

# CLARK ENERGY LINES

A publication of Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc., proudly serving our members since 1938.

For new Clark Energy members

## Don't miss out on scholarships, discounts and other programs

There's more to your Clark Energy membership than just keeping the lights on. Don't miss out on the many conveniences, services and programs your co-op has to offer. Check out some of these popular membership perks:

**Convenient ways to pay.** To help make life easier for our members, we offer a variety of ways to simplify your electric bill payments.

■ **ONLINE:** Visit our payment portal at [clarkenergy.smarthub.coop/PayNow.html](http://clarkenergy.smarthub.coop/PayNow.html) to pay online and track your energy use.

■ **AUTOPAY:** Enroll to have your bill automatically drafted from your banking account.

■ **PREPAY:** Pay as you go by depositing funds into your account online, by phone or in person at any Clark Energy office.

■ **PHONE:** Our automated payment line is available 24/7 at (800) 992-3269.

**College scholarships.** Each year, Clark Energy awards \$16,000 in scholarship funds to students



attending colleges or vocational technical schools. Applications and details are at [www.clarkenergy.com](http://www.clarkenergy.com), My Community, 2021Citizen-Scholar Scholarship Program.

**Co-op Connections.** Download the free mobile app or pick up a card at our office to enjoy more than 24,000 local and national deals on products and services you use every day.

**Renewable energy programs.** Committed to an environmentally friendly lifestyle? Clark Energy

offers earth-friendly electricity from renewable sources like solar, wind, biomass and hydro. Did you know that you can license solar power at [www.cooperativesolar.com](http://www.cooperativesolar.com), or check out our enviowatts program at [www.enviowatts.com](http://www.enviowatts.com).

Educating our members about the many programs and services we offer is a top priority to us. Learn more at [www.clarkenergy.com](http://www.clarkenergy.com) or call a member services representative at (800) 992-3269, option 7.

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## What's in a word?

There is one word that Clark Energy uses when describing the people who receive service from us that carries a lot of weight.

The word is "member." And it is so much more than just a word.

In cooperatives like Clark Energy, being a "member"—sometimes referred to as a "consumer-member" or a "member-owner"—means more than simply the right to buy electricity. It means that you literally are a part-owner of Clark Energy Cooperative. A co-op, by its very definition, is dedicated to the mutual interest of the entire membership, including you.

Unlike other businesses like Costco or Sam's Club that refer to their customers as "members" because people pay a fee to shop there, being a member of Clark Energy actually means something.

For instance, your membership in Clark Energy means you have an equal vote to decide who serves on the co-op board. Board directors are fellow members of the co-op who are democratically elected by the membership to govern and direct the affairs of Clark Energy. These community leaders represent your interests by guiding how the co-op's money and assets are used to fulfill the cooperative's mission. They must do so in such a way that protects the cooperative and the interests of all its members.

Many of the senior members of Clark Energy have the benefit of growing up with the cooperative, so they are very acquainted with the notion of the co-op belonging to them. But for our younger members, it's understandable if the concept of



being a member of an electric utility is less obvious.

Unlike a for-profit utility, Clark Energy does not have shareholders or out-of-town interests making decisions about how this business is run for the benefit of others. Instead, Clark Energy is a community-focused organization that works to efficiently deliver affordable, reliable and safe energy for you.

So, don't be confused when the news media refers to you as a Clark Energy "customer." You are a Clark Energy member. And that's a word with real meaning.



Chris Brewer, President & CEO

# 2021 Youth Tour Scholarship Form

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure the safety of the student, the 2021 Frankfort/Washington Youth Tour has been canceled. In lieu, Clark Energy will offer four \$500 scholarships to current high school juniors (second semester 2021) who are interested in applying. These scholarships will not be awarded until May 2022 after completion of the student's senior year and will only be awarded to the college or vocational institution of the applicant's choice. Students will still be eligible for the Clark Energy Citizen-Scholar scholarship of \$1,000 during their senior year.

Student must submit application, copy of Clark Energy bill and typed essay of 500-750 words on the subject of "If your community was awarded a \$10,000 grant for improvements, what project would you select and why?" A copy of the application can also be downloaded from [www.clarkenergy.com](http://www.clarkenergy.com) "My Community" tab, 2021 Youth Tour. All materials must be submitted online to [lhatton@clarkenergy.com](mailto:lhatton@clarkenergy.com) on or before August 27, 2021, at 4 p.m.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Last four digits of S.S.# \_\_\_\_\_

Clark Energy Account No. as shown on bill \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians Names (if service is not in their names, please list names the service is in)

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Currently enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_

*DISCLAIMER: Youth tour awards will be chosen by the decision of a panel of judges selected by Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. All decisions of the judges are final. All materials, images, resumes, essays and applications submitted by the applicant become the sole and absolute property of Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and its affiliated companies. It is the sole decision and discretion of Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. to disqualify any applicant who does not comply with any of the entry and participation rules as set forth in the application process. Incomplete or inappropriate entries will not be considered for awards.*

I certify the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Lint trap isn't the clothes dryer's only fire trap

If you scrape the lint out of your clothes dryer's lint trap after every load, you're doing a lot to prevent the appliance from catching on fire. But you could do more.

Here are five safety tips for keeping your dryer safe and energy-efficient:

■ Are your clothes getting dry? Time the cycle. Is it taking an awfully long time for your laundry to dry? Are large items still damp when the machine turns itself off? This may mean your lint screen or exhaust duct is blocked.

■ When is the last time you cleaned out the vent? You can purchase a rotary vent auger at a home improvement store. It's a pretty easy job, but if you're not a do-it-yourselfer, any handyman or electrician can do it—every year. The duct is the coil that sends the hot dryer air from the dryer to the outdoors. The vent is the hole where the hot air leaves the house. Both can get clogged with lint.



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Once that happens the dryer can overheat, send dirty, moist air back into your home, or even catch fire. You might have to disconnect the exhaust duct from the dryer and from the vent to remove a blockage.

■ What's lurking behind your dryer? Pull it out and look. Lint can accumulate there and underneath. Clean the floor behind the dryer and wipe down the back of the dryer. Call a

service technician for this job if you can't manage it on your own.

■ Is the exhaust vent sturdy? If it's made from plastic or foil, replace it with a rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct. Plastic and foil are too flexible and trap lint easily. They're also easier to crush, which will prevent air from flowing through to the vent.

■ What's in your dryer? If you throw gasoline-, oil- or chemical-soiled clothes and towels into the dryer, even after thoroughly washing them, they can ignite. Dry them outside on a line instead—after washing them several times. If your dryer is the only option, use the lowest setting, and remove the items the minute the cycle is finished. Even washed-and-dried clothes that have come into contact with volatile chemicals can ignite. Better: Consider the clothes ruined and safely dispose of them.

## Two-prong outlets aren't always safe

The new appliances you have purchased over the past decade or so probably came with three-prong plugs. But if you live in an old house, the wall outlets might have only two holes to accept the prongs.

That might mean you have three-prong adapters all over your house. The adapters have three holes so you can plug your newer appliances into them. On the other side they have two prongs so they will fit into your older wall outlets.

That's convenient, but it's not necessarily safe.

Consider hiring a licensed electrician to replace your two-prong outlets with upgraded three-prong versions.

When you buy the replacement receptacles, choose models that include a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). This will serve as a sort of "imitation" ground and can greatly eliminate the chance of an electric shock.

It's a good idea to use GFCI receptacles wherever you replace two-prong outlets in your house, but it's especially important in the



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kitchen, bathroom, laundry room and garage, where you use water and electricity in the same room.