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Time to Try Sawnee EMC's Paperless Billing



LIMITED TIME OFFER

Sign up for paperless billing by August 31st and receive a \$5 credit on your September Sawnee EMC billing statement.

With Sawnee EMC's paperless billing, you can receive an email or text notification when your billing statement is ready. Additionally, with cost and other issues, paperless billing can be your way of helping your Cooperative lessen these concerns.

In its simplest terms, paperless billing, also referred to as "eBill", means Sawnee EMC will email or text you a notification each month when your billing statement is ready to be viewed. You simply click the link to see your bill, instead of opening an envelope. Paperless billing does **not** mean you have to change your current payment method. If you receive an email or text bill notification from Sawnee EMC, you can still pay by any method you would like, including check payments.

Paperless billing lets you know immediately when your billing statement is ready; you do not have to wait for the mail. In fact, you can receive a paper bill and an eBill to try it out and then discontinue the paper bill when you are ready. If you try it, we are certain you will like it.

Signing up for paperless billing and receiving an email or text each month could not be easier. Call our Customer Call Center at **770-887-2363**, text to **678-999-8124**, chat online at **sawnee.coop** or email **customerservice@sawnee.coop**. You can also log into your SmartHub account and turn off paper bills upon signing into your account.

CONTACT US

Web Address & Email:

www.sawnee.coop
customerservice@sawnee.coop

Business Office Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Physical Address:

543 Atlanta Highway
Cumming, GA 30040

Customer Call Center:

Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Phone: (770) 887-2363

Fax: (770) 234-6722

Text: (678) 999-8124

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

**When you reach the end of
your rope, tie a knot in it and
hang on."**

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

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

Sawnee EMC Staff Restores Power Outages Safely and Efficiently



Power outages are rare for most Sawnee EMC members, but severe weather and unexpected storms can still cause interruptions. When that happens, our crews follow a safe, efficient restoration plan designed to bring power back to the greatest number of members as quickly as possible.

Restoration typically begins with larger main distribution lines serving large areas of electric meters. Crews then move to tap lines that feed transformers, followed by individual service lines running between transformers and homes.

Sawnee EMC also prepares "before" outages happen by keeping extra poles, transformers and equipment available, coordinating with nearby co-ops when needed,

and sending multiple crews into impacted areas during widespread events.

Ongoing maintenance, including proactive tree trimming, vegetation management and regular inspections of poles and power lines, helps reduce the risk of prolonged outages and supports the very reliable service that Sawnee EMC offers .

If your power goes out, your electric meter will generally alert us automatically. You can also report an outage through the Sawnee EMC app or by calling **770-887-2363**, text **678-999-8194** or chat at **sawnee.coop**.

While Mother Nature can be unpredictable, Sawnee EMC will always strive to be prepared to restore power as quickly and safely as possible.

Stay Cool While Cooking This Summer with Sawnee EMC's Money Saving Energy Tips

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 bank. Try saving energy with these five (5) simple tips when cooking this summer.

- 1 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 electricity during the summer months.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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 and money 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.

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**BY THE PEOPLE THAT MATTER MOST –
OUR MEMBERS**

**Best in Customer Satisfaction with Residential Electric
Service among Cooperatives, 3 out of 4 Years.**

*For J.D. Power 2025 award information,
visit jdpower.com/awards.*

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 3rd on the Cooperative's campus located at 543 Atlanta Highway in Cumming. A drive-through registration will begin at approximately 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 11:00 a.m. Additionally, members may choose to attend the in-person Business Session which will be convened at approximately 11:00 a.m. All Sawnee EMC members who complete the drive-through registration process will be entered into a drawing for prizes. You do **not** have to be present to win a prize.

Be on the lookout for more information! On September 4, 2026, all Sawnee EMC members of record as of August 26, 2026 will be mailed our Annual Report and Official Annual Meeting Notice. If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Call Center at [770-887-2363](tel:770-887-2363), text [678-999-8124](tel:678-999-8124), email at customerservice@sawnee.coop, chat at [sawnee.coop](https://www.sawnee.coop) or visit our Annual Meeting website at [sawnee.coop/annual-meeting](https://www.sawnee.coop/annual-meeting). We look forward to seeing you on October 3rd!

Here's WATTS Cookin' Peach and Bacon Pizza

Ingredients:

1/2 cup vinegar
1 Tbsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. black peppercorns
1 cup thinly sliced red onion
Cornmeal & All-purpose flour
1 lb. store-bought pizza dough,
at room temperature
1 cup whole-milk ricotta cheese

1/2 lb. thick-cut bacon,
cooked and roughly chopped
2 medium peaches, sliced
1/3 cup pickled red onions
1 Tbsp. pure honey
1 1/2 Tbsp. olive oil
Kosher salt & freshly ground black pepper
1/4 cup fresh basil



Directions:

Cook vinegar, sugar, and peppercorns in a small saucepan over medium heat until sugar is dissolved, about 1 minute. Add red onion, and cook 1 minute. Cool completely. Preheat oven to 475°F. Sprinkle a baking sheet with cornmeal or line with parchment paper. On a lightly floured work surface, shape pizza dough into a 12 x 10 inch rectangle and transfer to prepared baking sheet. Spread ricotta on dough, leaving a 3/4-inch border all around. Season with salt and pepper. Top with bacon, peaches, pickled onions. Drizzle with honey and oil. Bake until crust is deep golden brown, 15 to 17 minutes. Top with basil. Serve immediately.

👉 Thanks to Jennifer Stewart 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.