



## TRI-COGO LAUNCHES SERVICE PLANS TAILORED TO CUSTOMER LIFESTYLES

Tri-CoGo is excited to introduce a new lineup of internet plans designed to deliver more value, more speed, and more peace of mind for every kind of household. Whether you're streaming, working from home, gaming, or simply staying connected, these new offerings make it easier than ever to find the right fit.

At the heart of this update is a new value-based pricing structure, with thoughtfully designed tiers that give customers more for their money. Every plan now includes ProtectIQ, Tri-CoGo's advanced cyber security solution. This powerful feature works at the device level to safeguard your home network from malware, phishing attempts, and other online threats—so every connected device, from smart phones to smart TVs, stays protected automatically. Since January, ProtectIQ has blocked over 170,000 cyber threats. [Read more on Page 2...](#)

Blocked Web Threats



Blocked Viruses  
Blocked Intrusions

## WHAT'S NEXT AT TCEMC?

5/25

Memorial Day

Both the Gray and Eatonton offices will be closed.

6/1

Beginning of hurricane season in Georgia

For info on storm preparedness, visit [www.tri-countyemc.com](http://www.tri-countyemc.com).

6/1

Operation Roundup June Deadline

Non-profits can apply for grants up to \$15,000.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Tri-County's 87th Annual Meeting will be held at its Gray office at 2 PM on Thursday, October 22, 2026. Below is a timeline of important dates leading up to the meeting.

### FEBRUARY

Nominating & C&E Committees appointed

### MAY

Nominating Committee meets to consider director candidates

### JULY 24

Record date for members to submit petitions

### AUGUST

If necessary, C&E Committee meets to review any petitions.

### SEPT 22

Ballots are distributed and voting opens.

### SEPT 25

Record date by which an individual must become a member to vote in the election

### OCT 22

Election results are announced at the Annual Meeting.

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Customers can also take advantage of exciting new speed options, including 500 Mbps, 2 Gig, and even 4 Gig plans for those who demand top-tier performance. Meanwhile, the newly enhanced Savvy Starter plan now offers 300 Mbps, making it an ideal choice for starter homes or empty nesters who want reliable, high-quality internet at an affordable price without sacrificing features.



**4** GBPS

### ULTIMATE HOME CHAMPION

- Wall-to-Wall indoor Wi-Fi coverage
- Advanced cyber threat protection
- Device priority and parental controls
- Wi-Fi 7 Gigaspire Router
- 24/7 remote tech support

**109.99**  
per month

For larger homes or those with hard-to-reach areas, select plans now include “wall-to-wall” coverage. These plans come equipped with extenders designed to ensure strong, consistent Wi-Fi throughout the entire home—even in basements, bonus rooms, or home offices tucked away from the main router.

Speaking of routers, every plan now includes a cutting-edge Wi-Fi 7 router, delivering faster speeds, lower latency, and improved performance for all your connected devices.



*Our Tri-CoGo service has been framed around best-in-class customer service and consistently fast speeds. Our new plans continue to take advantage of our 100% fiber network while including the features our customers want most.*

*Greg Mullis, General Manager of Tri-CoGo*



These new plans are available to both new and existing customers. While current customers can choose to remain on their existing plans, many may find added value in upgrading—thanks to higher speeds, built-in security, and expanded features. (104782001) “We encourage new and existing customers to explore these new plans by visiting our website or speaking with a local representative to find the plan that best meets your needs,” said Mullis.

**Extend your connection.  
Expand your lifestyle.**

**Whether you're streaming on the dock, working on the patio, or relaxing by the water, stay connected without interruptions.**

TRI-COGO OUTDOOR EXTENDERS  
starting at  
**24.99**  
per month

# MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Electrical safety is essential for protecting your home and family. Taking simple precautions can prevent fires, injuries, and costly damage. By staying aware and following a few key practices, you can reduce risks and keep your household safe.

## Prevent Overloads

Overloaded circuits can cause house fires. Watch for warning signs like flickering lights, warm outlets, or frequently tripped breakers. Plug major appliances directly into wall outlets and avoid using extension cords or plugging multiple heat-producing devices into one outlet.

## Stay Clear of Equipment

Keep away from transformers, substations, and other electrical equipment. Never climb a substation fence—contact the number on the gate for help retrieving items.

## Protect Children

Use outlet covers or tamper-resistant outlets to prevent shocks. Keep cords out of reach and off walkways to avoid choking or tripping hazards.

## Use Extension Cords Safely

Inspect cords for damage before use. Don't connect multiple cords together or run them under rugs. Use outdoor-rated cords with GFCI outlets and keep them away from water.

## Be Careful Outdoors

Watch for overhead and underground power lines. Call 811 before digging. Stay at least 20 feet from overhead lines, as electricity can arc without direct contact.

## Call a Professional

Electrical work can be dangerous. When in doubt, hire a qualified professional to avoid injury or damage.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE SELECTED FOR 2026 ELECTION

The Nominating Committee meets in May to consider and nominate candidates for the board posts up for election each year. Three Post 1 director seats will be on this year's ballot. Those candidates nominated by the committee will be placed on the ballot sent to and voted on by Tri-County EMC's membership. The 2026 Nominating Committee includes the members below.

## District 1

*Jones & Bibb Counties*

Wendy Vaughn  
Darryl Grant  
Steven Lunsford

## District 2

*Putnam, Jasper & Morgan Counties*

Susan Patterson  
David Hill  
Paul Gardner

## District 3

*Baldwin, Wilkinson, & Twiggs Counties*

Jay Harrington  
Kevin Pope  
Charles D. Ford

Below are the answers to several frequently asked questions about the directors' election. (96584002)

## How are directors elected?

A directors' election is held annually, rotating each year by post. Ballots are sent to all members via mail or email. Ballots can be returned by mail, electronically, or in person at either office location. To be elected, the candidate must obtain a majority vote. Election results are announced at each year's annual meeting. (Bylaws, Section 4.03, Election)

## Who is qualified to run?

- A candidate must be a Tri-County EMC Member.
- A candidate cannot be a Close Relative of an incumbent director or an employee of Tri-County EMC.
- A candidate must have been a member for at least two years prior to the election.
- A candidate must have the legal capacity to enter into contracts in Georgia.
- Former Tri-County EMC employees must wait two years before being eligible to serve as a director.
- A candidate cannot be employed by or have financial interest in a competing business. (Bylaws, Section 4.02. Qualifications)

## How can I become a candidate?

There are two ways to become a candidate.

1. Be nominated by the Nominating Committee. You may email the committee at [nominate@tri-countyemc.com](mailto:nominate@tri-countyemc.com) expressing your interest in being nominated.
2. Submit a petition to Tri-County EMC no less than 90 days prior to the annual meeting. The petition must be signed by at least 50 members of the cooperative. (Bylaws, Section 4.06. Nominations.) Contact Tri-County EMC to obtain a petition form. This year's deadline is **July 24, 2026**.



# RECIPE Box

## SUMMER CORN & TOMATO SALAD

*Courtesy of Georgia Grown*

- 4 ears fresh corn
- 2 cups halved grape tomatoes
- 1/2 tsp finely minced garlic
- 2 tsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp fresh basil, cut in thin strips
- Salt and pepper

Microwave corn in the husks for 6 minutes. Shuck corn and remove silk. Cut kernels off the cob. Combine the minced garlic, lemon juice, and olive oil with a whisk. Combine corn, tomatoes, and fresh basil in a bowl. Pour olive oil mixture over the mixture in the bowl. Gently mix the ingredients together. Season the salad with salt and fresh ground pepper to taste. Add fresh basil to bowl, mix well and adjust seasoning. Serve chilled. Serves 6-8. (89339007)



### 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.

Three account numbers are hidden in parentheses in this issue of Current Lines. If you find your FULL account number, call 478.986.8126 to claim a \$50 bill credit.

## LOWER YOUR SUMMER ENERGY USAGE

Outside factors, such as fuel and equipment costs and extreme weather, can impact electricity prices. However, you can control your home energy consumption by taking proactive steps to reduce energy use.



### Thermostat Management

The thermostat is one of the best places to lower energy use because heating and cooling account for a significant portion of home energy consumption. To reduce energy use during the summer months, adjust your thermostat to the highest possible setting, 78 degrees or higher.



### Utilize Off-Peak Energy Times

Plan energy-intensive chores, such as running the dishwasher or washing clothing, during off-peak energy hours. Scheduling these tasks during off-peak times, usually early in the morning or late evening, takes the strain off your HVAC system and requires less energy to keep your home cool.



### Seal Your Home

About 20 percent of heated or cooled air that moves through a home is lost due to a lack of proper insulation and air leaks. Ensure your home has sufficient insulation levels by sealing air leaks around windows and doors with caulk and weatherstripping. This is a simple, effective way to lower energy use and improve indoor comfort.



### Maintain Equipment

The health of your heating and cooling system is essential for comfort and can greatly impact energy bills. Maintain your system by regularly replacing dirty filters and scheduling annual inspections for maintenance and necessary repairs.