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Electricity Brings Everyday Value

A message from Tony Tucker, President & CEO

When it comes to electricity, we rarely think twice when we flip on a light switch, brew coffee in the morning, charge our phones or adjust the thermostat. We simply expect the power to be there—and that's how it should be because you are a member of Mitchell EMC, and reliably powering your life is our mission.

We know that many families across our local communities are feeling the impact of rising costs for everyday expenses. Groceries, gasoline, insurance and other necessities cost more than they did just a few years ago. And because of that, we understand that every household is carefully considering where each dollar goes.

That's why I think it's important to occasionally step back and consider the value electricity provides.

The average U.S. residential electric bill is about \$150 a month—roughly \$5 a day. I often think about what that \$5 provides. It's about the cost of a specialty coffee, yet electricity powers nearly every moment of our daily lives, often without us giving it a second thought. In fact, many typical purchases cost more than a day's worth of electricity. A fast-food combo meal averages about \$9, and a single movie ticket can cost around \$13.

For about \$5 a day, your refrigerator keeps food fresh around the clock. Your heating and cooling system helps keep your family comfortable through the seasons. Lights brighten your home after sunset. Appliances make cooking and cleaning easier. Devices stay charged so you can work, learn, communicate and stay connected with loved ones. When you think about everything electricity makes possible, it's one of the greatest values in the average household budget.

Even with electricity's exceptional value, we know every dollar matters. If you're looking for ways to lower your energy use, Mitchell EMC is here to help. Whether you need efficiency advice from our energy advisors, information about co-op rebates and efficiency programs or answers to questions about your monthly bill, our team is always available. Mitchell EMC offers free In-Home Energy Audits are conducted for residential members who wish to know more about their energy consumption.

Representatives are trained to survey facilities and make recommendations to help keep energy costs down. Following a thorough inspection of your home, they will suggest ways to improve the energy efficiency of your home.

Our energy assistance guidance can help you decide which measures will help you the most, including the following:

- Caulking and weather stripping
- Additional insulation
- Storm windows and doors
- A more efficient heating system
- An efficient water heating system



**A Little Cost.
A Lot of Life.**

For about \$150 a month, electricity powers hundreds of tasks that keep your home comfortable, connected and running smoothly—from brewing your morning coffee to keeping your family cool, safe and entertained.

- 720 hours of refrigeration
- 20+ loads of clean clothes
- 15+ home-cooked meals
- 90+ hours of lighting
- Numerous devices charged
- Hundreds of hours of cooling/heating
- Countless connections to work, school and entertainment

30 days of comfort

Mitchell EMC is proud to be more than your electric provider. Because we're a cooperative, we're locally owned by you, the members we serve. That means every decision we make is guided by what's best for our community—not by outside shareholders.

Thank you for trusting us to power your home and your life. We're committed to providing everyday value for you and your family, with reliable, affordable power—so you can make the most of every energy dollar.

NRECA is the national trade association representing nearly 900 local electric cooperatives. From growing suburbs to remote farming communities, electric co-ops serve as engines of economic development for 42 million Americans across 56% of the nation's landscape.

A Community Partner Since 1937

A Better Experience for Mitchell EMC Members is Coming in 2027

By Chad Carden, VP of Consumer Services

Mitchell EMC is continuing its investment in the future with the next phase of our Meridian system conversion, scheduled for 2027. Following the successful implementation of the Meridian Financial Information System (FIS) in 2026, we are now preparing for the Meridian Customer Information System (CIS) conversion, an important step in modernizing the technology that supports member accounts and services.

While much of this work takes place behind the scenes, the goal is simple—provide our members with an even better service experience. The Meridian platform will help improve efficiency, enhance access to information, streamline processes, and position Mitchell EMC to meet the evolving needs of our growing membership.

Over the coming months, employees across the cooperative will participate in extensive training and preparation to ensure a smooth transition. The Meridian CIS go-live is currently planned for February 2027, and our teams are working diligently to make the change as seamless as possible for members.

As we move closer to implementation, members may notice new tools, improved processes, and enhanced service capabilities designed to make doing business with Mitchell EMC easier and more convenient. Throughout the conversion process, our commitment remains the same: providing reliable electric service and exceptional member support.

Mitchell EMC appreciates your patience and support as we make this important investment in the future. By modernizing our systems today, we are building a stronger foundation to serve our members for years to come.

Attention Farmers Just a reminder...



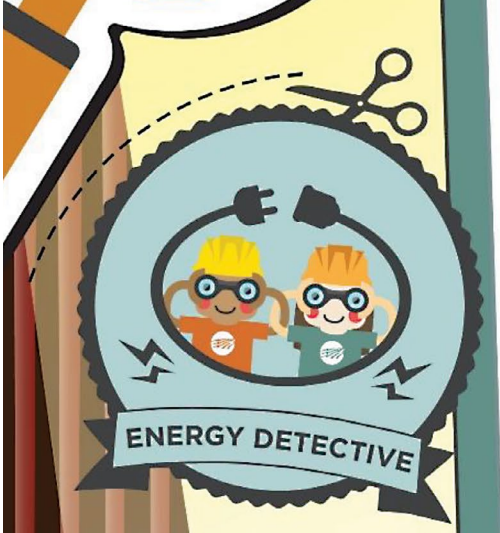
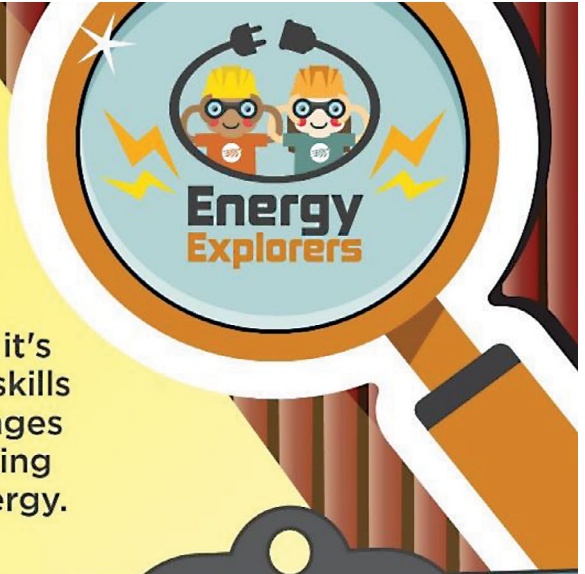
Time Of Use (TOU) rates for irrigation systems begin on June 1. The TOU kWh cost is based on the time of day in which it is used. The rate will distinguish between ON-PEAK and OFF-PEAK usage. **TOU rates apply from June 1 through September 30.* If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 229-336-5221 or 1-800-479-6034.



Mitchell EMC's offices
will be closed on
September 7, 2026
in observance of
LABOR DAY.

Energy Detective Challenge

School is back in session, and it's time to put your observation skills to work! Complete the challenges below and earn points by finding ways your family can save energy.



SCAVENGER HUNT

COMPLETED

- A light is left on in an empty room **(2 points)** ☐
- A smart or programmable thermostat **(4 points)** ☐
- A ceiling fan spinning in a room where no one is spending time **(2 points)** ☐
- A charger plugged in with nothing connected to it **(2 points)** ☐
- An ENERGY STAR® label on an appliance **(3 points)** ☐
- A window or door left open or cracked when the heating/cooling system is on **(3 points)** ☐

MISSIONS

COMPLETED

- Turn off the lights when you leave a room **(3 points)** ☐
- Open blinds or curtains during the day instead of turning on a light **(3 points)** ☐
- Unplug a charger that isn't being used **(3 points)** ☐
- Remind family members to close the refrigerator door quickly **(3 points)** ☐
- Help your family create a "lights out" check before bedtime **(4 points)** ☐

Final Month to Claim Undeliverable Capital Credits

Members can review a list of unclaimed capital credits due to be escheated on September 18, 2026, online or in one of our district offices. The last possible date to claim these funds is on September 18, 2026. If these funds are not claimed by this date, they will be donated for charitable uses, as permitted by O.C.G.A 44-12-236. Our headquarters office located in Camilla and district offices located in Albany and Sylvester have a hard copy list available for review. Our offices are open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members can also access this list at <https://mitchellemc.com/about-us/capital-credits>.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

September kicks off the fall shoulder season, when cooler mornings and milder evenings often mean you can give your heating and cooling system a break. Open windows, use ceiling fans and enjoy the fresh air whenever temperatures allow. It's also the perfect time to schedule annual HVAC maintenance before colder weather arrives. Because demand is typically lower during the fall, heating and cooling professionals often have greater availability, making it easier to book an appointment. Regular maintenance can improve your system's efficiency, help prevent unexpected breakdowns and keep your home comfortable all year long.

Source: Department of Energy



TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Your smart thermostat, security camera, video doorbell and other connected devices make life more convenient—but they can also be targets for cybercriminals if they're not properly secured. Change default usernames and passwords, use strong, unique passwords for each device and enable multi-factor authentication when available. Keep your devices up to date by installing software and firmware updates, which often include important security fixes. Secure your home Wi-Fi network with a strong password and modern encryption. A few simple steps can help keep your personal information and smart devices safe from scammers.

Source: CISA



Note: If you move or no longer have electric service with Mitchell EMC, it is important that members keep their address current, so that future disbursements can be properly mailed. Capital credits are reserved for members even if they move out of the Mitchell EMC service area. Mitchell EMC will make a diligent effort to send a check by mail.

Statement of Equal Employment Opportunity

All applications for employment shall be considered and hired on the basis of merit, without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), age, national origin, disability, genetic information, or past or present military status. The employment practices shall ensure equal treatment of all employees, without discrimination as to promotion, discharge, rates of pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, age, genetic information, or past or present military status. M/F/V/DV/D



Reese Pie

Ingredients

Crust

- 1 pack of graham crackers crushed
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter

Filling

- 2 packs of chocolate pudding

Topping

- Reese cups
- chocolate syrup

Directions:

Crust: Combine all ingredients until well blended. Press into pie pan.

Filling: Make pudding according to package directions. Add to pie pan until pan is full. (may have some pudding left over) Top with crushed Reese cups and chocolate syrup. Refrigerate.

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Send us your favorite quick and easy dinner recipes. If your recipe is chosen for print, you can

win a \$25 credit

on your next Mitchell EMC bill.

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