



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

MIDSTATE CONNECTION

Office Hours: 7:00 am-5:30 pm, Monday-Thursday
Closed Fridays & Holidays

Business Hours: 541-536-2126
After Hours Outages: 800-752-5935

Free Membership Program Gives You Discounts on Everyday Expenses

Midstate Electric Cooperative's commitment to you goes beyond providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity. We're always looking for ways to provide value to our members and our community, especially during tough economic times. Midstate's Co-op Connections Card is a money-saving tool we're proud to offer our membership. The card connects you with discounts on everything from restaurants and shopping to insurance and health savings.

A wide variety of merchants throughout our community accept the card and all you need to do is present the card at the register to receive your discount! We hope local businesses participating in the Co-op Connections program benefit from increased traffic from Midstate's members. Businesses can sign up for the program at no cost. For a complete list of all participating businesses in our area, simply log on to our website <https://midstateelectric.coop/co-op-connections-membership-savings-program> and follow the Co-op Connections link to log into your free account.



Member using their Co-op Connections Card for a pharmacy discount.

The card also gives you access to online savings at national retailers like ADT, Avis Rental Cars, and Wyndham hotels. One of the most valuable features of the Co-op Connections Card is the pharmacy discount. While it is not insurance, the discount can mean savings of 10 to 85 percent on prescription drugs. The logo and information on the back of your card is recognized at more than 60,000 national, regional, and local pharmacies. The pharmacy discount has been widely used by Midstate Members and has saved members over \$1,000,000 combined since launching the program in 2009.

As a Touchstone Energy Co-op, MEC strives to serve our members according to four core values: integrity, accountability, innovation, and commitment to community. Our Co-op Connections Card is one of the ways we live up to those values. We're eager to answer any questions you have about the card and how to take advantage of the discounts it provides. For more information, or if you need a Co-op Connections Card, call [541] 536-2126 option 5.

**MAKE IT A PICTURE PERFECT
MOTHER'S DAY**



This Mother's Day, you can save up to 20% off fresh flowers, a wide selection of plants, gift baskets and more at www.1800flowers.com using the PROMOTION CODE: COOP

Friends Stay Connected



**SmartHub -
The
Center
of Member
Engagement**



Manage your electric account 24/7 by accessing SmartHub at www.mse.coop and Electric Services option.

With SmartHub, you can:

- Pay your bill online
- Monitor energy use
- View billing history
- Receive notifications via email or text message
- Report outages and track outage restoration progress
- Check MECs news feed



ORECA-Action



Join ORECA Grassroots Effort To keep up to date on issues that could affect you and your cooperative, join ORECA-Action today! As an ORECA-Action grassroots member, you are provided with background material on important state and federal legislative electric utility issues. Sign up at www.ORECA-Action.org. Together we can make a difference.

MEC Office Closed for Memorial Day

MEC's office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30, 2022. Our outage line is available 24/7 at 800-752-5935.

MAY IS

ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Indoor Electrical Safety

Electricity has become such a necessary part of our lives that we tend to take it for granted, but using it safely is vitally important. Thousands of people in the United States are critically injured and electrocuted as a result of electrical fires and accidents in their own homes each year. Many of these accidents can be prevented simply by understanding basic electrical safety principles and adhering to safe practices.

Safety Practices You Can Start Using Today

- 1** Avoid **overloading outlets**.
- 2** **Unplug appliances** when not in use to save energy and minimize the risk of shock and fire.
- 3** **Regularly inspect** electrical cords and extension cords for damage.
- 4** Extension cords should only be used on a **temporary basis**.
- 5** Never plug a space heater or fan into an **extension cord or power strip**.
- 6** Never run cords under **rugs / carpets, doors, or windows**.
- 7** **Plug in smartly**. Make sure cords do not become tripping hazards.
- 8** Keep papers and other potential combustibles at least **three feet away** from space heaters and other heat sources.
- 9** Make sure you use **proper wattage** for lamps / lighting.
- 10** Make sure your home has **smoke alarms**. Test them monthly, change batteries yearly, and replace the unit every 10 years.

Outdoor Electrical Safety

Warmer weather stimulates an increase in outdoor work in many parts of the country, both on the job and at home. A focus on electrical safety awareness can help ensure these activities do not result in injuries and deaths. Following a few simple safety rules can help reduce the number of electrical deaths and injuries:

- Ladders—even those made of wood—that come into contact with a power line can prove fatal. Keep all ladders at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.
- Unplug outdoor tools and appliances when not in use.
- Inspect power tools and appliances for frayed cords, broken plugs, and cracked or broken housing. Repair or replace damaged items.
- Water and electricity do not mix. Avoid damp conditions – including wet grass – when using electricity.

Whether you're a consumer looking for ways to ensure safety in your home, a teacher in search of educational tools, an industry professional working to create a safe working environment, or a public service professional looking to raise safety awareness, you can find resources on the Electrical Safety Foundation website at esfi.org.