

**MECKLENBURG
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**



Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

POWER FACTS

An informational publication for members of Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative concerning electricity and related subjects.

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PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR ANYONE'S BUSY SCHEDULE.

Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative offers its members several ways to pay their monthly electric bills.

Online eBill Payment

If you choose to pay online, go to www.meckelec.org and select "Online Billing & Payment" option. This is a secure way to pay your electric bill online. Set up a username and password for easy access to view and pay your bill 24/7 from any computer with Internet access. This web site allows you to view 12 months of previous bills.

Credit Card

If you would like to pay your electric bill by credit card, it's easy! All you need is your Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative account number, credit card number, 3-digit security code (on the back of your card), expiration date, and zip code of where your credit card statement is mailed. This service is available 24/7. Just call toll free 1-877-541-5737 and select Option 2.

Automatic Bank Withdrawal

This option allows you to have your monthly electric bill automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. Each month you receive your statement indicating the amount due and the date the automatic deduction will occur. Request an enrollment form by calling our office (434) 372-6100.

Automatic Credit Card Payment

Each month you can automatically have your electric bill charged to any Visa, Discover, or MasterCard. Your statement will still be delivered to you indicating the amount that will be charged to your credit card. To enroll in this program, call our office (434) 372-6100.

E-Bill Service

If you choose to go paperless, simply visit our website, www.meckelec.org, and select "Online Billing & Payment" to sign up for this service. You will receive an email monthly with a link to access your bill online with an option to pay by credit card from any computer with Internet access.

Postal Service

Each month's bill has a return envelope included that you can use to mail your check or money order along with your bill stub. Please do not send cash.

District Offices

We have three district offices open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The personnel in our Chase City, Gretna, and Emporia offices are available to receive your payment in person and answer any questions that you may have.

Valentines Day is around the corner and who doesn't love a special sweet treat from their loved ones? This recipe is sure to delight your Valentine.



Strawberry Brownie Cupcakes

- 1 - 19.5 Oz Package of Brownie Mix
- 2 Eggs
- 1/2 Cup Canola Oil
- 1/4 Cup Water
- 1 - 18.25 Oz Package of Strawberry Cake Mix
- 2 Tbsp Canola Oil
- 1 1/3 Cups Water
- 3 Egg Whites

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 48 muffin cups with paper liners.

Whisk together brownie mix, 2 eggs, 1/2 cup canola oil, and 1/4 cup water in a bowl. Stir just until fully incorporated, about 50 strokes; set aside.

Mix the cake mix, 2 tablespoons canola oil, 1 1/3 cup water, and 3 egg whites in a large bowl with an electric mixer on low speed until combined. Mix on medium speed for 2 minutes.

Spoon the brownie batter into prepared muffin cups, filling each cup 1/3 full. Spoon the cake batter over the brownie batter, until muffin cups are each 2/3 full.

Bake in the preheated oven until golden and the tops spring back when lightly pressed, about 20 minutes. Top with your favorite icing....Yummy!!

Our Energy, Our Future

Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative is concerned about the very serious energy challenges that our nation faces. Demand for electricity is growing, even as we do our best to become more energy efficient. There must be a balance between the increasing demand for more power and protecting our environment. America's electric cooperatives believe our nation can enact commonsense energy policies that are environmentally responsible while helping co-ops keep electricity affordable and reliable.

Reliability

Meeting Our Electricity Demand

With growing demand for electricity, electric cooperatives take an all-of-the-above approach to generating electric power, using a wide range of fuels. That approach helps co-ops keep electricity reliable and affordable. Energy efficiency is also a key part of meeting the growing electricity demand, and it helps keep members' electric bills low.

Affordability

Keeping Electricity Affordable

Because they are owned by their consumers, cooperatives focus on keeping your electric bills affordable while making fiscally responsible investments in your electric system. Electric co-ops support commonsense energy policies that balance the need to keep electric bills affordable with the need to provide reliable and environmentally responsible electricity.

Environmental Responsibility

Improving Our Grid with New Technology

You might not notice it when you flip on the lights, but electric cooperatives are deploying new technologies that are improving the efficiency of your electric system. New technologies help co-ops not only provide power in an environmentally responsible manner but also help keep electricity affordable and reliable.

The Cooperative Difference

Strengthening Co-op Communities

America's consumer-owned electric cooperatives are leaders in rural economic development and work to make co-ops and the communities they serve stronger.

Make your voice heard today!!

Join the more than 500,000 American consumers who have asked their elected officials to keep electric bills affordable. Log on to www.ourenergy.coop to stay informed and have your voice heard.



MEC Offices Will be Closed on
Monday, February 18, in observance of
Presidents' Day.