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CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, but protecting your personal information is something that deserves attention all year long.

At Wyrulec Company, cybersecurity is a critical part of providing safe, reliable electric service. While much of our focus is on protecting the physical systems that operate the electric grid, we also work to protect the systems and information that help us serve you, including online accounts, payment systems, member portals and outage communications.

Unfortunately, scammers are becoming more sophisticated, too. Artificial intelligence is making it easier for cyber criminals to create convincing emails, text messages, websites and even voice messages that can look and sound legitimate. The FBI has warned that generative AI can make fraudulent schemes more believable by eliminating many of the errors that once helped us identify a scam.

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The late Julie Kilty was honored with the Craig Thomas Cooperative Service Award at WREA's annual Fall Conference in Saratoga. This award is given in recognition of an individual who has shown outstanding work and extraordinary commitment to Wyoming's rural electric cooperatives. Julie's son Kyle Kilty and his wife, Taryn, accepted the award on her behalf. Wyrulec was fortunate to have Julie's service on the Board of Directors for 21 years before she passed in January.

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That matters when it comes to utility scams.

A scammer may impersonate Wyrulec Company and claim your account is past due, your service is about to be disconnected, or you need to make an immediate payment. The message might even include our logo, use professional-looking language or direct you to a website that appears legitimate. With AI helping scammers create more convincing communications, simply looking for spelling mistakes or other obvious warning signs may no longer be enough. And these scams are not a small problem.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, consumers reported losing \$3.5 billion to imposter scams in 2025, making these types of scams the most commonly reported type of fraud. Nearly one in three fraud reports involved an imposter scam.

So, what should you do if you receive an unexpected message claiming to be from Wyrulec Company?

If a message creates a sense of urgency or threatens immediate action, take a moment to verify it. Don't click the link or call the phone number provided in the message. Instead, contact Wyrulec directly by calling us at 877-997-8532 (877-WYRULEC).

You can also take steps to protect your online accounts before a scam occurs. Start with your password complexity in length and characters. Use a unique passphrase or combination of characters that is difficult for others to guess, and don't reuse the same password across multiple accounts. Avoid using passwords that correspond with publicly known or shared information on social media, such as your name, address, family member or pet names, and shared hobbies or interests. Remember whatever you share online becomes an automatic tool for cyber criminals.

If the accounts you access online offer multifactor authentication (MFA), using it adds an extra layer of protection by requiring an additional way to verify your identity, such as

a code sent to your phone or an authentication app. Every extra step taken to protect your information creates another barrier that a hacker must try to go through to compromise your account.

Most importantly, remember that you don't have to make a payment simply because someone tells you that you do. We want you to have an opportunity to verify any unexpected request. Prior to disconnecting for nonpayment, our office mails reminder notices and places courtesy reminder calls. We will never ask you to pay in the form of gift cards or crypto currency.

Wyrulec is committed to protecting the systems that help us serve our members and this security landscape changes daily. You can help us combat fraud by slowing down, asking questions, and contacting us directly when you're unsure. For questions about your account or payment options, we are happy to assist you by visiting in person at the office or by phone at 877-997-8532.

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THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE ENERGY-SAVING MEASURE YOU CAN TAKE

From Touchstone Energy Cooperatives

There are plenty of ways to improve your home's energy efficiency, but one approach can have the most immediate payoff in terms of reducing energy costs and improving comfort.

You'd like to reduce energy costs, but where do you start? There are many options for improving your home's energy efficiency. Which one will have the biggest impact?

Heating and cooling make up nearly half of household energy use, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Air leaks account for up to 30% of home heating and cooling costs by making these systems work harder to maintain a comfortable indoor environment. So, for many households, sealing air leaks can have the most immediate payoff in terms of reduced energy costs and improved home comfort.

Finding Air Leaks

Air leaks can occur anywhere indoors meets outdoors, and they can sometimes be hard to spot. Some particular areas of concern include:

- Gaps around exterior doors and cracked caulking around window frames.
- Holes around where plumbing, wiring or ductwork penetrate exterior walls in the basement.
- Gaps around ceiling fans, recessed light fixtures and electrical outlets in the attic.

Fixing Air Leaks

Sealing air leaks is typically a simple and inexpensive project you can do yourself. Seal windows with exterior caulk. Your best bet is silicone or siliconized caulk. Follow these steps:

- Where the window meets the frame, scrape out any existing caulk and make sure the area is clean and dry.
- Cut the tips of the caulk at a 45-degree angle and load it into the caulking gun.
- Run the tips slowly and evenly along the base of the crack.
- Finish by running a wet fingertip along the bead of the caulk to smooth it out.

Fix gaps around exterior doors with weatherstripping and a door sweep. Follow these steps:

- Measure the top and sides of the door and cut pieces of weatherstripping to fit each.

- Peel back the covering from the adhesive and press the weatherstripping to the inside of the doorstop, ensuring a snug fit.
- Cut the sweep (if needed) to match the width of the door and attach it with adhesive or screws.

In the attic, pull back the insulation to find the cutouts and seal them with caulk or expandable foam. Check for and seal gaps around plumbing vents, furnace flues and ductwork. Also, seal the attic door or access with weatherstripping.

For basement air leaks, caulk is best for sealing gaps or cracks that are one-quarter inch or smaller. Use expandable foam to fill gaps up to three inches. Fill larger gaps by cutting and stuffing pieces of insulation into them.

If you don't feel comfortable doing the work yourself, contact a qualified home energy professional. Sealing air leaks can go a long way toward optimizing the comfort and efficiency of your home.

WINTER TIP FOR IRRIGATION SERVICES

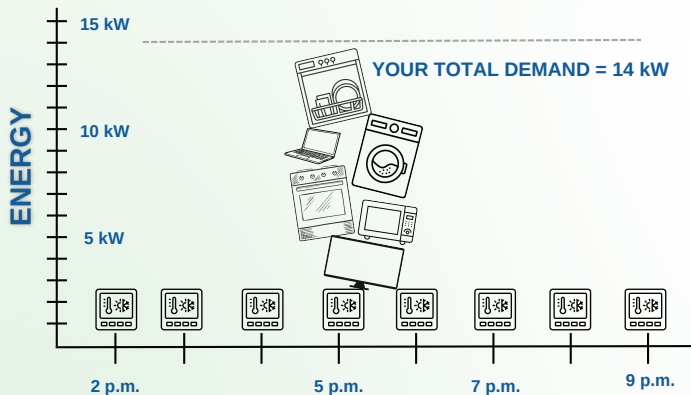
If you have a service used for irrigation only (or any other seasonal use), be sure your disconnect switch is in the Off position for the winter months. If the disconnect is left in the On position, a small amount of usage could occur in charging equipment such as capacitors in your pump panel, even if the motor is not in use. In order to avoid paying for electricity you aren't using, be sure to check your switches!



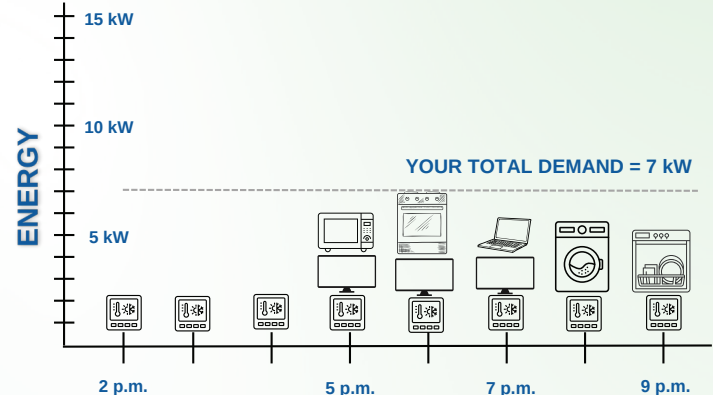
UNDERSTANDING DEMAND

Demand (kW) is the amount of power needed to supply everything running off of electricity in your home at a specific point in time. Demand varies from hour to hour, day to day and season to season. You could use the same amount of electricity as your neighbor on any given day, but if you are using most of that electricity during one hour after work, your demand is higher than your neighbor's.

DON'T STACK YOUR LOAD



LEVEL IT OUT



Think about demand like your internet service. When one person streams a movie or television show on a device in your home, the stream works perfectly. But as additional people in your home attempt to stream videos at the same time, more bandwidth is needed. Electricity is similar - as more large appliances in your home run simultaneously, your demand for power increases. Spreading out your use of electric appliances will reduce your demand.

**SAFE. RELIABLE. AFFORDABLE ENERGY.
THEN. NOW. ALWAYS.**



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WE'RE PROUD TO SERVE OUR MEMBERS**

