

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

Foundation Put in Place for New Headquarters Facility



April 27: The building site is prepped for installation of concrete footings.

April 30: The shop footing is installed.

May 6: The shop foundation wall is poured.

May 8: The tubing is installed for the geothermal system.

May 11: The footings, foundation wall, and geothermal tubes are in place.





May 12: The office foundation walls are installed.

May 20: Foundation walls for the lobby and main entrance are put in place.

May 27: Interior shop room walls are installed.

June 2: Pre-cast concrete walls are installed.

May 29: Interior shop room walls are installed.

June 4: All pre-cast concrete walls are in place for the new shop.



Help Control Summer Energy Costs

Do the Summer Shift: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weekdays

You may wonder, “Is my electric cooperative asking me to reduce my consumption?” We aren’t asking you to reduce your consumption; rather, we request that if you have any electricity needs that can be moved to earlier or later in the day on summer weekdays, that you “Do the Summer Shift” and change the time of day or week that you do those things.

We’re actually looking out for you by trying to limit cost increases because Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative is different from other utilities—we are a cooperative, owned by the members. We strive to provide affordable, reliable access to all the electricity you and your family need as well as to help you use it most wisely to help manage our costs today and in the future.

Using electricity wisely this summer means that you shift electricity use to before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m. weekdays. There are no premium prices in the summer for weekends, holidays, or overnight use. Early mornings and later evenings are perfect timing for some household chores and entertainment activities.



TURN IT UP
11 a.m.– 7 p.m.

You Can Make a Difference!

Cooperative members can help keep electric rates affordable for everyone. Just shift energy use to before 11 a.m. and after 7 p.m. summer weekdays.

Do the Summer Shift

Let’s take a look at a specific example of Summer Shift activity.

Consider that many homes and businesses use air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and heat pumps to keep their home temperatures comfortably cool in the summer months. We also use our dishwashers, washers, and dryers regularly. You can help us save by changing the time of day you do just these three small things in your home:

1. Turning your air conditioner thermostat up just 4 degrees
2. Starting your dishwasher early in the morning or late in the day
3. Shifting the time you wash and dry your laundry

As a matter of fact, by shifting these activities on summer weekdays before 11 a.m. or 7 p.m., you can help the cooperative avoid premium wholesale charges of about \$11.37 for the summer months.

Here’s the part that really brings the point home: If all 6,833 residential accounts of Chippewa Valley Electric turned their air conditioner thermostats up just 4 degrees and shifted their laundry and dishwashing during Summer Shift hours weekdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., we would avoid approximately \$77,700 in additional wholesale costs to our cooperative.

Now you can see how easily you can make a difference. Your participation helps keep electric rates affordable for everyone!

We’re confident that our members’ combined efforts to move electricity use outside the hours of 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. summer weekdays will be able to prevent these incremental summer charges, so we encourage you to help if you can.

For our part, we’ll continue to share more specific suggestions for how you can help by shifting part of your electricity use outside of these more costly hours. For now, if you would like to read further, take a look at this link for energy efficiency suggestions from the U.S. Department of Energy: <http://energy.gov/articles/resolve-save-energy-year>. Give us a call at Chippewa Valley Electric at 715.239.6800 with any questions you have.

Thank you for your participation in this valuable effort. Do the Summer Shift! ■

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS



Summer is in full swing, and there's no better time to have fun and be safe. Here are a few energy safety tips for this summer.

Flying Kites is easy fun on a windy day, but be careful to stay away from power lines. Traditional kite string can conduct electricity if it comes in contact with a live power line. So remember to keep an eye on your kite at all times and fly it in an open space free of power lines, and we'll leave the kite string experiments to Benjamin Franklin.

Swimming is one of the coolest activities in the summer, literally! But remember that water and electricity don't mix. Never handle electrical items when you are wet, and make sure electrical connections to your pool or other "wet" areas are fully protected by a ground fault current interrupter (GFCI) per current National Electric Code.

Summer Storms can be fascinating to watch, but can also be very dangerous to communities and linemen. When lightning is present, stay away from trees and playgrounds, and if you see any fallen power lines or trees near power lines, contact Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative.

Check back often for more summer safety and energy-saving tips at TogetherWeSave.com.



CVEC's office
will be closed
Friday, July 3,
for the
Fourth of July
holiday.

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