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A newsletter for the members of JEFFERSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE

Conserving Energy During Peak Season Benefits Everyone

Conserving electricity during peak energy times can benefit our entire community.

Peak times refer to periods of the day when the demand for electricity is at its highest—think early morning when people are getting ready for work or school and in the evenings when families return home and are cooking dinner and unwinding with electronics. When everyone uses energy at once, it adds pressure on the electric grid (10086829-001).

Jefferson Energy Cooperative works around the clock to help ensure electricity flows to your home or business whenever you need it. Behind the scenes, an enormous and intricate system is at work.

Electricity comes from a diverse mix of sources—nuclear, hydropower, natural gas, coal, solar, wind and more. Some power plants can respond quickly to spikes in demand, while others are less flexible. Once energy is generated, it travels through high-voltage transmission lines to local utilities like JEC, which then deliver it to your home or business through distribution power lines.

When electricity demand surges during peak times, it's more expensive to generate or purchase power. If supply can't keep up, the risk of outages increases. That's why using less energy during peak hours is more important than ever. It not only eases strain on the grid but also helps you save money.

So how can you "beat the peak?" Start by adjusting your thermostat a few degrees during peak hours; in the summer that's from 2-8 p.m., and in the winter from 5-11 a.m. Smart thermostats can automate this for you. Delay using energy-hungry appliances like ovens, clothes washers and dishwashers until later in the evening. Charging your electric vehicle overnight instead of right when you get home can also help.

Small actions taken by many households can lead to big results. When we all work together to reduce energy use during peak times, we protect our power grid, help control costs and ensure reliable electricity for our communities.

To learn more about how you can conserve or reduce energy use, visit our website at www.jec.coop/ways-to-cut-your-electric-bill.

Ways to Save Energy at Home

1. Adjust your thermostat

During peak hours—typically late afternoon to early evening—electricity rates often increase due to higher system load. By raising your thermostat a few degrees (for example, setting it from 70°F to 78°F), you decrease the cooling load on your HVAC system.



2. Turn off energy eaters

Delay using energy-hungry appliances like ovens, clothes washers and dishwashers until later in the evening.



3. Charge your EV overnight

Charging your electric vehicle overnight instead of right after you get home can also help.



Our Newest Director

Randall "Randy" Johnson *North Region*

Randy Johnson represents the North Region. He was elected to the Board of Directors in July. He is a lifelong resident of Warren County and works for Core and Main, a leading specialized distributor of water, wastewater, storm drainage and fire protection services in the United States. He has been serving for more than 26 years in different roles, including Branch Manager. Prior to working for Core and Main, Johnson worked for the City of Warrenton for seven years as a water superintendent.

He attends Johnson Church, where he has served as Chairman on the Board of Trustees and is a member of the Johnson Cemetery Association Committee. Johnson and his wife of 38 years, Judith, live in Warrenton.



Board of Directors Town Hall

Join Us for a Board of Directors Town Hall

Thursday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m.

Thomson Depot
111 Railroad, St., Thomson, GA 30824

Jefferson Energy Cooperative members are invited to attend an informative Board of Directors Town Hall, where you can learn more about your co-op and the initiatives we are taking on your behalf (10007247-001).

This is a great opportunity to engage with the JEC Board of Directors and learn how we are working to serve you better. Your membership matters!

Preparing for Tropical Storms and Hurricane Season

Hurricane and tropical storm season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30, bringing possible strong winds, heavy rains and flooding.

Jefferson Energy Cooperative is dedicated to member safety and preparedness in the following ways:

- **Pre-storm Preparation:** We will continue to inspect infrastructure to identify and repair potential damage points, helping reduce outages. Our employees stand ready to work for members if outages occur.
- **Communication:** We will continue to provide storm updates on our website and social media channels. Our outage map and text alerts will also keep members informed on their individual outages.
- **Outage Updates:** If you experience an outage, call or text us at 877-JEFFERSON (877-533-3377) and include "OUT" in your message to report your issue. You can also view our outage map online at www.jec.coop for estimated restoration times.
- **Safety Tips for Members:** Prepare an emergency kit with essentials like flashlights, batteries, first-aid kit supplies and nonperishable food. Fully charge your devices before storms. Follow local news and weather updates. Avoid downed power lines to prevent injury (105877-001).

By working together and following these safety measures, members can stay safe and help minimize storm impacts, ensuring a reliable energy supply during storm season.



HOME EMERGENCY KIT

Water, Food, Manual Can Opener, Plates, Utensils, and Other Feeding Supplies, First Aid Kit & Instructions, a Copy of Important Documents & Phone Numbers, Warm Clothes for Each Family Member, Gloves, Plastic Sheeting, Duct Tape, Large Heavy Duty Plastic Bags, Flashlight, Radio, Batteries, Whistle, Local Map, Dust Mask, Prescriptions and Medications



Jefferson Energy Cooperative's Bright Ideas Grant

We are now accepting educator applications for the 2025-26 Bright Ideas grant program. All entries must be submitted by Sept. 26. Online submissions only.





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All offices: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday

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For your convenience, bills can be paid anytime at the corporate headquarters, or in the Richmond, Louisville or Thomson offices.

TOLL-FREE SERVICE NUMBER

(877) 533-3377

24-hour Dispatching Daily

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

Labor Day, Sept. 1
Thanksgiving, Nov. 27-28
Closing at 12 p.m., Dec. 19
Christmas, Dec. 24-25

KEEP INFORMED AND WIN \$25

It pays to keep informed about JEC's business. Read and find your account number in "Connect." Call our member services department to claim your award—a \$25 credit on your bill.

WITH YOUR CORRECT PHONE NUMBER, WE CAN GET THE LIGHTS ON FASTER

During large outages, Jefferson Energy Cooperative receives thousands of calls at once. Having your correct phone number helps our Outage Call Answering System retrieve your information faster.

Please check the phone number and service address listed on your electric bill. If they are incorrect, please call 877-JEFFERSON (877-533-3377) with the correct information so we can better serve you.

Jefferson Energy Cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Operations Team Recognition

We want to take a moment to show appreciation to our Fleet Management and Operations teams.

Our Fleet Management Department ensures we are safe while on the road. Their job is never done, from emergencies to preventive maintenance, they are ready to assist.

Our Operations Department handles the daily duties of service connects, field auditing and many other member service-related duties.

Thank you for all you do for JEC!



Information Services Department Recognition

We would like to extend a heartfelt and sincere thank you to our dedicated Information Services Department, which includes our Cyber Services and Billing teams.

From our Cyber Services Department safeguarding our digital infrastructure against evolving cyber threats to implementing essential technological updates, their expertise ensures our systems run smoothly and securely. Additionally, the Billing Department's tireless efforts in managing billing processes provide seamless service to our staff and members, ensuring accuracy and efficiency, and providing support.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts and for helping us serve our community better every day!



Holiday Office Closing

Jefferson Energy Cooperative offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day.