



MIDSTATE CONNECTION

Office Hours: 7:00 am-5:30 pm, Monday-Thursday
Closed Fridays & Holidays

Business Hours: 541-536-2126
After Hours Outages: 800-752-5935

Join Us For the Annual Meeting of the Members

Saturday, May 17th

Mark your calendar for May 17th and take part in your cooperative's Annual Meeting of the Members! As a member-owner, this is your opportunity to stay informed, engage in co-op business, and have your voice heard.

At the meeting, you'll:

- Get an update on the state of the co-op
- Participate in the board of directors election
- Enjoy lunch with fellow members
- Ask questions and connect with co-op leaders
- Enter to win prizes donated by MEC vendors!

Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and the business session starts at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there.



Bring your "Quick Check Registration" postcard for your chance to win a \$100 bill credit!

Aerial Advantage: The Benefits of Drone Inspections

Did you know that Midstate uses cutting-edge drone technology to enhance the safety, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of our operations? The use of drones, also known as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), are revolutionizing the way co-ops manage infrastructure and vegetation. These advancements are helping Midstate provide even better service to our members.

One of the most significant benefits of drone technology is its ability to inspect power lines, substations, and other infrastructure from a safe distance. Traditional inspections often require field crews to climb poles or use bucket trucks, which can be hazardous and time-consuming. By deploying drones, MEC can quickly and safely assess equipment conditions, identify potential issues, and address concerns before they lead to outages or service disruptions.

Drones enable MEC to collect detailed data on vegetation encroachment near power lines and critical infrastructure. This proactive approach to vegetation management allows the cooperative to take targeted action, reducing the risk of outages and minimizing the costs associated with emergency repairs.

As drone technology continues to evolve, MEC



remains committed to exploring new ways to utilize UAVs for the benefit of its members. By strategically integrating drones into operations, the cooperative is setting a standard for how modern technology can enhance the electric utility industry. Members can trust that MEC is continuously seeking advancements to improve service and ensure a more resilient energy future.

MEC hires contracted drone pilots for these projects. If your home is in a scheduled drone inspection area, expect a courtesy call from MEC. Additionally, we keep our members informed about planned drone inspections through our social media pages and website.



May is Electrical Safety Month

Electrical Safety Month is a great time to remind everyone to stay alert and take extra precautions when working with or around equipment that can reach power lines.

Here are a few important safety tips to help prevent accidents:

- Know the reach of your equipment, including chemical sprayers, tillage tools, augers, and other extensions.
- Remember both horizontal and vertical dimensions—equipment may be long when extended or tall when upright for transport.
- These safety principles also apply to arms, booms, ladders, truck beds, and any other gear that lifts or extends.
- Call 811 before you dig to have underground utilities marked and avoid contact with buried electric lines.

If your equipment does hit a power line, pole, or guy wire, do not leave the cab. Immediately call 9-1-1, warn others to stay away, and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.

Capital Credit Forfeiture Notice

Midstate Electric Cooperative gives notice that unclaimed Capital Credit payments are now and have been

available since November 9, 2020 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, 2025, the Capital Credits for patronage dividends earned during the year 2004 will be forfeited to the Cooperative as permanent equity.



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



We're Here to Help You Save

When summer heats up, our electric bills tend to increase as air conditioners are working overtime, driving up home energy consumption. As your local not-for-profit electricity provider, and we are committed to helping you beat the heat without breaking the bank.

As the temperatures get hotter over the next few months, we want to make sure you know about a range of energy-saving offerings designed specifically with you in mind. By taking advantage of these programs and services, you can manage your summer energy consumption and costs.

Incentives Program

When you make upgrades or purchases to reduce home energy use, those smart decisions should be rewarded. Midstate offers incentives on energy efficient appliances, heating and cooling equipment and more. Visit <https://www.midstateelectric.coop/residential> to learn about our residential incentives.

Energy Consults

Midstate's energy advisors are available to conduct a complimentary energy consult for members to educate them on ways to save energy and money in their homes or businesses. Contact energy services, at 541-536-2126 ext 5 for an energy consult.



You Have the Power

Small actions combined can have a big impact on summer energy bills. The best way to lower energy use during summer months is to raise the thermostat to the highest setting that's comfortable. Ceiling fans can also help you feel cooler, but remember to turn them off when you leave the room.

On warm summer nights, fire up the grill to keep additional heat out of the kitchen. Remember to change air filters often so your cooling system doesn't have to work harder than necessary.

Don't let high energy bills put a damper on your summer fun. Visit <https://www.midstateelectric.coop/energy-efficiency-tips> for more ways to save and keep your home comfortable all season long.

IMPORTANT MEC INFORMATION & Dates to Remember

MEC Calendar Contest Begins June 1st

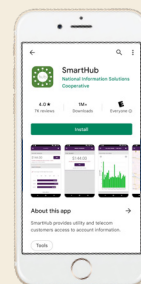


Keep your cameras ready for that perfect photograph! Our upcoming calendar photo contest is an open theme,

celebrating the diverse beauty of Central Oregon. Your snapshot might just earn a spot in our 2026 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.

SmartHub - The Center of Member Engagement

SmartHub is a simple and quick way to make a payment or view your usage data. You can compare bills and find out what day of the week you typically use the most energy.



You can also choose to receive an email or text alert when a payment is due or other account activity occurs, such as high usage alerts, so you know before your bill arrives that you're using more power than usual.

Members can access SmartHub online or download the SmartHub app. The app allows you to make a payment or view your usage while on the go.

The SmartHub payment system requires an email address for proper identification and processing.

MEC Office Closed for Memorial Day

Midstate's office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 26, 2025.

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

STAY COOL. STAY EFFICIENT.

We're here to help you beat the summer heat. Take advantage of our efficiency programs and energy-saving recommendations designed to help you stay comfortable and cut costs all summer long.

