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Discover the Summer Shift and Power Tips

There are energy villains lurking in our homes – air conditioning, water heating, pool pumps, lighting and household appliances, to name some large culprits. Electricity is a crucial part of our daily lives and smart electricity use helps keep electricity rates stable. That's why Taylor Electric encourages members to "Do the Summer Shift" during summer weekdays (June – August).

What is the Summer Shift?

The Summer Shift supports stable rates by helping members use less electricity during times of high demand. Anyone can participate in the Summer Shift by "shifting" non-essential energy use to before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m., during summer weekdays (June through August). That afternoon window of time is usually when the demand for electricity is at its peak. With a successful Summer Shift program, the cooperative's wholesale power provider – Dairyland Power Cooperative – purchases less electricity during times of peak demand and high prices. Reducing the price paid for our wholesale power contributes to stable retail electricity rates in the long-term.



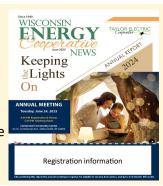
Dairyland works with its 24 member cooperatives, including Taylor Electric, to cover all our electricity needs every hour of every day of the year – or – 24/7/365. By joining with other cooperatives, the benefit of the Summer Shift is multiplied. To be fair: Just doing the Summer Shift may not mean a reduction in actual electricity used because members will still run a dishwasher or take a shower earlier or later in the day. But, members looking for a few power tips can not only do the Summer Shift but, also, save energy and improve in-home comfort this summer.

Discover Power Tips

- Cook outdoors to avoid additional heat from the oven
- Close blinds to help keep the house cool; use a ceiling or table fan to circulate air
- Shift laundry to before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m., and air dry clothes instead of putting them in the dryer
- Catch a summer breeze! Line dry your clothes
- Make sure chicken is the only thing crispy this summer. Use an air fryer instead of your oven.
- Run the dishwasher after 7 p.m., opening up the door to let dishes air dry overnight
- Create a schedule for your smart thermostat and lighting to minimize energy use between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Bump up the thermostat setting 4 degrees on summer weekdays
- Adjust the water heater to no higher than 120 degrees

Please note important change to annual report

This year's annual report was not sent as an individual booklet, instead it was printed in the June edition of the WEC News. This is the magazine that you receive each month. It's important to note that the registration slip for the annual meeting is on the front cover of the magazine so please be sure to be on the lookout and cut it out to bring to the annual meeting.



PLAN TO JOIN US JUNE 24TH

****ABSENTEE BALLOTS BY REQUEST****

Taylor Electric's annual meeting is set for Tuesday, June 24th at the Centennial Community Center, Stetsonville, WI. Registration starts at 4:30 PM with dinner served during this time. The meeting will start at 5:30 PM. In the event you can't attend the annual meeting, we have the option of Absentee Ballots. Call to have your ballot mailed or stop by the office to pick one up. Account verification will be necessary with both methods. Simply submit the completed ballot back to the office by Monday, June 23rd. As always, in-person voting will still be available at the annual meeting! The ballot will contain three names for two open seats which includes incumbents Lisa Kohn, Medford and David Makovsky, Medford and challenger, Bruce Gumz, Dorchester. Individual biographies will be in the annual report in the June WEC News.

BOARD REPORT APRIL 2025

- Approved March disbursements totaling 351,215. 9 new member applications, and March 2025 construction in the amount of \$10,172.
- Reviewed financial results for March with \$198,187
 Operating Margins and \$212,665 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 13 outages in March, with an average YTD outage time per meter of 0.0473 hours.
- Seven applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$16,370 to be paid out at the net present value of \$6,101.
- 29 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the April 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$11,943.
- Other topics covered included updates on the hiring for a new CSR, donation request, Annual Meeting planning, scholarships, and utility scale solar project interest.

Congratulations Area Graduates and TEC Scholarship Winners

- * Athens High School—Nathan Osborn
- * Colby High School—Landon Steinman
- Medford Area Senior High—Lily Holmes, Grace
 Johnas and Owen Klussendorf
- * Rib Lake High School-Tyler Matyka

Please Note the Following Office Hours:

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, Friday, May 23rd through Labor Day, Friday, August 29th, the office will be closing at 11:30 AM on Fridays during the summer.

Office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 7:30 AM- 4:00 PM and Friday 7:30 AM-11:30 AM.

It's June Dairy Month, Drink Milk!

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Wisconsin Monthly Dairy Farms Statistics

- Number of Licensed Dairy Herds: 5,336 herds (February 1, 2025)
- —Number of Dairy Cows: 1,265,000 dairy cows (February 2025)
- —Average Number of Cows Per Dairy Farm: 237 dairy cows (February 2025)
- —Total Monthly Milk Production: 2.48 billion pounds (February 2025)
- -Monthly Milk Production Per Cow: 1,960 pounds or 228 gallons
- —Daily Milk Production Per Cow: 70 pounds or 8.1 gallons

Source: <u>Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service</u> (WASS)

History of National Dairy Month

- Dairy farming has been a main pillar of Wisconsin's economy for more than 180 years.
- June Dairy Month started out as National Milk Month in 1937 to promote drinking milk. In 1939, June Dairy Month became the official title of the promotion and focused on greater use of milk and other dairy products.
- June Dairy Month is an annual tradition that celebrates the contributions the dairy industry makes to the state and the world. In Wisconsin, we celebrate June Dairy Month bigger than anywhere else with on-farm breakfast events and enjoyment of the world's best dairy products.

Source: <u>Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin</u>