



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

# 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



## Update Your Contact Info

Do you have a new phone number, email, or mailing address? If so, please update your account information to help us better serve you. From billing inquiries, ballot mailings, capital credits, to newsletters, keeping your account information up to date is key. If you have an Emergency Medical Certificate on your account, it is especially important to keep your contact information up to date so that we can notify you of any planned outages. MEC members with special medical needs can coordinate with their physician to fill out an Emergency Medical Certificate to alert MEC if the member will be significantly endangered if electric service is terminated during a planned outage. If your account currently has an Emergency Medical Certificate, please notify MEC if the person with special needs no longer resides in the home. You may contact our office to update your account by calling 541-536-2126, option 3, Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and we will be happy to assist you.

## Midstate Office Closed for Independence Day

MEC's office will be closed on July 4th, 2022. Our outage line is available 24/7 at 800-752-5935. Don't miss our decked out Midstate truck at the La Pine Frontier Days Fourth of July Parade!

## Member Calendar Contest *is Open!*

One of our members' favorite yearly events is MEC's photo calendar contest. We are excited to continue the digital photo format for this year's contest. We invite members to share their most beautiful, engaging, and fun photos for the chance to appear in our 2023 calendar. A total of 13 winners will be selected. Each monthly winner will receive \$50, and our cover photo winner will receive a grand prize of \$200.



**Submissions are accepted until Monday, August 15, 2022**

**The contest is open only to members of MEC**

**Each person may submit up to five photos. Each photo should include:**

- Photographer's name and address.
- A short description of what is shown in the photo. Preference will be given to photos taken within MEC's service areas.
- An email address and telephone number where the photographer can be contacted.
- Printed photo entries must be at least 300 dpi at 10 inches by 8 inches tall. Horizontal or landscape photos only – vertical photos will not be accepted.
- Digital JPEG photos must be at least 300 dpi at 10 inches by 8 inches tall. Horizontal or landscape photos only. Vertical photos and files larger than 20 megabytes will not be accepted.

Digital submissions should be submitted online at [www.mse.coop/calendar-contest](http://www.mse.coop/calendar-contest) along with supporting information.

Printed submissions can be dropped

off at our office or mailed to: Midstate Electric Marketing Department, PO Box 127, La Pine, OR 97739.

Winning photographers will receive photo credit and copies of the calendar to share. By entering the contest, you agree to give MEC one-time rights to publish your photo in the calendar and to use it to promote the calendar contest in the future in print and social media.

### Helpful Hints:

- Use the highest resolution setting on your digital camera.
- Photograph beautiful places and wildlife.
- Capture scenes full of vivid color.
- Photos should reflect the beauty of the areas where we live.
- Submit photos that reflect a season or holiday.
- Just after sunrise and just before sunset are beautiful times to photograph.

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





## Your Business Can Support Green Power

MEC buys a type of green power called Environmentally Preferred Power (EPP) from Bonneville Power Administration. EPP is generated from environmentally friendly resources that have a low impact on fish and wildlife and do not pollute. Currently, the EPP we purchase is 100% wind and comes from three wind generation facilities located in Oregon and Washington. Business owners can sign up to pay an additional charge for green power on their monthly electric bill. When business support green power, they are helping the planet by offsetting the need to generate more non-renewable electricity. Some local businesses you know and love have signed up for this program:

- Sunriver Nature Center
- Sunriver Owners Association Administration and Police Facility
- Sunriver Brewing
- JETW Co. Inc.
- Tech Tools

If you are interested in embracing this opportunity to make a difference, please contact us today!

541-536-2126 or 800-722-7219 option 5.

# SAFELY TACKLE *Spring Cleaning*

As you start to power up lawnmowers, rake up debris, touch up chipped paint, and take on a myriad of projects to get your home and yards ready for the months ahead, follow these key practices to help minimize the risk of fires and associated hazards:

### Properly use and store gasoline and flammable liquid

- Use gasoline only as motor fuel, never as a cleaner or to break down grease.
- Only store gasoline in a container that is sold for that purpose and never bring it indoors, even in small amounts.
- Never store gasoline containers in a basement or in the occupied space of a building. Keep them in a detached garage or an outdoor shed.
- Make sure the container is tightly capped when not in use.
- Flammable and combustible liquids should not be used near an open flame.



### Carefully dispose of rags with paint and oil stains

- The oils commonly used in oil-based paints and stains release heat as they dry. If the heat is not released in the air as the rags dry, the heat is trapped, builds up and can cause a fire.
- Never leave cleaning rags in a pile. When you're finished using the rags, take them outside to dry, keeping them well away from the home and other structures.
- Hang rags outside or spread them on the ground and weigh them down so that they don't blow away.
- Put dried rags in a metal container, making sure the container is tightly covered. Fill the container with a water and detergent solution, which will break down the oils.
- Keep containers of oily rags in a cool place out of direct sunlight and away from other heat sources. Check with your town for information on how to properly dispose of them.



### Inspect grills to ensure they're in good working order

- Inspect your grill carefully and make sure it's free of grease or fat buildup. Clean out any nests, spider webs, or other debris you may find.
- For propane grills, check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.



### Clean out your clothes dryer

- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe for your dryer is not restricted and that the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. This includes making sure the outdoor vent flap is not covered by snow.
- Move things that can burn, such as boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, away from the dryer.
- Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.



Check out [nfpa.org](http://nfpa.org) for leading information and resources on fire, electrical, and related hazards.