



MIDSTATE CONNECTION

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Join Us For Midstate's Annual Meeting - May 18th



MEC's 72nd Annual Meeting of the Members is on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at our Midstate Headquarters.

The annual meeting is a FREE event for the entire family. It gives you, the member-owners, a chance to participate in the business of your electric co-op.

Don't miss out on the free community resource fair, giveaways, safety demonstrations, raffle prizes and complementary tri-tip and chicken BBQ. See you there rain or shine!

AGENDA

Doors Open - 9:00 a.m.

- Registration
- Community Resource Fair
- Safety Trailer Demonstrations
- Barbecue Lunch & Refreshments

Business Session - 11:00 a.m.

- Business Meeting
- Election Results
- Door Prizes & Drawings

Don't forget your "Quick Check Registration" postcard.

Simply show your postcard at the registration desk to participate in our door prize draw. You could **win a \$100 credit on your electric bill**, and there are several opportunities to be a winner!

Congratulations to Our Future Leaders!



We are thrilled to announce that two students from La Pine High School have been selected to represent Midstate Electric at the Washington D.C. Youth Tour this June:

Lindsey Moulder, Junior, LPHS
Ian Bascue, Junior, LPHS

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is a unique program that brings high school students to Washington, D.C., for an immersive experience in American history, government, and the role of electric cooperatives. Since the late 1950s, this annual event has been shaping young minds by providing them with a firsthand look at the political process and opportunities to engage with their elected officials.

Key Aspects of the Youth Tour:

Educational Journey: Students spend a week in June exploring the nation's capital, visiting historical sites, and learning about the United States' political heritage.

Leadership Development: The tour emphasizes leadership and cooperation, reflecting the spirit of the electric cooperatives that power communities across the country.

Civic Engagement: Participants meet with members of Congress, gaining a personal understanding of their role as citizens and the importance of civic involvement.

Networking Opportunity: It's also a chance for students from rural areas and small towns to connect, share experiences, and build relationships with peers from across America.

The Youth Tour is more than just a trip; it's an educational program that encourages students to become informed and active citizens. It's a testament to the commitment of electric cooperatives to invest in the future by empowering the next generation of leaders.

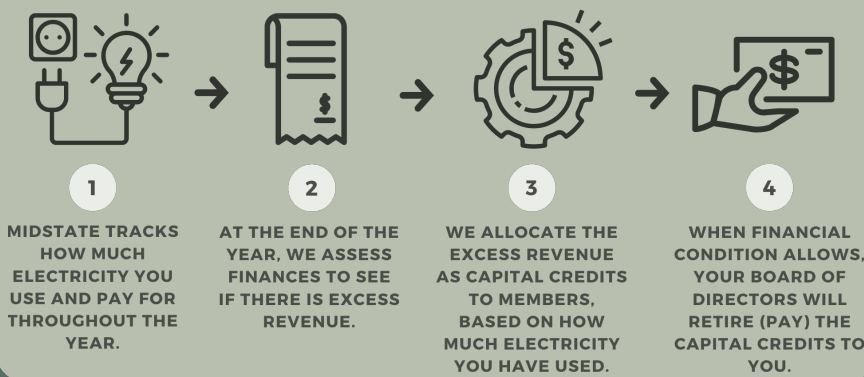
We are so excited for our student delegates!

Capital Credit Forfeiture Notice

Midstate Electric Cooperative gives notice that unclaimed Capital Credit payments are now and have been available since November 25, 2019 at the office of the Cooperative - 16755 Finley Butte Rd, PO Box 127, La Pine OR 97739, 541-536-2126 or 800-722-7219 - to the members listed on our website - www.midstateelectric.coop.

Unless the members named, or their heirs, claim payment no later than September 30, 2024, the Capital Credits for patronage dividends earned during the years 2002 through 2003 will be forfeited to the Cooperative as permanent equity.

HOW CAPITAL CREDITS WORK



Let's get connected on social media so you'll never miss an update on MEC activities, programs, and contests.



POWER UP YOUR LAWN CARE With Electric Equipment

The landscape of lawn and garden care is evolving, and electric equipment is at the forefront of this change. While electric lawn tools aren't new, advancements in technology and more options mean prices have become more competitive, making electric equipment an accessible option for many consumers.

Benefits of Electric Equipment

Electric lawnmowers have come a long way since the days of extension cords tethering you to an outlet. Battery-powered mowers offer the same freedom of movement as gas-powered models but with reduced noise and maintenance.

Battery life was once a major drawback to making the switch to electric lawn tools. But today's growing demand for electric equipment has resulted in major advancements for lithium-ion batteries, making them more reliable, cost-effective and efficient. For most consumers, electric lawn tools can get the job done just as well as gas-powered models.

Many electric mowers offer push-button starts, and because they are lighter, they are easier to maneuver around tight turns. Improved batteries provide longer run times to tackle larger spaces. Like their gas-powered counterparts, electric mowers are available in push, self-propelled/walk-behind and riding models. And there's no need to refill gas cans or change oil and air filters, resulting in less hassle and maintenance.

Like mowers, electric blowers, string trimmers

and chainsaws have fewer moving parts, require minimal maintenance and are quieter. Because electric tools are generally lighter in weight, they're also more ergonomic and easier to maneuver. This feature is especially handy for projects that require tools like chainsaws for precise work.

Choose Electric Equipment to Meet Your Needs

Electric lawn tools have some limitations, so the size and terrain of your outdoor space are important considerations when purchasing new equipment. When comparing gas-powered and electric mowers, consider the torque rating--this is the driving force behind a blade's rotation. On average, electric lawnmowers generate less torque than gas mowers. If you have a challenging outdoor space that includes overgrown brush, tall grass, or hills and dips, torque is a key factor.

Choosing the right type and size mower is particularly important for spaces larger than half an acre. If you have a large property, consider purchasing an extra battery to ensure uninterrupted workflow.

Many manufacturers offer interchangeable batteries and chargers, providing flexibility and convenience. Choosing a single brand can ensure charging compatibility across your lawn tools and streamline charging.

While both gas and electric lawn tools can get the job done, electric equipment generally requires less maintenance, is less expensive to operate and is kinder to the environment.

Source: Consumer Reports

Making the Switch to ELECTRIC LAWN EQUIPMENT

Considering electric equipment to maintain your outdoor space? Check out the benefits of electric and considerations before making the switch.



Benefits of Electric Equipment

- Battery-powered equipment produces zero emissions
- No hassle and mess from gasoline and oil
- Quieter and more reliable than gas-powered equipment
- Require less energy to do the same amount of work as gas-powered tools

Considerations Before Going Electric

- Purchasing from a single brand can streamline charging
- Consider the size of your property and battery run time
- Backup batteries may be needed for larger properties
- Electric equipment is pricier up front

IMPORTANT MEC INFORMATION & Dates to Remember

MEC Calendar Contest Begins June 1st



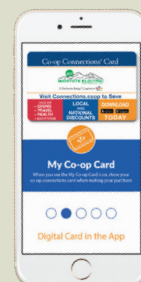
Keep your cameras ready for that perfect photograph! Our upcoming calendar photo contest is an open theme, celebrating the

diverse beauty of Central Oregon. Your snapshot might just earn a spot in our 2025 Member Calendar and put some money in your pocket! Stay tuned for the full set of rules and how to enter, coming next month. Until then, let your creativity flow and keep capturing photos of the beautiful landscapes and wildlife in our service territory.

Your Co-op Connections Card Can Help You Save This Mother's Day

Check out all of the local and national discounts available to you through our free membership program, Co-op Connections!

Sign up for your free membership at www.coonnections.coop.



Once you login to your account, you can start taking advantage of discounts on movie and event tickets, hotels, amusement parks, and more.

Take some time to browse around the site to see all the deals at your fingertips.

Mother's Day pro tip: Get your orders in early using the \$10 OFF for gift baskets and gifts At GiftTree.com or get up to 25% off merchant gift cards from GiftCards.com.

Mom will love it!

MEC Office Closed for Memorial Day

Midstate's office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, 2024.

Our outage line is available 24/7 at 800-752-5935.

