

# DEC Current

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before you dig at **811** or  
**1-800-962-7962**



Martin Luther King Day—January 17th—Office Closed  
President’s Day—February 21st—Office Closed

## Welcoming in the New Year!

As we close out 2021, we would like to thank all of our members for their continued support this year. As always, we are able to be who we are because of you, our members. We are looking forward to continuing to work for you and be your trusted energy resource in 2022!

## Auto-Draft Payments

If you are signing up for auto-payment, please remember to have this done by the **6th** of the month. If you set it up after the 6th, you will need to make the payment on your current month’s bill and then your auto-payment will become effective in the following month . Your bill will say “bank draft” or “credit card” payment and the date it will process.



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## Help us save you money! Shave the Peak!

When our temperatures drop in the winter months, our system “peaks” at certain times of the day and we will need to buy more electricity from the grid at higher prices than at off peak times. You can save money and help us save money too, by reducing your usage during peak hours! Here are a few ways you can accomplish this:

### Peak hours include 6AM-8AM and 5PM-9PM

- Turn off appliances during peak hours
- Postpone running the dishwasher or washing machine until later in the evening
- Turn down your electric heat
- Don't charge your electric vehicles during peak hours
- Consider adjusting the time you take showers (if you have an electric water heater).

All of these efforts will help shave the peak and save money!



## HEAP Assistance

We understand that situations arise when it can be difficult to pay your bills, especially as costs rise with lower winter temperatures. If you need assistance paying your bills, there are programs, such as HEAP, that are available to assist you. In order to find out if you qualify, you can visit [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov) or call one of the following numbers for assistance:

Otsego County Department of Social Services 607-547-1700

Chenango County Department of Social Services 607-337-1500

Madison County Department of Social Services 315-366-2211

Herkimer County Department of Social Services 315-867-1220

Opportunities for Otsego 607-433-8000

Catholic Charities 607-432-0061

Office for the Aging 607-547-4232

## Capital Credits Update



If you were a member of our Co-op between 1985 and 1986, you should have received a Capital Credits check in July of 2021. If you have not received your check or cashed it yet, please contact our office at 607-293-6622. This is your benefit for being in a rural electric cooperative; the Cooperative Difference!

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Maximize your heating system's performance by inspecting, cleaning or replacing air filters once a month or as needed to reduce energy costs and prevent potential damage to your system.

Make sure radiators, baseboard heaters and warm-air registers aren't blocked so air can flow freely.

Source: Dept. of Energy

