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NEWSLETTER

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

August 2016

August is the 2016 Summer Shift Grand Finale! **Do the Summer Shift: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weekdays**

As we begin August of 2016, we are entering the final month in Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative's fifth year of working together to help control our incremental summer wholesale power charges. Your participation is so much appreciated! We have been hearing about all your great efforts as we have seen members throughout the summer around the community.

We are so thankful for the contribution each of our members makes as you determine which appliances or other electrical items to shift to before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m. You are making a difference that benefits our cooperative community as well as your own budget every time to make a Summer Shift.

Last month we took a look at a collective value for wholesale costs that we will avoid based on members shifting their air conditioner temperatures up four degrees for a few hours as well as shifting the time they run dishwashers and do their laundry. Remember our estimated savings of approximately \$53,282 for the summer?

This month, we want to encourage you to continue to participate in the Summer Shift through the month of August. You can help by shifting some electricity use to before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m. summer weekdays. These are the peak energy demand hours (the "electricity rush hours") in our region. That means they are the hours that most tax the resources that generate and transmit our electricity to our region, making it more expensive to provide for the higher energy demand during these hours.

Please continue participating in the Summer Shift this month by trying a few of these suggestions:

- Turn off any unneeded lights and electronics (turn electronics off at the surge strip when possible).
- Delay television watching and computer battery charging until after 7 p.m.

- Run appliances like clothes washers and dryers and dishwashers before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
- Delay using hot water until after 7 p.m. so your water heater recharges after 7 p.m.
- Set the thermostat on your air conditioning equipment or heat pump up three or four degrees from 11 a.m. or 7 p.m. – if you have a digital thermostat, you can even make this automatic!
- Shift the timer settings for running pool or spa heaters.
- Use ceiling fans and close drapes to help the air conditioner even more.

Every effort you make to shift electricity use outside of these "electricity rush hours" will reward you and your fellow members—you make a difference! We hope you will decide to make a few small changes in energy habits to contribute to savings for yourself and Chippewa Valley Electric's entire member community.

If you would like to read further, take a look at this link from the U. S. Department of Energy <http://energy.gov/articles/resolve-save-energy-year>.

Call 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!



Call Diggers Hotline before you dig! Dial 811

We have expanded our Med-A-Lert offerings to better meet the needs of our clients!

We are introducing three new offerings to our Med-A-Lert service.



Med-A-Lert *in case of emergency*

We still have our **Basic** package, with Linear equipment, tried and true, and only **\$25/month**.



We have added an option with **Fall Detection**. We still use the Linear system, but have added a pendant that has a Fall Detection feature. The Linear system with Fall Detection is only **\$27/month**. This pendant is water resistant (not waterproof as with the Basic package), and has a replaceable battery.



Two-way voice is now an option with our **Enhanced Caretaker** system.

This system has all the features of our Basic package, but in addition allows you to communicate with the Response Center directly via the pendant. This is a great option for those who are frequently outside of the home, gardening, doing yardwork, or even going to the mailbox. A spare rechargeable battery for the pendant is kept charged in the base unit. The Enhanced system is only **\$30/month**.



All of the above systems have the basic requirements: Working landline phone jack & power receptacle.

Complete mobility is available for the active individual with the **Mobile SentryPal** option. The SentryPal is a cellular device, about 2 inches square. Pressing the alert button on the unit immediately puts you in direct contact with the Response Center. Your location is sent along with the call. Alerts can be sent as a text message to a number you choose to notify of an event, low battery, or power on/off. The cellular service provider is AT&T. The SentryPal is an option wherever there is reliable AT&T cellular coverage. The mobile system is **\$35/month**.



Installation is available with all of our systems for a one-time fee of \$38.50. During the installation we will review all of the features of the system, place a test call, and verify the list of responders.

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