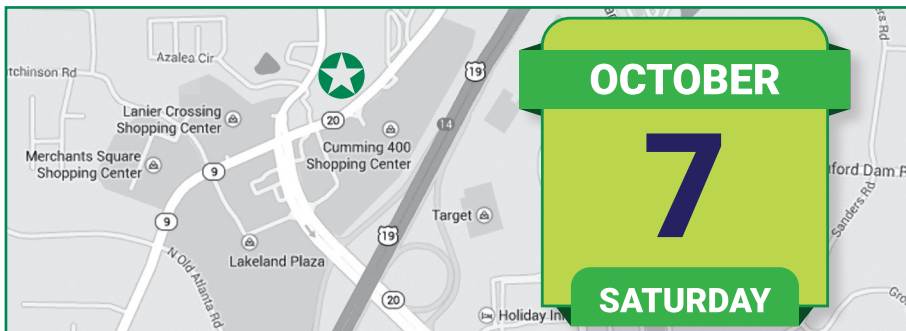




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Make Plans to Attend Sawnee EMC's Annual Meeting of Members



Mark your calendar for Sawnee EMC's 2023 Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, October 7th on the cooperative's campus located at 543 Atlanta Highway in Cumming. Drive-through registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 11:00 a.m. Additionally, members may choose to attend the business session which will convene at approximately 11:00 a.m. All Sawnee EMC members who complete the registration process will be entered into a drawing for prizes. You do not have to be present at the business session to win.

On September 8th, 2023, all Sawnee EMC members of record as of September 1, 2023 will be mailed the Annual Report and Official Annual Meeting Notice.

If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, text 678-999-8124, email at customerservice@sawnee.com, chat at [sawnee.com](https://www.sawnee.com) or visit our Annual Meeting website at [sawnee.com/annual-meeting](https://www.sawnee.com/annual-meeting). We look forward to seeing you on October 7th!

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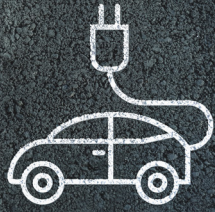
**It does not matter how
slowly you go as long as
you do not stop."**

— Confucius

*This institution is an equal opportunity
provider and employer.*

Electric Vehicles –

Get the FACTS



Electric vehicles (EVs) are becoming more readily available in the marketplace and Sawnee EMC's staff can help you navigate this changing technology. If you are considering the purchase of an EV, please visit the EV portion of our website at [sawnee.com/electric-vehicles](https://www.sawnee.com/electric-vehicles) to learn more about rebates, EV calculations, requirements and access to other EV related resources. You can also use this site if you are already an EV owner and would like to learn more about the rate options that are currently available.

Sawnee EMC is your trusted energy advisor. So, whether you currently own an EV or are exploring your options and have question, please call us and we will be glad to help. Contact our Energy Services Team at 770-887-2363 or via email at marketing@sawnee.com.



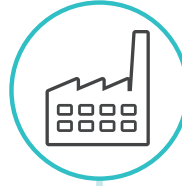
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#1 in Customer Satisfaction
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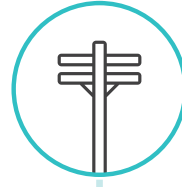
4 KEY FACTORS That Impact Your SEMC Energy Bills

There are several factors that impact your energy bills. Learn more about how your bill is calculated and what impacts these costs.



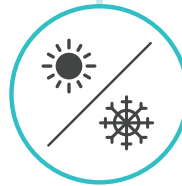
Fuel Costs

Before electricity can be delivered to your home, it must first be generated at a source, such as a conventional power plant or via a renewable resource. The cost of fuels used to generate electricity fluctuates, which is why you see a Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment, also known as a fuel charge, on your monthly bill. This monthly charge generally covers cost fluctuations without having to continually restructure electricity rates.



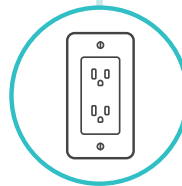
Service Costs

Your bill includes a monthly service charge, which recovers part of the co-op's ongoing investments in poles, wire, meters, system maintenance and additional costs necessary to provide electric service.



Weather

When temperatures soar or dip, your cooling or heating equipment must run longer and at maximum capacity, which can greatly increase your energy use. Extreme temperatures can also affect wholesale electricity prices. When the need for electricity increases due to extreme heat or cold, generally the price of power rises.



Energy Consumption

This is the amount of electricity you use each month to power your home's cooling/heating system, appliances, lighting, electronics and more. The amount of electricity you consume is measured in kilowatt-hours, or kWh. You have control over how much energy you use, which can ultimately help manage your monthly costs.

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Now is the Time to Try Sawnee EMC's Paperless Billing Program



With Sawnee EMC's paperless billing program, you can receive an email or text notification when your billing statement is ready. Paperless billing can be your way of helping us lessen postage costs.

In its simplest terms, paperless billing, also referred to as "**eBill**", means Sawnee EMC will email or text you a notification each month when your billing statement is ready to be viewed. You simply click the link to see your bill, instead of opening an envelope. Paperless billing does not mean you have to change your current payment method. If you receive an email or text bill notification from Sawnee EMC, you can still pay by any method you would like, including a check.

Paperless billing lets you know immediately when your billing statement is ready; you do not have to wait for the

mail. In fact, you can receive a paper bill **and** an eBill to try it out, and then discontinue the paper bill when you are ready. If you try it, we are certain you will like it.

Signing up for paperless billing and receiving an email or text each month could not be easier. Call our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, text to 678-999-8124, chat online at [sawnee.com](https://www.sawnee.com) or email customerservice@sawnee.com. You can also log into your SmartHub account and click "Yes" to turn off paper bills upon signing into your account.

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Energy Efficiency

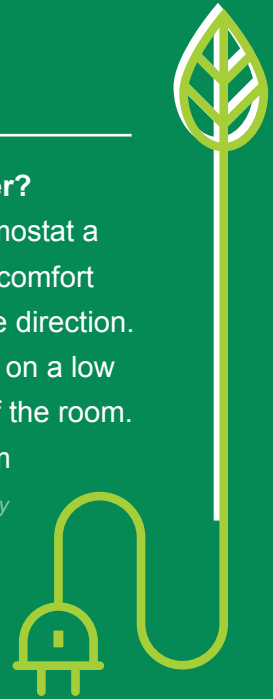
Tip of the Month

Did you know ceiling fans can make a room feel 4 degrees cooler?

To save energy through ceiling fan use, remember to raise your thermostat a few degrees while fans are turned on. Ceiling fans can help improve comfort year-round. In the summer, operate ceiling fans in a counterclockwise direction. Reverse the direction to clockwise during winter months and set fans on a low speed so warm air can circulate from the ceiling to the lower levels of the room. Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not spaces. Be sure to turn them off when you leave the room.

Source: Dept. of Energy

Don't forget that Sawnee EMC offers a variety of rebates for residential and commercial members who make energy efficient upgrades at their location. Learn more at sawnee.com/rebates.



Here's WATTS Cookin' Hamburger Stroganoff

Ingredients:

1 1/2 lbs. ground beef	12 oz. bag stroganoff noodles	2 tbsp. parsley
1 medium onion, chopped	2 cans cream of mushroom soup	1 tsp. salt
1 medium sweet red pepper, chopped	2 tbsp. crushed garlic	1 tbsp. butter
		1 pint sour cream

Instructions:

On medium heat, sauté pepper in butter. Add onions and sauté until translucent. Add ground beef to peppers and onion; cook until no longer pink. Add parsley and garlic to beef mixture, followed by cream of mushroom soup. Blend well. Set heat to low and add sour cream. Simmer on low and boil noodles. Blend cooked noodles with the beef mixture. Pour into a buttered 2 quart casserole dish. Top with bread crumbs if desired. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.



👉 Thanks to Merry Ellen Morrill for the recipe! Do you have a recipe to share with us? If we print it, we'll credit your account \$5.00. Send your favorite recipe to marketing@sawnee.com.