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Make Plans to Attend Sawnee EMC's Annual Meeting of Members



Please mark your calendar for Sawnee EMC's Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, October 5th on the cooperative campus located at 543 Atlanta Highway in Cumming. Drive-through registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 11:00 a.m. Members may stay and attend the Business Session which is scheduled to occur at approximately 11:00 a.m. should they elect to do so, but it is not required. All Sawnee EMC members who complete the drive-through registration process will be entered into the drawing for prizes. You **do not** have to be present at the Business Session to be eligible to win a door prize.

Be on the lookout for more information! On September 6, 2024, all Sawnee EMC members of record, as of August 30, 2024, will be mailed the Annual Report and Official Annual Meeting Notice.

If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, text 678-999-8124, email at customerservice@sawnee.coop or visit our Annual Meeting website at sawnee.coop/annual-meeting. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, October 5th!

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

**A friend is one who knows
you and loves you just the
same."**

— Elbert Hubbard

*This institution is an equal opportunity
provider and employer.*

SAWNEE EMC OFFERS VIRTUAL SOLAR

Sawnee EMC's Virtual Solar Program offers members the chance to buy virtual solar power, no matter where they are. The electricity you are allocated comes from solar facilities off-site and blocks of solar energy can be subscribed to for an extra monthly fee. This renewable electricity option is solar energy produced by panels and offsets your conventional electricity use. It lets you harness solar power hassle-free!

The Virtual Solar Program allows Sawnee EMC members who cannot install their own solar panels, for various reasons, to participate. Additionally, there are other benefits:

- The scale of utility solar projects reduces costs compared to individual systems.
- No holes in the roof or concerns about roof orientation.

- There's no need for maintenance or ongoing upkeep.
- No long-term contracts or financing commitments are required.

Members can purchase virtual solar block(s) per account. The block(s) can be purchased based on the following pricing schedule:

April – September: One (1) Block - \$26.00/month

October – March: One (1) Block - \$22.00/month

If you have any questions, want more information, or you are ready to sign up, please contact our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, email at customerservice@sawnee.coop or visit our Virtual Solar website at sawnee.coop/virtual-solar.



Sawnee EMC Receives ACSI Award

Sawnee EMC earned this award based on data modeled by the ACSI® in 2023. Award criteria are determined by the ACSI based on customers rating their satisfaction with Sawnee EMC in a survey independent of the syndicated ACSI Energy Utility Study. For more about the ACSI, visit www.theacsi.org/badges. ACSI and its logo are registered trademarks of the American Customer Satisfaction Index LLC.



COMMON CAUSES OF POWER OUTAGES

There is never a good time for the power to go out, but if it happens on a sunny day, you might be left wondering why. Here are some of the most common causes of a power outage.

WEATHER

High winds, snow and ice can cause tree limbs to fall on power lines. Other weather effects, like wildfires and lightning strikes, can cause major damage to equipment.

CRITTERS

Squirrels, birds, snakes and other animals can inadvertently contact power lines, causing short circuits and disruptions to electrical supply.

Source: NRECA

ACCIDENTS

Vehicles can crash into utility poles, bringing down power lines. Construction and excavation work can also result in disruptions to underground lines.

Scheduled MAINTENANCE

Occasionally, we plan outages to perform upgrades or repairs to parts of the local grid.

At Sawnee EMC, We're More Than Electricity, We're Service.

Q & A

with Sawnee EMC

QUESTION: Why is there a base charge on my billing statement? What does it encompass?

ANSWER: Great question! While most of the costs associated with purchasing electricity and delivering it to your home are built into the energy rates for each kWh you use, most fixed costs associated with providing electrical service, which reoccur every month, are recouped in the form of a base charge. These fixed costs include the electricity distribution system such as poles, wire, transformers and meters as well as the administrative costs that include processing, printing and mailing of a monthly bill and other costs.



Stay Cool While Cooking this Summer

The heat and humidity of another Georgia summer has been with us for a while, but there are ways for you to stay

cool without breaking the energy bank. Try saving energy with these five (5) simple tips when cooking this summer.

- Cook outdoors to reduce the heat in the house and the additional load on your air conditioner. Remember, your AC is typically the largest user of summertime electricity.
- Toaster ovens, slow cookers and air fryers get the job done, while using less energy than conventional stove tops or ovens, especially when preparing smaller meals.
- By cooking in glass or ceramic ovenware, you can turn the temperature down by 25 degrees and cook in the same

amount of time as you would with metal pots or pans.

- Avoid thawing food in the microwave. It is more energy efficient to thaw in the refrigerator. It helps the refrigerator stay cool and is safer than thawing food on the countertop or in the sink.
- When cooking on the stove, always use a lid whenever possible. It reduces cooking time and the amount of steam that is released inside the house.

Looking for more information on how you can save energy this summer? Visit Sawnee's Energy Solutions Center online at sawnee.coop. This site is full of helpful energy-saving tips and information. For additional questions, contact a member of our Energy Services Department at (770) 887-2363 or via email at marketing@sawnee.coop.

Here's WATTS Cookin' Chicken Caesar Pasta Salad



Ingredients for Pasta Salad:

12 oz. penne or bowtie pasta (can substitute gluten-free pasta)
3 heads romaine lettuce
1 cup chicken chopped
½ cup parmesan cheese, grated

Ingredients for Dressing:

1 ½ cups plain yogurt
1 T dijon mustard
1 T worcestershire sauce
1 lemon, juiced
3 cloves garlic, mashed

¾ cup parmesan cheese, grated
½ t kosher salt
½ t black pepper

Instructions:

Bring a large pot of water to a boil, on the stove. Once the water is boiling, add in the pasta and cook until it's al dente, approximately 11-12 minutes, but be sure to reference the directions on the pasta box. When the pasta is cooked, drain and rinse it thoroughly with cold water. Set the pasta aside to cool while you prepare the dressing.

Add all of the dressing ingredients to a blender and blend until it's smooth and creamy. Chop the heads of romaine lettuce and add them to a large bowl. Assemble the salad by adding the pasta, lettuce, the chopped chicken, parmesan cheese and then pour the dressing on top. Toss to fully combine, then serve the salad and enjoy! Store any leftovers in an airtight container, in the fridge, for up to 3 days.

👉 Thanks to Trish Cole for the recipe! Do you have a recipe to share with us? If we print it, we'll credit your account \$5.00. Send your favorite recipe to marketing@sawnee.coop.