



Tri-County  
EMC

# CURRENT LINES

JULY 2025

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## 2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESULTS

Each year, the nine-member Tri-County EMC Nominating Committee selects a slate of candidates for election to be voted on by the membership during the annual election in the fall. The 2025 Nominating Committee met on June 2 to nominate candidates for the three Post 3 board seats up for this year's election. All Post 3 incumbents (Cecil Patterson, Mike Rainey, and Marion Nelson) were nominated and will appear on the ballots sent out on September 16. (92791001)



As stated in Tri-County EMC's bylaws, a member can also be added to the ballot using "nomination by petition." To fulfill this step, the member must submit a petition of at least 50 member signatures to the cooperative no later than July 18, 2025. (Bylaws, Section 4.06. Nominations) The C&E Committee will meet in August to review and validate any petitions submitted to the cooperative. Members can contact Tri-County EMC to obtain a petition form.

## SAVE PAPER AND VOTE ONLINE

If you wish to opt out of receiving a paper ballot and vote online during this year's annual election, complete the online form at [www.tricountyemc.com/voting.cms](http://www.tricountyemc.com/voting.cms) or call us at 1.866.254.8100. Instead of receiving a ballot by mail, your login information for the voting website will be emailed to you. If you have opted out before, there is no need to do so again unless your email address changes. If we do not hear from you before August 15, you will automatically receive a voting packet in the mail in September.

**ON PAGE 4 >** *A look at the 2025 election timeline*

# YOUR BILL IS GETTING A FRESH LOOK!

Life can be complicated enough, but understanding your electric bill shouldn't be! Starting in August, Tri-County EMC's bill will have a brand new look. Our new design is easy to read, and its added features will help you better manage your energy usage. Below, we will walk you through each section and where it is located on the bill. Follow along with the numbered list and compare it with the legend on page 3. *Please note that the bill update does not indicate a rate increase.*

## 1 Account Information



Your account number and associated contact information are clearly listed at the top of your Tri-County EMC bill. When making a payment, you will need to provide your account number. Keeping your contact information current is important. Contact information can be updated via the online portal or by calling our Customer Service Team at 1.866.254.8100.

## 2 Account Status



Below your account information are colored boxes labeled "Previous Bill", "Current Bill", and "Total Amount Due". This section provides a quick overview of your current charges and any past-due amounts that you may owe, totaling the combined amount listed in the orange box.

## 3 Usage Graphs



There are several easy-to-follow graphs on Tri-County EMC's new bill designed to give you visual insight into your monthly energy usage. On the front page, you can view your daily kWh for the specific billing period. In addition, the high and low temperatures for each day of the month are shown, exhibiting how weather can impact your home's energy efficiency. The graph on the back of the bill includes a snapshot of each month's average usage.

## 4 Message Center



This area highlights energy efficiency tips, scholarship and grant opportunities, and other important updates.

## 5 Billing Summary



While the "Account Status" section provides an at-a-glance look at your amount due, the "Billing Summary" on the back displays an itemized list of all charges within the current billing period. We intend for this detailed summary to give you a better understanding of what comprises your monthly electric bill in addition to actual energy usage. For example, the monthly service charge is now shown as a line item instead of being included in the total.

## 6 Payment Options



The orange section on the back of the bill lists ways that you can make a payment to your account. There's a QR code that, when scanned, will conveniently direct you to our Quick Pay option. With Quick Pay, you can bypass the online portal and make an immediate payment to your account. Simply enter your account and phone number and follow the prompts until your payment has been confirmed. You will also find an icon of the myTCEMC mobile app, which can be downloaded via the Apple or Google Play Stores. (30549002)


## 7 CheckOut Barcode



CheckOut is a program that allows you to make payments to your Tri-County EMC account at participating retailers. When checking out, the personalized bar code included on the back of your bill can be scanned by the cashier when you pay for your shopping items. You can view a map of payment locations at [www.tri-countyemc.com/checkout](http://www.tri-countyemc.com/checkout).



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**Account Name** JOHN Q SAMPLE  
**Service Address** SOME NICE PL 4321  
**Telephone** (555) 555-5555

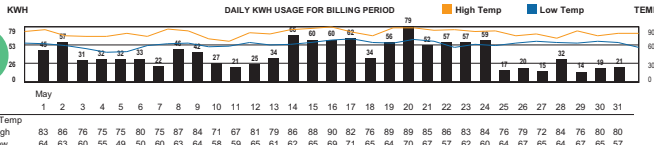
**Billing Date** 06/05/25  
**Account Number** 999001  
**Meter Number** 99999999

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Previous Bill	Current Bill	Total Amount Due
Previous Balance <b>210.00</b>	Current charges for this billing period <b>222.00</b>	Total amount due <b>222.00</b>
Payment was received on 05/20/25 <b>-210.00</b>	Current charges due by <b>06/20/25</b>	
Thank you for your payment!	For full detail breakdown of charges, see the reverse side. →	Draft Schedule 06/20

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**DAILY KWH USAGE FOR BILLING PERIOD**



Temp  
High 83 86 76 75 75 80 75 87 84 71 67 81 79 86 88 90 82 76 89 89 85 86 83 84 76 79 72 84 76 80 80  
Low 64 63 60 55 49 50 60 63 64 58 59 65 61 62 65 69 71 65 64 70 67 57 62 60 64 67 65 64 67 65 57

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**Message Center**

Always pay your bill on time by signing up for automatic draft! Each month, we will draft your checking account or credit card on your due date, saving you time and stamps.

**5**

KEEP THIS STATEMENT FOR YOUR RECORDS  
PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT

Account Number	Due Date	Amount Due	Due After
999001	06/20/25	222.00	06/20/25

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Draft Schedule 06/20**

TRI-COUNTY EMC  
PO BOX 487  
GRAY GA 31032-0487

JOHN Q SAMPLE  
4321 SOME NICE PL  
ANYTOWN GA 12345-9999

**Billing Summary**

**SERVICE DETAILS**  
RATE: RESIDENTIAL BASIC  
SERVICE PERIOD: 05/01/25 - 06/01/25 (31 DAYS)

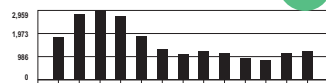
**METER DETAILS**  
METER NO. 99999999 LAST READ 86991 PRESENT 88218 MULT 1 KWH USAGE 1227

**CHARGE DETAILS**  
PREVIOUS AMOUNT DUE 210.00  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAYMENT 05/20/25 -210.00

SERVICE CHARGE 40.00  
CURRENT ELECTRIC SERVICE 132.43  
POWER COST ADJUSTMENT @ 0.013223 16.22  
2 50W LED RESIDENTIAL 18.00  
SALES TAX 14.47  
OPERATION ROUNDUP 0.88  
TOTAL CURRENT BALANCE DUE 06/20/25 222.00

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**  
AFTER 06/20/25 PAY 222.00

**Energy Usage History**



Usage Comparison	Days of Service	Total kWh	Average kWh/Day	Average Cost/Day
Current Billing Period	31	1227	40	6.09
Previous Billing Period	30	1145	38	5.93
Same Period Last Year	31	1835	59	8.14


**Payment Options**

- Automatic Bank Draft
- Levelized Billing
- Payment Arrangements
- Online Bill Payment
- Credit Card
- Phone
- Kiosks
- CheckOut

Rate Schedules Available at [www.tri-countyemc.com](http://www.tri-countyemc.com)

Payment is not avoided by failure to receive bill. When mailing your payment, allow ample time for delivery before the due date. Bill is delinquent after due date.


Or pay using the convenient myTCEMC Mobile App



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**To Report a Power Outage Call: (866) 254-8100 or Text OUT to 85700**  
Phone number must be up to date on your TCEMC Account 24 hours in advance to text.

Out shopping at Dollar General, CVS or Walgreens? Pay your TCEMC bill using the CheckOut barcode below at participating retail locations. Learn more at [www.tri-countyemc.com/checkout](http://www.tri-countyemc.com/checkout).



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By accepting or using this barcode to make a payment, you agree to the full terms and conditions, available at <https://mytcemcga.meridiancheckout.com/Terms>. After successful payment using your barcode, you may retrieve your full detailed E-Receipt at <https://mytcemcga.meridiancheckout.com/lookup> after entering your account number.

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# RECIPE BOX

## EGGPLANT CASSEROLE

*Courtesy of Lisa Cook of Gray*

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 eggplant
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 chopped bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup grated carrots
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 stick margarine
- 1 pkg herb seasoned dressing mix

### DIRECTIONS:

Chop eggplant, onion, and bell pepper, and cook until tender. Drain. In the same pan, combine margarine, grated carrots, cream of mushroom soup, and dressing mix. Save some of the dressing mix to add on top. Pour the mixture into a casserole dish and bake 30 minutes at 350°.

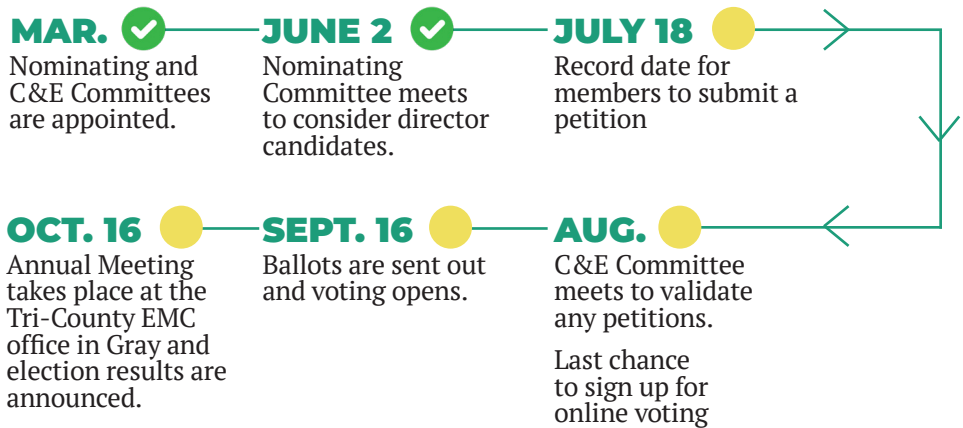


### DID YOU KNOW?

Your recipe is worth \$20 if chosen! Send your best recipes to [annas@tri-countyemc.com](mailto:annas@tri-countyemc.com) or mail to P.O. Box 487, Gray, GA 31032.

## 2025 ELECTION TIMELINE

Below is a timeline of important dates leading up to this year's directors' election, which will take place on October 16. Follow the Tri-County EMC Facebook page for reminders and updates throughout the election process.



## CO-OP PRINCIPLE 5 Education, Training, and Information



Mr. Ed Walker recently earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate (CCD) through the NRECA. The CCD prepares directors to fulfill their fiduciary duty as elected officials serving on behalf of their membership. Walker represents District 3 (Baldwin, Wilkinson, and Twiggs Counties) on the Tri-County EMC Board of Directors. (26873001)

*Pictured: Board Chairman Brenda P. Green and Director Ed Walker*

## ACCOUNT NUMBER

Three account numbers are hidden in parentheses in this issue of Current Lines. Find your **FULL** account number and call 478.986.8126 to claim a \$50 bill credit.



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**Ray Grinberg, CEO**

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**Brenda P. Green, Chairman**  
**Sammy Hall, Vice-Chairman**  
**Dan Greene, Secretary/Treasurer**  
**George "Buck" Comer, Chap Nelson,**  
**Marion Nelson, Cecil Patterson,**  
**Mike Rainey, Ed Walker**

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