



April 2025

Newsletter

86TH ANNUAL MEETING

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Official Notice of the Annual Meeting of Members

Pursuant to the provision of the By-Laws, notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Members of Okanogan County Electric Cooperative will be held **Monday, May 5, 2025**.

Where: "The Barn" 51 N Highway 20 Winthrop, WA

When: Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:00pm

WANT TO BUDGET THIS YEAR?

Did you know that OCEC offers a Budget payment program to members who have at least one year of billing history on their account?

A traditional Budget Plan means that bills are a 'set' dollar amount each month to the customer. This amount is determined by looking at the members' previous year's billing history average and whether the account is carrying a balance or a credit. Budget Plans are recalculated each May.

- » Budget accounts allow member to plan for energy expenses.
- » Budget accounts allow a balance to be carried without penalties (as long as the payment is made on time every month).
- » Auto payments and paperless billing can be set up for accounts through SmartHub.
- » Tenants must have a good payment history and receive permission from landlords before OCEC will allow a Budget program.

It is important to remember that your Budget amount must be paid by the last day of every month. If a payment is not received on or before the due date the account is automatically removed from the Budget plan and all past due balances will be considered due immediately.

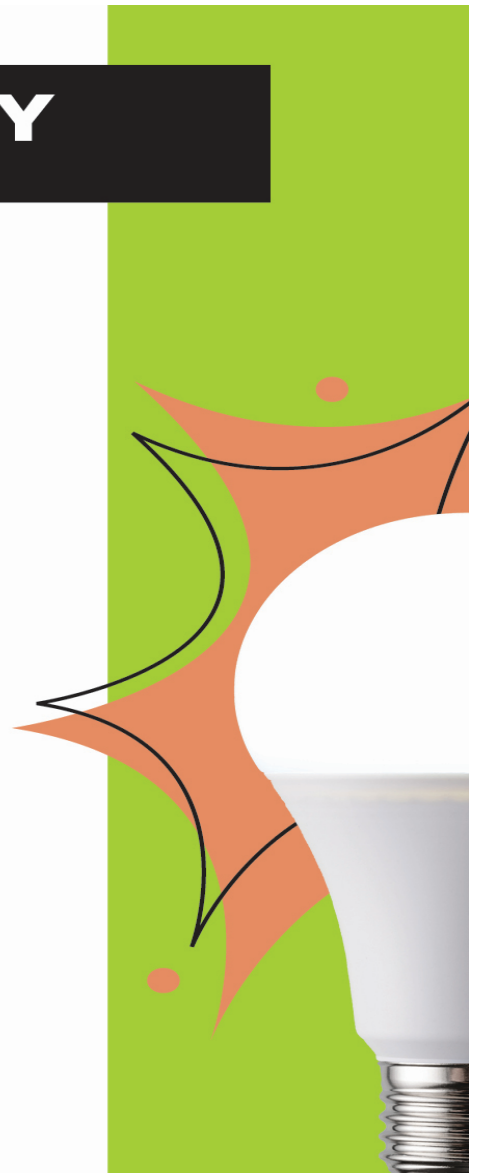
Contact OCEC before May 1st if you would like to sign up.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

Turn your suds into savings. Lower your energy use in the laundry room by washing clothes with cold water whenever possible, as heating water accounts for most of the energy used in a laundry cycle. Wash full loads to make the most of energy savings, and use high-efficiency detergent designed for cold washes. For drying cycles, clean the lint filter before each load to improve airflow and use dryer balls to reduce drying time.



TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS

Be cautious of fraudulent websites pretending to be an electric utility. Scammers often create look-alike sites to steal your personal or payment information. Always type your utility's official web address directly into your browser instead of clicking email or text links. Watch for signs of a secure website, such as "https://" in the address bar and a padlock icon. If you're ever unsure, call your utility company using the official phone number listed on your bill to verify payment or account details. Stay vigilant to protect yourself from fraud.

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