



Serving members in Baldwin, Emanuel, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Johnson, Laurens, Warren, Washington and Wilkinson counties

We're here to serve you

“We're here to serve you.” We've all heard this phrase countless times. These words may sound generic, but to us—your local electric cooperative—they mean everything.

Washington EMC was created to serve our community. Back in the day, neighbors banded together and formed our co-op for the common good. In our case, it was the only way the community could bring electricity to the area where there was none. In doing so, Washington EMC helped the community thrive. That mission-focused heritage is the golden thread that is woven throughout our history.

Today, we are continuing to power the community. While our focus has remained steady on providing reliable energy to our members, today's energy landscape and consumer expectations are far different than they were decades ago. That's why we're adapting to keep pace with changing technology, evolving needs and new expectations.

Serving as your trusted energy adviser means we want to help you



save energy (and money), and provide advice and information on a broad range of energy topics. For example, if you're looking for ways to save energy, visit www.energy.gov for energy-saving tips and ideas to increase the energy efficiency of your home. Consider scheduling a free energy audit with one of our energy experts to identify ways you can save energy at home. Understanding how your home uses energy can help determine the best ways to modify energy use and thereby keep more money in your wallet.

If you're considering a rooftop solar installation, our energy advisers would be happy to give you an unbiased view of the pros and cons. Investing in a solar system is a major decision, and it's important to fully understand the costs, responsibilities and potential energy savings. Unlike a solar company that has one objective—to sell their products and services—we will look at the total energy picture and help you determine the best



Wendy Sellers
President/CEO

options for your home. We understand that homeowners must undertake their due diligence, and we're here to help you through that process.

In a similar vein, we recognize that many members are considering electric vehicle options. Washington EMC provides information about EV charging to our members so you can make informed decisions about EVs.

So, the next time you hear Washington EMC use the phrase “we're here to serve you,” we hope you know that we mean it. Service is deeply ingrained into who we are. We continue to evolve with the times and, in return, we've found additional ways to serve you and provide more options for you to power your life.

We're here whenever you need us. Connect with us online, in person, or through the Washington EMC app or our social media channels. However, you choose to connect, please let us know how we can serve you better.



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OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday

PHONES

Local (478) 552-2577

Long distance (800) 552-2577

24-HOUR CALL CENTER

To report a power interruption
please call:

Local (478) 552-2577

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BRANCH LOCATIONS

12860 Broad St.
Sparta, GA 31087
Closed on Thursday

100 W. College St.
Wrightsville, GA 31096
Closed on Wednesday

Convenient bill pay options include:

Drive-thru payment window

319 N. Smith St., Sandersville, GA 31082
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pay your bill online

www.washingtonemc.com

Use the free Washington EMC mobile app

Look for WEMC in the
App Store or Android Market.

Pay by phone

(478) 552-2577 or (800) 552-2577

Community news



The Operation Round Up board met April 24 and approved funding for the following organizations:

- Angel House of Georgia
- Boys & Girls Club-Washington County
- Boys & Girls Club-Johnson County
- Hancock County 4-H
- Hancock County Head Start
- IGAL Academy
- Johnson County Fire and Rescue
- Miriam Ministry
- Mount Olive Church of Nazarene Food Bank
- Rosa M. Tarbutton Memorial Library
- Sparta-Hancock County Library

We are so proud to be able to give back to the ones making a difference in our communities. The next board meeting will be July 31, and the dead-

line for applications is June 30.

Visit www.washingtonemc.com for more information. Below is a thank you message from a couple of our recipients, Miriam Ministry and IGAL Academy.

"We at Miriam Ministry greatly appreciate you choosing this community ministry. Your generosity enables us to make a difference in the lives of young families that struggle to provide for their children. These funds will certainly help purchase diapers, wipes, books and toys for these families. Thank you so much!"

-Robin

"I was most excited to receive the information that the IGAL Academy received the grant to cover the cost of the junior tennis equipment. We are so grateful for the support! Many thanks."

-Pam



Democratic Member Control



Cooperative Principle 2

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote).

2023 Director Elections

The Washington EMC Board of Directors is composed of members just like you, who reside in specific districts of our service territory and are elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting held the first Saturday in October each year. Directors are elected for a three-year term. Elections will occur for Districts 1, 2 and 6 at the Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, October 7, 2023.

Members interested in serving on the Board of Directors should refer to the Qualifications of Directors and the Nominations sections of the Corporate Bylaws.

The following members will serve on the 2023 Nominating Committee and can be contacted at the addresses listed below:

District 1

Wendy Purvis
5089 Mitchell Road
Warrenton, GA 30828

District 2

Keith Webster
1030 Watts Road
Sparta, GA 31087

District 3

McKenzie Wiggins
697 Elkins Road
Sandersville, GA 31082

District 4

Deborah Bassaloff
106 Veal Road
Sandersville, GA 31082

District 5

Berry Gordy
8142 Highway 272
Sandersville, GA 31082

District 6

Regina Williams
369 Channell Lane
Tennille, GA 31089

District 7

Roy Powell
106 Emery Price Road
Wrightsville, GA 31096

The Nominating Committee will meet at the Washington EMC headquarters office at 258 North Harris St. in Sandersville on Tuesday, July 25, for the purpose of nominating at least one member from Districts 1, 2 and 6.

Members will vote on director candidates at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Members from all seven representative districts may vote in the election for all director positions.

Do you have money to claim?

Please help Washington EMC locate members and former members who have unclaimed refunds.

In compliance with the Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-12-236, Washington EMC is attempting to locate former members whose capital credits checks were issued August 31, 2017, but have been returned by the U.S. Post Office as “undeliverable” or have otherwise been unclaimed.

A current list of the names of these members and instructions for claiming these funds is posted on our website at www.washingtonemc.com. This list is also available at all Washington EMC locations for reviewing during regular business hours.

The last date to claim these funds is September 30, 2023. If these funds are not claimed by this date, they will be donated for charitable uses, as permitted by O.C.G.A. § 44-12-236.

To claim a refund or submit any question about this notice or the list, contact the Washington EMC office by calling (478) 552-2577.



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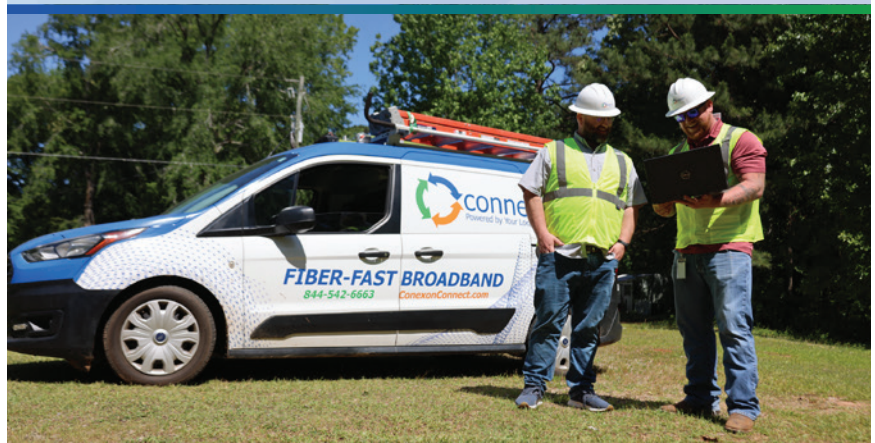
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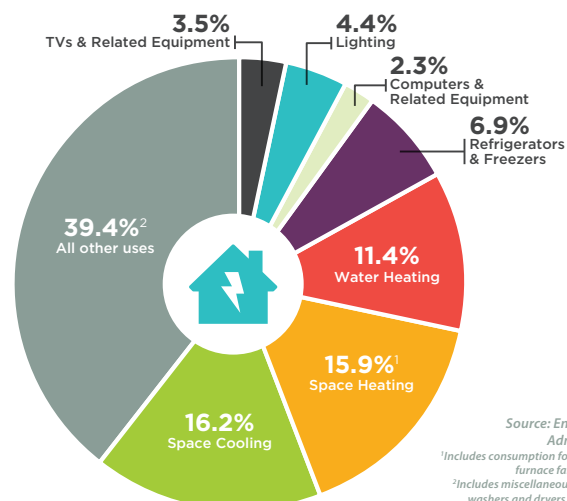
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Check availability at www.conexonconnect.com, call us at (844) 542-6663 or scan our QR Code!



How Americans use electricity

The latest data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows the combined use of clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, small appliances and other electrical equipment (noted as “all other uses” below) accounts for the largest percentage of electricity consumption in American homes.



Source: Energy Information Administration 2022

¹Includes consumption for heat and operating furnace fans and boiler pumps.
²Includes miscellaneous electronics, clothes washers and dryers, cooking equipment, dishwashers, heating elements, and motors.