



## Predictable energy bills

Tired of seasonal bill spikes? SteadyPay offers a predictable, leveled payment each month based on your average energy use. If you've been a member for at least six months, you may be eligible to sign up.

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- Your electric bill is averaged over the past 12 months and you pay that amount for six months.
- Twice a year (April and October), your payment is recalculated based on the last 12 months of usage and the new amount applies in May and November.
- Enrolled in Auto Pay? Your payment is automatically charged on the due date.
- Early payments will be applied to the next recalculation, not the current bill.
- You can stay on SteadyPay unless disconnected for nonpayment or have returned payments. If removed, reenrollment is allowed after 12 consecutive months without disconnection.

Ready to enroll? Visit a Bluebonnet member service center or call 800-842-7708 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Get more information at  
[bluebonnet.coop/steadypay](http://bluebonnet.coop/steadypay)

## Track your usage

Our online tools tell the tale: Warmer temperatures mean higher electric bills.

Analyze your electricity use with three handy tools online at **bluebonnet.coop** or on the **MyBluebonnet mobile app** and click the Usage tab.

**1. Usage explorer:** Get a detailed look at your past and current energy use all in one place. View your electricity use and temperature trends by the month, day or hour.

**2. Usage comparison:** Compare past monthly bills side by side and determine if new energy-saving habits are making a difference.

**3. Average usage:** Select a time period to see how much electricity you used.



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Smart  
**ENERGY**  
Choices

Tips to save electricity  
and manage your bill  
year-round



## How weather affects your electricity bill

Your electricity use changes with the seasons. Here's why:

- **Summer heat:** Your air conditioner works harder and runs more frequently to keep you cool, increasing electricity use.
- **Winter cold:** Heating systems run longer to maintain comfort.
- **Humidity and wind:** Reduces efficiency of your HVAC system making it work harder and increase electricity use.

### 3 ways to improve efficiency

1. Seal air leaks and insulate around doors and windows to maintain indoor temperatures.
2. Use fans to circulate air and reduce strain on your HVAC.
3. Keep blinds and curtains closed during extreme heat or cold.



## Adjust your thermostat to save energy

Small thermostat adjustments can lead to significant savings:

- **Summer:** Raise your thermostat by 2-3 degrees to reduce cooling costs up to 10%.
- **Winter:** Lower your thermostat by 2-3 degrees to cut heating costs up to 10%.
- **Smart thermostats:** Schedule desired temperature changes to occur before you come home or leave for work. Adjust your thermostat remotely to save electricity without sacrificing comfort.
- **Ceiling fans help:** Set to the counterclockwise setting in the summer to reduce temperature 4-6 degrees and change to the clockwise setting in winter to circulate the warmer air and reduce the load on your HVAC system.



## Electricity-saving tips for every season

There are things you can do year-round to lower energy use:

- **Upgrade to LED bulbs:** They use up to 75% less energy and last longer.
- **Unplug electronics:** Devices still draw power when turned off. Use power strips to cut phantom loads.
- **Service your HVAC:** Regular maintenance improves efficiency and extends system life.
- **Use appliances wisely:** Run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads and air-dry clothes when possible.

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