



FEATURE ARTICLE

VACATION PLANNED? SAVE ENERGY WHILE YOU'RE AWAY!

Summer is a great time to get away for some rest and relaxation with family and friends. Whether you're planning a cross-country road trip, a relaxing beach getaway or a big family reunion, don't forget to prepare your home so that you can save energy and money while you're away.

Air Conditioning

With everyone out of your home for a few days, there's no reason to keep the house cool. If there's no one around to enjoy the cool temperature, don't leave your thermostat set to 72. Instead, turn your thermostat up to 85.

For every degree your thermostat is raised during hot summer months, you can save up to three percent on your electricity bill.

Water Heater

You also won't need hot water while you're away. Turn the temperature down on your hot water heater or set it to vacation mode to save energy.

Electronics

Did you know that even when your television and appliances are turned off, they still use electricity? Computers, printers, TVs, tablets, MP3 players, DVRs and cell phone chargers – anything that uses a transformer or power brick is "ON" whenever it's plugged in.

Before you leave, walk through your house and unplug every unnecessary appliance and electronic device. This simple step will not only save energy while you're away, but it also eliminates a possible fire hazard if there is a power surge while no one is home.

Automatic Lights

People don't want their houses to look unoccupied while on vacation because it's easy for burglars to spot. Leaving a light on inside the house so that it looks like someone is home is a common safety tip. While this is a good idea, it's an unnecessary waste of energy. Thanks to timers, you can set certain lights to turn on and off at specific times of the day.

Save Money and Stress on Vacation

Although vacations are fun for the whole family, they can be expensive. Save some money on your electric bill while you're away by practicing these tips and tricks. Bon voyage!

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 18

Father's Day

JULY 4

Independence Day. All offices will be closed, and employees will be on call.

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Annual Meeting

On April 7, 2017, Piedmont Electric held its Annual Meeting of the Members and had 339 members in attendance. The winners of the three \$500 grand prize drawings were Nancy Bowles of Roxboro, Mary Pullman of Roxboro and Louise McGhee of Roxboro.

Thank you to all the members who attended!

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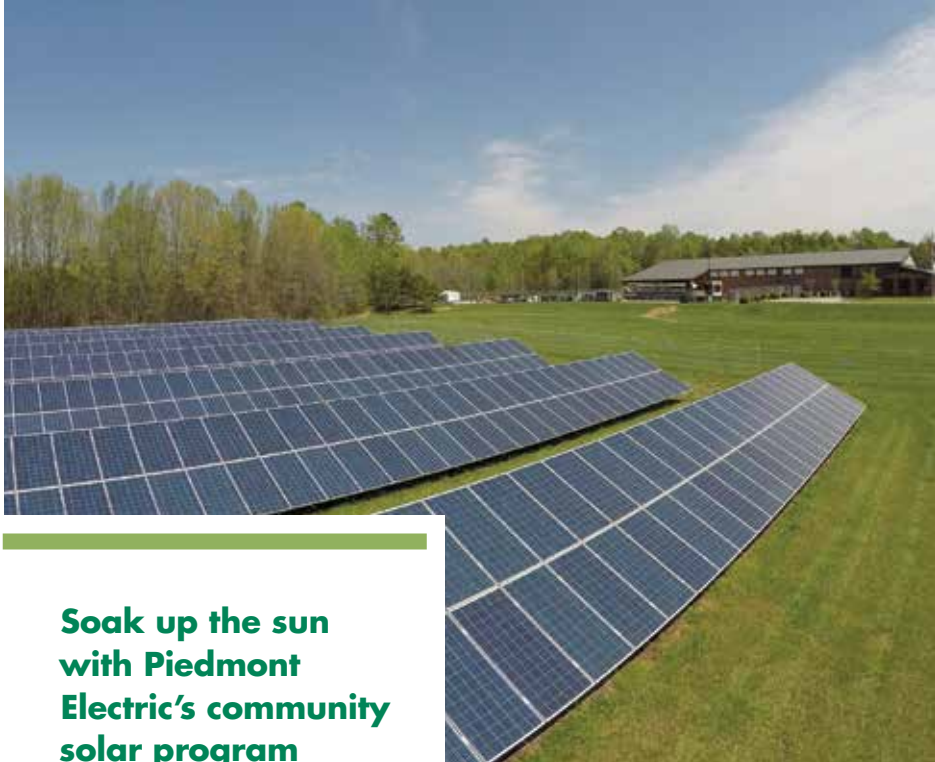
At Piedmont Electric, we want to provide opportunities for our members to get involved with renewable energy. That's why we packaged up all the benefits of solar energy and delivered them to you through our community solar program. To better understand how Piedmont Electric's community solar program works, we spoke with our Manager of Energy Services Chuck Lee.

What is Piedmont Electric's community solar program?

Community solar is a subscription program that allows you to utilize renewable energy without installing solar panels at your home. We have two solar fields, one at our Roxboro office and the other at our Caswell office. The fields have more than 1,800 panels which can generate up to 3,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity each day – enough to power 70 average American homes! This program allows many of our members to get involved with solar technology at a lower cost and lower risk.

How does it work?

Members can subscribe to the energy output from the solar panels, and the solar generation is applied as a solar energy credit to their account.



Soak up the sun with Piedmont Electric's community solar program

Roxboro community solar field

The subscription fee is \$2.50 per panel/month and is charged to the members' monthly electric bill. You may subscribe to up to 15 panels per Piedmont Electric member account.

What are the advantages of community solar?

Community solar is a cost-effective way to utilize the power of the sun. Our sites are well-suited for solar panel installation, plus we take care of all maintenance and repair. This is a great option for renters and home owners with zoning restrictions or

limited access to direct sunlight who want to get involved with renewable energy.

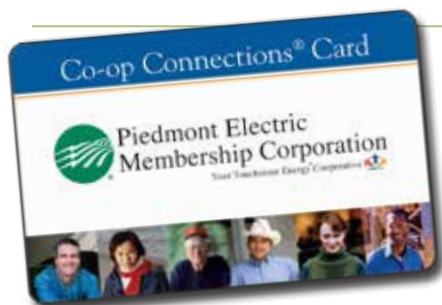
Do the solar panels still work if the sun isn't shining?

Yes! The solar panels will continue to work, but their energy output is limited.

How can I join?

If you are interested in a solar subscription, contact Piedmont Electric Energy Specialist Jay Berry at 919.644.2449 or Jay.Berry@pemc.coop.

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SOAK UP THE SUN THIS SUMMER!

The sun is out and it's the perfect time to take advantage of our **community solar program**.

Harness the power of the sun and get the benefits of solar power without the long-term commitment and cost!

ABOUT PIEDMONT ELECTRIC'S COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM

- ▶ Members can subscribe to as many as 15 solar panels directly from Piedmont Electric for an affordable monthly fee of \$2.50 per panel/month.
- ▶ Members will receive a credit (currently 4.94¢/kWh) on their monthly bill for the energy that their panel creates.
- ▶ Our solar fields have more than 1,800 panels that can produce enough energy to power 70 average American homes.

BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY SOLAR

- ▶ The program eliminates the expense, installation and maintenance of owning solar panels, while still affording our members with the benefits of solar power.
- ▶ Community solar allows renters and home owners with zoning restrictions to get involved with solar energy.
- ▶ It gives our members a low-cost, low-risk way to take advantage of solar technology.
- ▶ Our solar fields are located where they can receive optimum sunlight.

SIGN UP FOR PIEDMONT ELECTRIC'S COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM

Include this insert with your next electric bill or call 1.800.222.3107 to learn more or sign up for our community solar program!

Member name _____

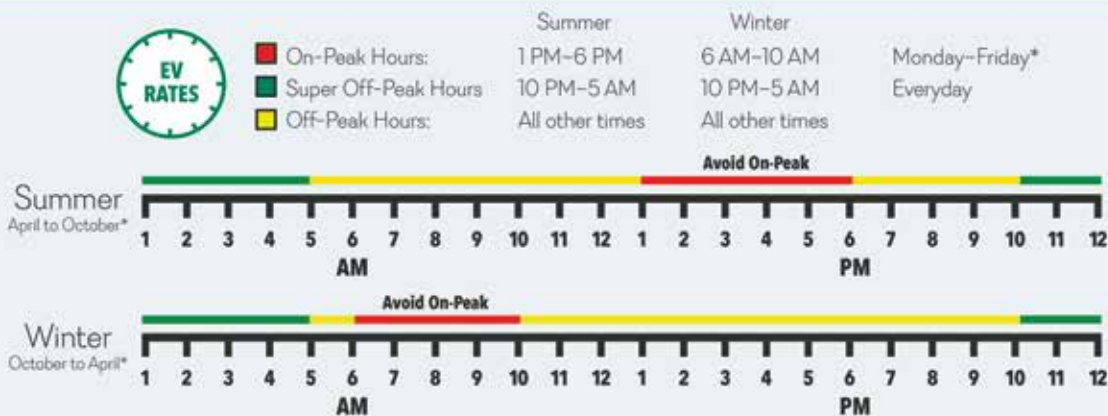
Service address _____

City, state and zip code _____

Member account number _____

PLUG-IN TO ENERGY SAVINGS WITH ELECTRIC VEHICLE RATES

Pay a lower rate when you use energy during Off-Peak and Super Off-Peak hours.



*Weekends and designated Piedmont Electric holidays are Super Off-Peak (10 PM–5 AM) and Off-Peak (all other times) rate times. Peak times change on Sunday in the second full weekends of April and October.

Save with Super Off-Peak Rates

Piedmont Electric now offers new rates to members who own a plug-in electric vehicle (EV) and use most of their energy overnight charging their vehicle. If you're an EV owner, switch to the new EV rate, plug-in your vehicle before bed and save money while you sleep!

How do I apply?

Simply provide these three things to Piedmont Electric:

1. Copy of the electric vehicle registration card corresponding to the associated electric address.
2. Proof that the vehicle can be recharged from an external plug-in source of electricity.
3. Notice if ownership or lease of the vehicle changes.

Rates

By using most of your energy during the Off-Peak and Super Off-Peak times, you will see significant savings on your bill. Your monthly rate for your facilities charges will remain the same.

Monthly Rate

Energy charges:

	Winter	Summer
On-Peak	26.42¢ per On-Peak kWh	33.69¢ per On-Peak kWh
Off-Peak	6.14¢ per Off-Peak kWh	6.14¢ per Off-Peak kWh
Super Off-Peak	2.79¢ per Super Off-Peak kWh	2.79¢ per Super Off-Peak kWh

For more information on EV rates and terms of service, check out pemc.coop.

*This EV rate is available only to members who would otherwise be serviced by the Residential or Small General Service Schedules and who own or lease a plug-in electric vehicle. The EV rate is not available for those on net metered rates.

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