

# Taylor Report



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## 7 Lucky Tips to go Green on St. Patrick's Day

### 1. Replace your HVAC filter

When was the last time you replaced your filter? If you can't remember, there's a good chance that it is time to replace it. Generally, these need to be replaced every three months, but factors such as having pets, climate and age of your system can cause this to vary.

### 2. Install a smart thermostat

A smart thermostat can add convenience and generate savings. You can set it to adjust your home's temperature depending on your schedule, and many thermostats can detect when no one is home and automatically reduce use.

### 3. Analyze your energy bill

Review past bills to better understand your energy consumption patterns. Understanding these patterns can help you decide when to run appliances, whether to pursue energy efficiency upgrades and how to start reducing your usage.

### 4. Cut energy use during peak hours

If you are enrolled in time-of-day metering, peak hours are from 4:00-8:00 pm during the spring. Consider going out to a park, restaurant or theater during this time to lower your electricity usage. Even if you are not on the time-of-day rate, reducing usage during these times helps keep energy cost affordable.

### 5. Upgrade to energy-efficient appliances

Look for appliances that are ENERGY STAR-certified. These appliances use 10 to 15% less energy and water than standard models, according to Energy.gov. Be sure to check out the incentives offered by Taylor Electric.

### 6. Consider going geothermal for your heating and cooling needs

Geothermal systems are literally powered by the Earth. These systems heat and cool your home using a piping system, referred to as a loop. Water circulates in this loop to exchange heat between your home, the ground source heat pump and the earth. There can be significant start-up costs, so call us to check on incentives.

### 7. Sign up for community solar

If you can't install solar panels because you rent, don't have a sunny roof or if it's too expensive, you could benefit from community solar programs. Taylor Electric's Bright Horizons Solar Array has units available for \$500 each. You will receive a monthly credit on your electric bill based on energy produced by the array.

Another great program offered through Dairyland Power is Evergreen. This program allows members to support renewable energy generation at a very affordable cost. Each block costs for \$.65 and is charged on the member's monthly electric bill.

The infographic is titled "THIS NOT THAT" with a thumbs up icon for "THIS" and a thumbs down icon for "NOT THAT". Below the title is the subtitle "Easy Swaps to Go Green(er)". The infographic is divided into two columns: a green column for "THIS" (reusable items) and a blue column for "NOT THAT" (single-use items). Each item is accompanied by an icon and a checkmark or an 'X' mark.

| THIS (Green Column)    | NOT THAT (Blue Column) |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| REUSABLE TOTE OR BAG   | PLASTIC OR PAPER BAG   |
| REUSABLE BOTTLE OR CUP | PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE   |
| KITCHEN TOWEL          | PAPER TOWEL            |
| METAL STRAW            | PLASTIC STRAW          |
| REUSABLE CUTLERY       | PLASTIC CUTLERY        |

Even if you are not removing water bottles from the ocean and recycling every shred of paper and plastic you use, there are easy ways to reduce waste, use less energy and help keep America beautiful.

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## BOARD REPORT—JAN 2025

- Approved December disbursements totaling \$474,165, 11 new member applications, and December 2024 construction in the amount of \$69,825.
- Reviewed financial results for December with \$664,323 Operating Margins and \$1,070,628 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 2 outages in December, with an average YTD outage time per meter of 1.3975 hours.
- Four applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$5,048 to be paid out at the net present value of \$2,534.
- 26 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the January 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$14,479.
- Other topics covered included updates from DPC power plants and transmission construction, policy updates, donation requests, and rate structure discussion

## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR COOPERATIVE, SERVE ON TEC'S BOARD!

**THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE, CALL TODAY!**

Members interested in serving on the board should contact CEO-Kenny Ceaglske or one of the following nominating committee members: JoAnn Smith 715-748-2506, John Johnson 715-785-7777 or Patricia Waldhart 715-678-2385. Interested candidates will need to fill out a form and be willing to submit a brief questionnaire for publication in the annual report candidate section.

**Please contact one of the committee members by March 15, 2025 if interested.**

Spring  
**FORWARD**

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour.

**Sunday, March 9th  
at 2:00 AM we  
spring forward!!**

## JOIN US AT THE MEDFORD HOME AND BUSINESS EXPO



Simek Rec Center  
1037 W Broadway Ave  
Medford, WI 54451

Friday-March 21 - 4pm - 8pm  
Saturday-March 22 - 10am - 4pm  
Sunday-March 23 - 10am - 3pm



## Hey High School Seniors!

Don't forget scholarship applications are due by April 4, 2025. Forms are available through most area high school counselors, online at [www.taylorelectric.org](http://www.taylorelectric.org) or just give us a call and we'll send you a form. Let us help pay for your college education!

*NOTE: The funds for these scholarships are derived from unclaimed capital credit refunds. Chapter 185 of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that unclaimed refunds may be used for educational and charitable purposes. Otherwise, they become unclaimed property and must be paid to the State of Wisconsin as such.*