Take control of your energy budget this new year

Eat more vegetables. Eat less chocolate. Exercise three times per week. How about adding a resolution to take control of your energy budget for 2017?

REMC has several billing and payment options that can help you take control of your energy dollars this new year:

**Usage Monitoring**
Monitor your usage on a daily basis and receive alerts when you’ve used more than a certain amount. Sign in to your account on the online Member Service Portal and view your history under the MyUsage tab.

**FlexPay**
Pre-pay for your electricity and then track your daily usage with online tools and email/text alerts that show daily use and account balances.

**Budget Billing**
Pay the same amount each month based on your previous 12-month history.

**Time-of-Use Rate**
Use electricity during off-peak hours at a lower rate. On-peak hours cost more than the standard rate.

**Bank Draft**
Have your bill paid automatically from your checking or savings account on the same date each month.

**Online & Telephone Payments**
Access account information and make payments in a variety of ways, closer to your due date.

**Randolph EMC Mobile App**
View bills, make secure payments, manage alerts and reminders, and even receive push notifications using the Randolph EMC Mobile app with your Apple or Android device.

For more information or to sign up for one of these billing options, visit RandolphEMC.com or call your local REMC office.
While automated meters have greatly reduced the need to be on members’ properties, it is necessary to periodically check cooperative equipment and perform maintenance to ensure reliable electricity. These inspections are required by the National Electrical Safety Code.

Randolph Electric, or a contractor authorized by the cooperative, conducts regular inspections of service facilities. Please be aware all authorized contractors and their vehicles will have official Randolph EMC identification. If you ever have a doubt about someone on your property, please don’t hesitate to contact us directly at 1-800-672-8212 for confirmation.

Randolph EMC is accepting applications from middle-school students for all-expense-paid scholarships to summer basketball camps at the University of North Carolina and NC State University. Young men can apply to attend the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp in Chapel Hill, and young women can compete for a spot at the Wolfpack Women’s Basketball Camp in Raleigh.

Students can download an application at RandolphEMC.com beginning Jan. 2. Randolph EMC will select one student for each camp in a competitive process based on academics, extra-curricular activities and a short essay. Rising sixth through eighth graders are eligible to apply, and the final application deadline is March 31.

The Touchstone Energy Sports Camps program provides a unique educational and athletic opportunity for outstanding students across our state and is yet another way the cooperatives are demonstrating their commitment to North Carolina communities. Both camps work closely with students to develop fundamental skills like sportsmanship and leadership that will help the young athletes excel both on and off the court.

For more information, please contact Kathleen Duckworth, Communication & Outreach Specialist, at 336-625-5177.
10 Easy Ways to Save Money & Energy With Electronics

1. Turn large-screen TVs off completely when not in use.
2. Check for energy-saving settings on flat-panel TVs like automatic brightness control & a power-saving sleep mode.
3. Request an ENERGY STAR set-top box from your cable provider.
4. Turn off stereos & radios when not in use.
5. Unplug battery chargers when not needed.
6. If you don’t unplug them, use energy-saving modes or automatic sleep functions on electronics.
7. Turn off unnecessary lighting.
8. Ensure all new lights, appliances, & electronics are ENERGY STAR labeled.
9. Turn computers & monitors off when not in use.
10. When buying a new computer, consider buying a laptop—it uses less energy.

Visit RandolphEMC.com for a More Powerful Online Experience

Randolph EMC introduces our newly designed website—leaner, cleaner, and easier to navigate using your computer, smartphone, or tablet! Whether you’re checking your account, paying a bill online, or learning more about your co-op, you’ll find lots to love about our new design.

Why the Change?

Online interaction is more a part of our everyday lives than ever before, and with more co-op members connecting with us using computers, smartphones, and other mobile devices, we saw the opportunity to make it all work together – better. With our new website design and mobile options, we look forward to serving you faster, more conveniently, and more efficiently.

Learn more about REMC’s services and programs, view tools to help you manage your energy use, check out our youth and educational opportunities, and log in to your account on our Online Member Service Portal to monitor usage, set alerts, view bills, make payments, and more.

Visit us now at the new RandolphEMC.com!
EMPLOYMENT POLICY

All applicants for employment shall be considered and hired on the basis of merit, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability. The employment practices shall insure equal treatment of all employees without discrimination in rates of pay or other opportunities for advancement because of the employee’s race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability.

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1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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For Sale


Wolf Tanning Bed, 24 bulbs, face & leg tanners, less than 600 hours. Original cost $3,800. Will sell for $800. 910-439-4525.


Drop the inside temperature.

When it’s cold outside, your heating system has to work harder to heat your home. By lowering the thermostat a few degrees to 68 or as low as is comfortable, you can reduce your energy use – and your bill.

Light oak entertainment armoire, 69" H x 44" W x 22" D. Armoire has two doors at the top to conceal a TV, also has three drawers at the bottom & a door concealing two shelves for storage. $75. 336-521-1212.

Chore-Time Super Plus Selector PNT + AVS45 Part #33800F. Two available. $1,000 each. 336-857-2368.

3,000 Red Sex Sal Link pullets, chickens at laying age 16 weeks plus, vaccinated & debeaked, $6.90 & up. Liberty area. 336-708-2998 or 336-317-4105.

1955 Chevy Pick-up body parts. Four front fenders, two hoods, three grills, & one rear bumper. All for $1,000 OBO. 910-464-3470.

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Layer up.

By adding blankets to beds and sofas, and wearing layers of warm clothing, you’ll be cozy and comfortable even if your home is a few degrees cooler.

Stock up.

Winter conditions, especially icy precipitation, can cause power outages. Just in case, keep emergency supplies on hand. Include flashlights and extra batteries, food and water (for humans and pets), essential medications, salt for icy sidewalks and driveways, and a battery-powered radio to stay connected.

Members, email Swap Shop items to General@RandolphEMC.com

Getting the Best of Old Man Winter: Cold Weather Prep

There’s lots to love about winter: hot chocolate, cozy sweaters and fires crackling in the hearth. At the same time, tumbling temperatures make heating systems work harder and create weather conditions that can sometimes lead to power outages.

With Old Man Winter settling in, we’re preparing at REMC. Here’s how you can prepare, too.

Connect with your co-op.

Join many of your friends and neighbors in our social spaces, and get real-time updates about, energy efficiency, our community, power outages and more. Connect at facebook.com/RandolphEMC and on Twitter @RandolphEMC.

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Pictures, black & white, & color, 8" x 10" $10.00 or 10"x13" $25.00. All bridges & mills of the Uwharrie River including the Pisgah Covered Bridge. 336-629-2533.

Two pair of Aigner Brown shoes, size 8 ½, worn 1 time. Aigner purse, never used, all for $50.00 or will sell separately. 336-409-5450 or email highfalls_eagle@yahoo.com.

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A Word About Randolph Electric
From CEO Dale Lambert

MAKING AN IMPACT:
Randolph EMC is more than just a utility

Dear Members,

Wow, where has the past year gone? It only seems like yesterday we were ushering in 2016. Now we have another opportunity to launch a fresh start with a new calendar.

Setting New Year’s resolutions is a common practice for many of us. Losing weight seems to be one on everyone’s list—and seems to be a continuous struggle for some reason. I’ve concluded it’s going to take a little more than the fork-to-mouth exercise for me to shed a few pounds. But, we have a New Year and renewed optimism for success this time.

A New Year is also a time to reflect back on the previous year to prioritize our focus for the clean sheet we have before us. This month, I would like to encourage you, if you are not already, to partner with us in strengthening the communities we serve by making an investment in the lives of fellow members during a time of need.

Randolph EMC’s goal is to strengthen and improve the quality of life in the communities we serve, and we do that in many ways throughout the year. Providing safe, reliable and affordable power with exceptional service is what we strive to deliver to you every day. But that’s just one piece of a larger puzzle that makes up how your electric cooperative improves our local communities.

In last month’s Watts Working, you read about some of the investments REMC has made with the Bright Ideas program to provide school teachers with resources to implement creative programs that will improve our kids’ classroom experience. We are also assisting local fire departments with USDA zero-interest loans so that they can purchase the equipment they need to respond during emergencies and keep our communities safe.

In 2016, the spirit of giving was demonstrated by Randolph Electric employees and members, making our communities a better place to call home. Throughout the year, your employees hold several fundraising events to support local programs and organizations. Gift basket auctions, charitable luncheons, raffles, and other fun and creative activities provide opportunities for employees to give of their personal funds to raise money for these agencies that are so important to our communities.

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is an organization we have supported for several years. This organization collects new, unwrapped toys, and distributes them as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in our communities. In December, employees’ monetary donations were used to purchase sports equipment for children in Randolph, Moore and Montgomery counties. It warms my heart to know that we’ve played a part in making a child’s Christmas a little brighter by providing him or her with the basketball or football that was on the list.

We are a long-time supporter of Relay for Life as well. Last year, at the employee-managed Relay for Life Golf Tournament, REMC raised an outstanding $8,500 for cancer research. In addition, employees collectively donate more than $20,000 out of their own pockets to The United Way throughout the year.
Perhaps just as importantly, you, our member-owners, make a difference by supporting our People Helping People (PHP) program. Each month, members participating in PHP have their bills rounded up to the nearest dollar. Randolph EMC collects that “spare change” and deposits it into the PHP account. The primary purpose of PHP is to address charitable needs and provide financial assistance to members in Randolph, Moore, Montgomery, Chatham and Alamance counties.

PHP has a separate Board of Directors that oversees and manages the disbursement of the funds. This volunteer Board does an outstanding job and I would like to thank them for their commitment and concern for fellow members.

Currently, just over 1,300 members are donating to our PHP program—only about 4.1 percent of our 31,500 accounts. We are so grateful to you who have been a part of this program, and are very proud of the work we’ve been able to do with that “spare change” over the years. But I’ll ask you to think for a moment about what PHP could do if more members participated.

The average donation is just 50 cents per month, so if each and every account signed up for PHP, we could raise almost $190,000 in just one year! Even if we had just 25 percent participation, we could raise more than $47,000 in one year. That money would go back into our local communities by assisting members who need a hand up.

Since the program began in 2000, PHP has helped families in our communities with nearly $120,000. In addition, PHP received funds from cooperative lender CoBank’s Sharing Success program. This program requires the cooperative to match the dollars awarded, so for the past two years, PHP has received $5,000 from CoBank and $5,000 from Randolph Electric.

With this extra money, PHP has been able to extend its reach with a Community Grants program, which awards up to $2,000 grants to local nonprofits. So far, PHP has distributed $20,000 to 15 agencies located in the counties Randolph EMC serves. Money for the Community Grants program does not come from the “spare change” collected from member accounts, so we hope to continue this effort as long as PHP receives grant money from outside sources to keep it going. Stay tuned to future issues of Watts Working to see if PHP Community Grants will be available in 2017.

As you make your New Year’s resolutions, please consider your People Helping People program. Working together, we can make a difference. It’s one of the simplest ways you can help make a difference in our local communities. Please call us at 1.800.672.8212 or enroll online by signing in to your account on REMC’s Member Service Portal at RandolphEMC.com.

As your Chief Executive Officer, I wish you a safe, happy and prosperous New Year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you each and every day.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert
Chief Executive Officer
Keep Track of the Energy You Use
Monitor your monthly usage & cost of electric service. Be sure to read your meter on the same day each month.

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2017 Cycle Billing Schedule

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