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Save the Date: 79th Annual Meeting!

Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be reaching a milestone in hosting its 79th Annual Meeting on **Saturday, August 19, 2023!** The meeting will be held at the Milford Central School located at 42 W. Main Street in Milford. *Please note the change to a Saturday morning event!

Registration will begin with a "Member Mingle and Meet Your Directors" Session at 9:00 AM. During this time, we encourage you to enjoy a spread of coffee and donuts and a variety of local vendors. The Annual Meeting will follow and begin promptly at 10:00 AM. Live music will be provided for your enjoyment! Brooks BBQ Chicken Dinners will be available for "Grab and Go" following the close of the meeting and the raffle drawing. The cost per dinner will be \$10.00.

We have secured many wonderful raffle drawing prizes! Each household membership will be given 5 tickets to enter into the drawings! Additionally, we encourage early registration! 10 Lucky Early Registrants will be entered to win a \$100.00 bill credit! Must be present to win! More information to follow. We hope to see you there!

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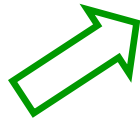
Budget Billing

Budget Billing is a convenient way to manage your electric payments and plan your monthly budget. To help control fluctuating monthly bills, the Cooperative offers fixed budget billing to its members. To sign up, call the office at 607-293-6622 and we would be happy to discuss our options!

Fixed budget billing is available to members who wish to pay the same amount each month and not be surprised by higher summer or winter bills. We will estimate your monthly consumption based on your past year's usage or 36 months if you have been a member long enough. We utilize April as a "catch-up" month, so if your budget did not cover your Winter bills, you would be required to pay what is owed in that billing cycle. Each year in April, we recalculate your budget amount based on your usage, to ensure we have you set at an appropriate amount.

Energy Explorers

Help your children learn about electric safety with our Energy Explorers activities! We often think to teach our children about fire safety, water safety and more, but electric safety is sometimes forgotten! Avoid accidents by arming them with knowledge!

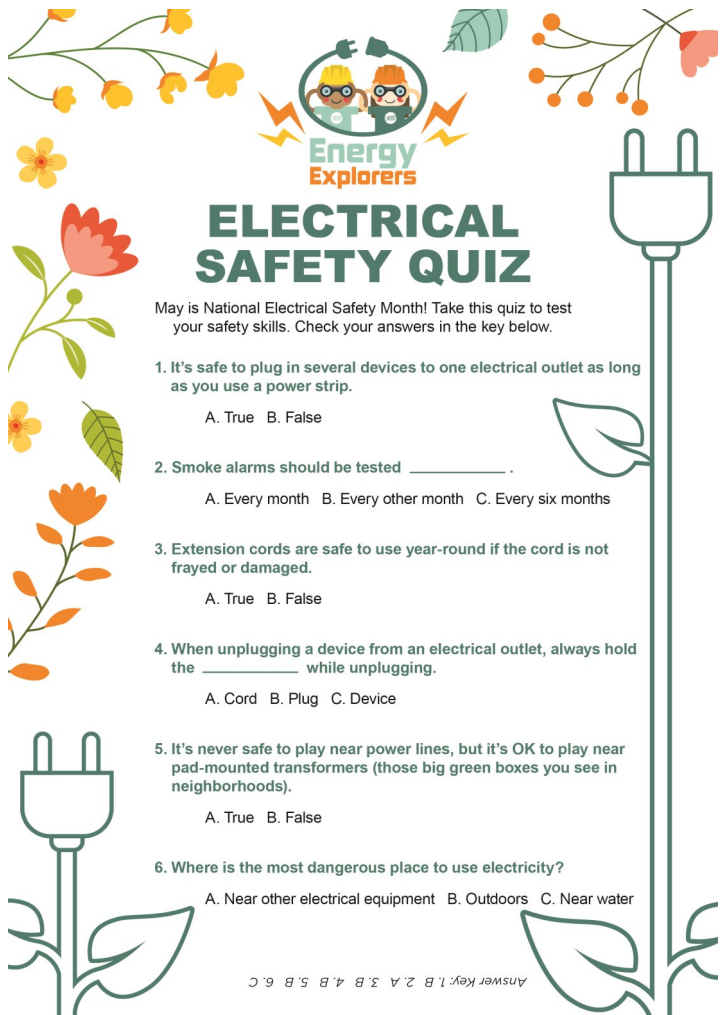


ELECTRICAL SAFETY QUIZ

May is National Electrical Safety Month! Take this quiz to test your safety skills. Check your answers in the key below.

1. It's safe to plug in several devices to one electrical outlet as long as you use a power strip.
A. True B. False
2. Smoke alarms should be tested _____.
A. Every month B. Every other month C. Every six months
3. Extension cords are safe to use year-round if the cord is not frayed or damaged.
A. True B. False
4. When unplugging a device from an electrical outlet, always hold the _____ while unplugging.
A. Cord B. Plug C. Device
5. It's never safe to play near power lines, but it's OK to play near pad-mounted transformers (those big green boxes you see in neighborhoods).
A. True B. False
6. Where is the most dangerous place to use electricity?
A. Near other electrical equipment B. Outdoors C. Near water

Answer Key: 1. B 2. A 3. B 4. B 5. B 6. C



Safe Tree Planting!

Trees or other vegetation growing near electric lines poses a major threat to the safety of humans and animals in the vicinity of the lines. Not only can it cause safety concerns, trees that grow into the lines can cause disruption of your electric service. As we are nearing planting season, if you are considering planting trees on your property, please ensure you are making safe decisions about where you plant! Try to avoid areas where the trees will grow into the power lines in the future. Check out the chart for some helpful information!

Plant Trees Safely

Before you dig, call 811 to locate buried utility lines.

