid, however, is much larger than our local co-op and G&T.

In summer, when even more electricity is being used simultaneously across the country, it is possible for demand to exceed supply, especially if a prolonged heat wave occurs. If this happens, which is rare, the grid operator for our region may call on consumers to actively reduce their energy use. The operator may also initiate rolling power outages to relieve pressure on the grid. Utility providers are always watching for situations like this.

We work proactively to create a resilient power system and ensure electric reliability in extreme weather. This includes regular system maintenance, grid modernization efforts and disaster response planning, but everyone needs to pitch in to alleviate stress on the grid.

Here are a few things you can do to relieve pressure on the grid during times of extreme summer heat:

**1. Set your thermostat at the highest comfortable setting** and turn it up a few degrees whenever possible. By taking these steps, your cooling system won't have to run as long to make up the difference between the thermostat temp and the outdoor temp.

**Pro tip:** Seal air leaks around windows and exterior doors with caulk and weatherstripping. Air leaks and drafts force your cooling system to work even harder than necessary.

**2. Run major appliances, such as dishwashers, ovens, dryers and pool pumps, during off-peak hours** (before noon and after 7 p.m.) when the demand for electricity is lower.

**Pro tip:** Start the dishwasher

before you go to bed and use the delay setting on your washer.

**3. Use ceiling fans** to make yourself feel a few degrees cooler. Remember, ceiling fans cool people (not rooms), so turn them off in unoccupied rooms.

**Pro tip:** During summer months, set ceiling fan blades to rotate counterclockwise, which pushes cool air down for a windchill effect.

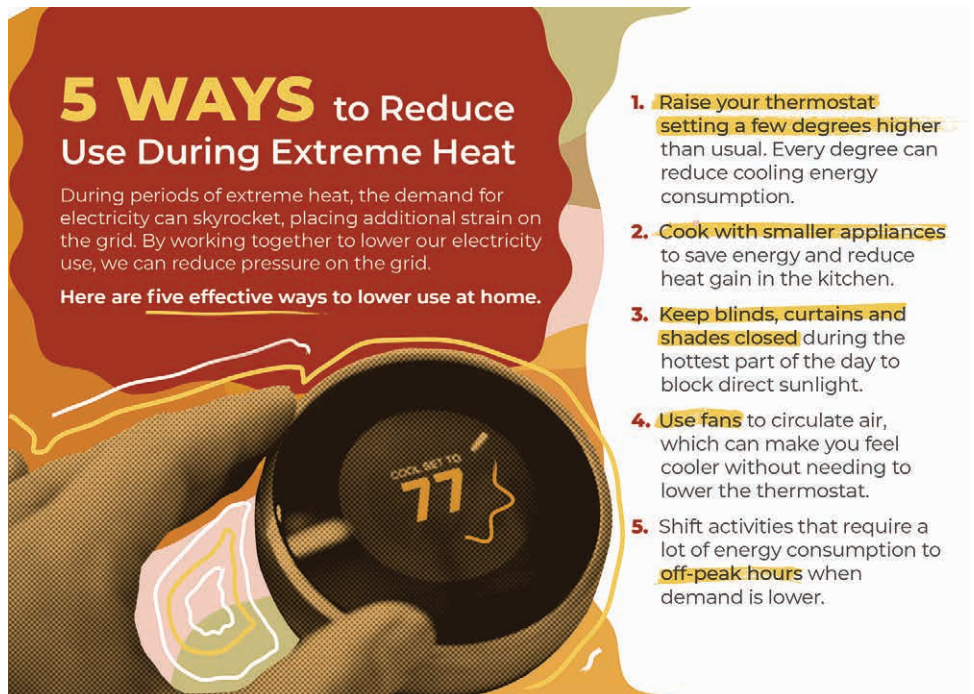
**4. Close blinds, curtains and shades during the hottest part of the day** to block sunlight and unwanted heat gain.

**Pro tip:** Consider blackout curtains with thermal backing or reflective lining to block heat and light.

**5. Use smaller appliances, such as slow cookers, air fryers and toaster ovens, to cook meals.** Better yet, go outside and grill.

**Pro tip:** Studies have shown air fryers use about half the amount of electricity of a full-sized oven. Air fryers are smaller and use focused heat, which results in faster cooking times, less heat output, and lower energy use.

As we face the challenges posed by soaring summer temperatures, understanding the impact on energy demand is crucial for maintaining a reliable power supply. By adopting energy conservation practices during periods of extreme heat, you can not only save money on your electric bills, but you can also contribute to the resilience of the grid, keeping our community cool and connected. 🌞



**5 WAYS to Reduce Use During Extreme Heat**

During periods of extreme heat, the demand for electricity can skyrocket, placing additional strain on the grid. By working together to lower our electricity use, we can reduce pressure on the grid.

Here are **five effective ways** to lower use at home.

- 1. Raise your thermostat setting a few degrees higher** than usual. Every degree can reduce cooling energy consumption.
- 2. Cook with smaller appliances** to save energy and reduce heat gain in the kitchen.
- 3. Keep blinds, curtains and shades closed** during the hottest part of the day to block direct sunlight.
- 4. Use fans** to circulate air, which can make you feel cooler without needing to lower the thermostat.
- 5. Shift activities** that require a lot of energy consumption to **off-peak hours** when demand is lower.

## MUMMERT PROMOTED TO IT SECURITY ADMIN

Congratulations to Andrew Mummert of Chambersburg, who was promoted to information technology (IT) security administrator at the co-op's Gettysburg headquarters May 12. In this new role, Mummert will maintain the cooperative's cybersecurity infrastructure, implement systems to protect and ensure the integrity of the cooperatives systems, and assess risks to cooperative data. He started with Adams Electric Cooperative in 2018 as an IT specialist.



**ANDREW MUMMERT**



**READY TO SERVE:** Incumbents Jay Herman of Aspers, Nadine Hubner of Felton and Bill French of Shippensburg were each elected to three-year terms on the Adams Electric Cooperative board during an election process that ended at the cooperative's annual meeting May 8. Shown, from left, are: CEO/General Manager Steve Rasmussen, Herman, French, Hubner and then-Board President Glenn Bange.

## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS

Some scammers may knock on your door and claim to be employed or hired by your utility company. They may claim they were hired to reset, repair, replace, or inspect your electric meter or other utility-related device. If a utility employee or authorized contractor needs access to your home, we will schedule an appointment in advance, and proper identification will be provided for your review.

*Source: Utilities United Against Scams*



**READY TO LEAD:** The Adams Electric Cooperative Board of Directors held a reorganization meeting May 13, during which Dale Myers of Glenville was elected president, Dave Frey of East Berlin was elected vice president, Glenn Bange of Hanover was elected secretary and Tom Knaub of Wellsville was re-elected board treasurer. Bange, the previous board president, held the position since 2018. In early May, at the annual membership meeting, he announced he would be stepping down from the role.



# COOL SUMMER SAVINGS



# OF \$255!

## FREE U-SHIFT SWITCH (\$215 VALUE) & \$40 IN BILL CREDITS

Allow a U-Shift switch to be installed on your heat pump or central air conditioner and earn an energy supply credit of up to \$40 annually to be applied in **up to \$10 increments to bills received in July, August, September, and October.**

The switch will cycle the compressor on your heat pump or central air unit, while the unit's fan continues to run to help maximize comfort.

Adams Electric's U-Shift, U-Save program has saved the co-op over \$30 million in avoided power purchases during peak electric demand periods.

**U-SHIFT  
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AIR CONDITIONING



**COOL ENERGY SAVINGS:**  
Allow a U-Shift switch to be installed on your heat pump or central air conditioner and receive a seasonal incentive bill credit to help bring down summer energy costs.



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