Decatur County REMC
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative
P.O. Box 46, Greensburg, IN 47240

TO CONTACT YOUR REMC
Office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Telephone: 663-3391 (local) 800-844-7362 (toll free)
During regular business hours, these phone numbers connect you with our office and after hours to our on call service. When calling after hours, please limit your requests to outages and emergencies. Whenever you call, please give the name and account number of the service as shown on your bill.

HOW TO REPORT AN OUTAGE
1. Check the fuses or breakers in your home.
2. Check the breakers below the meter if the meter is located on a yard pole.
3. Call your neighbors. If their power is also off, ask if they have reported it yet. Please do not take for granted that the outage has been reported.
4. Call Decatur County REMC to report your outage. Please be prepared to give the name, address, location number, and telephone number for the account without power in order for us process your call more quickly.

RATE SCHEDULE
Figures needed to calculate your bill.
Facilities charge ................. $20 per month
First 300 kwh per month...... 0.093 per kwh
Next 700 kwh per month...... 0.083 per kwh
Over 1,000 kwh per month..... 0.066 per kwh
Total kwh per month x power cost tracker. .... $0.011489
Total bill x Indiana sales tax .......... 7%

Example for 1,200 kwh
Facilities Charge ......................... $20.00
300 kwh @ $0.093 .................. 27.90
700 kwh @ $0.083 .................. 58.10
200 kwh @ $0.066 .................. 13.20
1,200 kwh @ $0.011489 .......... 13.79
TOTAL ........................................ $132.99
Indiana sales tax ...................... 9.31
TOTAL BILL .......................... $142.30

MISSION STATEMENT
Decatur County REMC Mission Statement:
We are committed to provide, with integrity, the highest quality service to ensure a better way of life for our members and communities.

“Don’t forget to visit us online.” www.dcremc.com

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Happy Easter from all of us at Decatur County REMC!
Our office will be closed on Good Friday.
Director election results

March 9 marked the 72nd anniversary of your REMC. We appreciate those who were able to attend.

Your attendance made the meeting a success. The results of the election are as follows:

**Winners for the board of directors**
District 1 — Larry Muckerheide
District 2 — Fritz Rueff
District 6 — Vaughn Tucker

**Winners for the Nominating Committee**
District 1 — Gary Koors
District 2 — Chris Bennett
District 5 (1-year term) — Donald Theobald
District 6 — James Schutte

**2010 Annual Meeting door prize winners**
$100 REMC gift certificate
- Wuestefeld TV
- Vern Wilmer
$100 REMC gift certificate
- Paul Kessens
Tool case/tools
- Steven Smith
$100 REMC gift certificate
- Eckstein Feeds & Supply
Electric skillet
- Frank Smith
$100 REMC gift certificate
- Ersel Rogers
Coffee maker
- Bruce Foist
50-foot heavy duty extension cord
- Teresa Horan
$100 REMC gift certificate
- Fireside Inn
Smart driver set
- James Tomson
$100 REMC gift certificate
- Phil Nobbe
Food processor
- Crum Farms
$100 REMC gift certificate
- Loretta Macyauski

Thank you for attending this year’s annual meeting!
We hope to see you in 2011!
Students learn important electrical safety lessons

The sizzle of electricity filled the air on March 1 at the Greensburg High School Auditorium. Kyle Finley, owner of Live Line Demo, instructed the student body and teachers on the importance of electrical safety.

The power contained within those small wires is dangerous. He explained how electricity from an ordinary 110 outlet can be deadly under the wrong circumstances.

“It has to be treated with respect and awareness of its potential dangers,” said Finley. “Safety has to be in the forefront of our minds. Electricity is a wonderful tool, but it knows nothing more than to try to find the path to ground.”

Finley gave several different examples to the students on how to remain safe and not take anything for granted when it comes to electric energy. Don’t let anyone approach the vehicle until it has been de-energized. This simple philosophy has saved countless lives.

“If this presentation can save just one person from being hurt, it was well worth the time,” stated Tammie Spurlock, corporate relations manager at Decatur County REMC.

An article appeared in the January Electric Consumer expanding on the value this program brings to our communities. If you still have a copy, please take a few moments to read it. If you don’t, you can find the article on Electric Consumer’s Web site at www.electricconsumer.org.

“You can’t smell, hear or see electricity, but the power in that line is tremendous and can be deadly. The safest place after a crash is inside the vehicle.”

— Kyle Finley, safety expert and owner of Live Line Demo

Be a watt watcher

Decatur County REMC is still offering the Kill a Watt meter to our members. When a person understands where energy is used, he/she is better able to control his/her use. We have received countless questions asking, “Why is my consumption so high even when the weather has been mild?”

There are many things to keep in mind and it is easy to overlook some of the culprits — better known as “phantom load.” This is not to be confused with the ghosts and goblins left over from Halloween. Phantom load comes from the electronic devices that remain on, whether or not we are using a particular device or not. The rule of thumb is, if it’s plugged in, it could be using energy. The exception is, of course, if there is a direct switch shutting the item off — lamps for example.

We purchased devices called Kill-a-Watt meters that will register use from different appliances and devices that run on 110/120 volts. It simply plugs into the outlet and the cord of the appliance plugs into the device. It will register the amount of kWh used. A quick calculation can be made using the current charges and you can then figure what it costs for you to use that particular piece of equipment.

There are two ways of obtaining a metering device. We will sell one to you with the instructions for $35 or we are also offering a lending program. You are welcome to come to the office, sign a lending agreement and keep the device for two weeks. At that time, just return it to the office and we will answer any questions, as well as offer some easy conservation tips. If you choose to keep the device, we will simply add the cost of the meter to your bill. It will also be a good way to show the whole family where some of your monthly energy use comes from. Stop by and check one out.

Efficiency tip of the month

Keeping your tires properly inflated improves gas mileage for the average vehicle by around 3 percent, saving up to 20 gallons of gasoline per year. — Alliance to Save Energy.
# 2010 Incentive Program Announced

## Geothermal Heat Pump

The energy savings potential provided by a **Geothermal heat pump** is reason enough to investigate its saving value.

Install a Geothermal heat pump to heat and cool your home and Decatur County REMC will issue a check.

- **REMC homeowner will receive $1,000 for**
  - New home construction, converting from an existing fossil fuel system, or changing out your existing electric resistant heating system (i.e., baseboard, ceiling cable, electric furnace or Air-Air Heat Pump)

**Requirements To Qualify For This Program:**

- Installation must meet the conditions of Decatur County REMC’s Incentive Program.
- Must be installed on Decatur County REMC service lines.
- Must show proof of sale and complete required forms.
- Must be a total electric geothermal unit.
- Installation may require verification by REMC personnel.

## Air-Source Heat Pump

An **Air Source heat pump** can mean substantial savings for energy-wise consumers.

Install an air source/dual fuel heat pump system and Decatur County REMC will issue an incentive.

Installation in new construction or replacing fossil fuel and receive an incentive of:

- $300.00—15 SEER
- $350.00—16 SEER
- $400.00—17 SEER or larger

Replace a **Straight electric resistance heating system** (i.e. baseboard, ceiling cable or electric furnace) with an Air-to-air Heat pump and receive an incentive of:

- $800.00—15 SEER
- $900.00—16 SEER
- $1,000—17 SEER or larger

**Requirements To Qualify For This Program:**

- Must be installed on Decatur County REMC service lines.
- Must have SEER 15 rating or better.
- Must show proof of sale. SEER rating must be validated and required form completed.
- Installation may require verification by REMC personnel.

## Water Heaters

**Energy Efficient** water heaters can mean substantial savings on your electric bill.

Install a new energy efficient water heater and Decatur County REMC will participate as follows:

- Build a new home and install a new electric water heater with an energy rating of .90 or greater and receive:
  - $50.00 for “**ONE**” 50 gallon water heater.
  - $150.00 for “**ONE**” 80 gallon water heater.

- Change present fossil fuel water heater with an energy rating of .90 or greater and receive:
  - $50.00 for “**ONE**” 50 gallon water heater.
  - $150.00 for “**ONE**” 80 gallon water heater.

**Requirements to Qualify for this Program:**

- Must be 50 gallon or larger.
- Must have an energy factor rating of .90 or better.
- Must have dual elements (max. 5,500 watts).
- Must have temperature and pressure relief valve installed.
- Must be installed on Decatur County REMC service lines.
- Must show proof of sale and fill out required paper work.
- Installation may require verification by REMC personnel.

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ALL PROGRAMS EXPIRE ON DEC. 10, 2010