

2019

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*A bee on a quest for nectar at Fernrock Farms in Hillsborough.
Photo by Carrie McCann*

our roots

Powering our local farms and
communities for 80 years



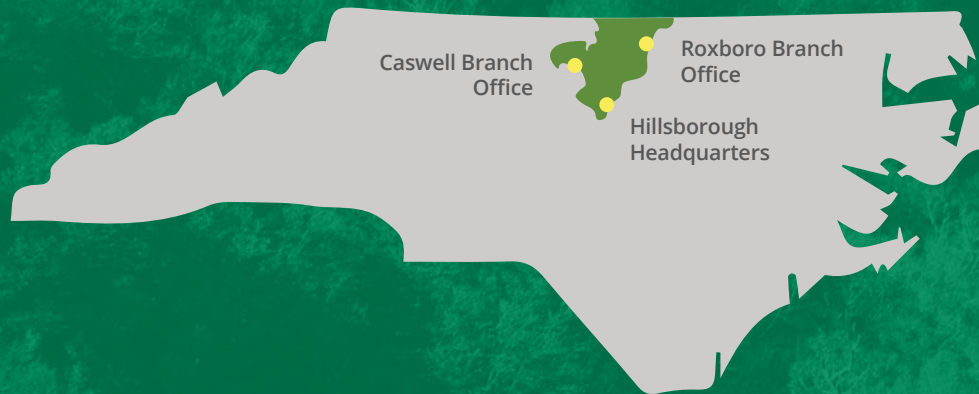
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Membership Corporation**

Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative

ABOUT YOUR CO-OP

ROOTED IN YOUR COMMUNITY FOR 80 YEARS

Piedmont Electric is a member owned, locally operated electric cooperative serving 32,000 members in parts of Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Granville, Orange and Person counties. Since we are rooted in the communities we serve and led by members like you, we understand our community's needs and are committed to providing energy, value and first-rate electrical service for years to come.



OFFICE LOCATIONS



HEADQUARTERS

2500 NC Hwy. 86 South
Hillsborough, NC 27278



CASWELL BRANCH OFFICE

64 Rascoe Dameron Road
Burlington, NC 27217



ROXBORO BRANCH OFFICE

1125 Oxford Road
Roxboro, NC 27573

Learn more at www.pemc.coop or call 800.222.3107.

CONVENIENT & MONEY SAVING BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

In addition to traditional bill payment options like stopping by the office or mailing your bill, Piedmont Electric offers a variety of convenient options for members to manage and pay their bill.



ONLINE WITH SMARTHUB

Visit **pemc.smarthub.coop** to pay your bill online anytime. The best way to take control of your energy costs is to sign in to SmartHub. This tool allows you to view and manage your account, including your current balance, and also allows you to see your daily energy usage. For effortless monthly payments, set up auto bank drafts and enroll in paperless billing through SmartHub! You can access SmartHub on your desktop computer, tablet and smartphone.



PAY OVER THE PHONE

Call **800.222.3107** to make quick, safe payments over the phone. To complete your transaction over the phone, you will need your account number or phone number on record.



PREPAY PROGRAM

Our PrePay program allows participants to determine how much and how often they pay, provided their account maintains a positive balance. No deposit is required and there are no late fees! If it would be easier to make weekly or bi-weekly payments rather than one large payment each month, PrePay may be right for you.



BUDGET BILLING

This program evens out the amount members pay so you can avoid higher bills during the weather extremes of summer and winter. By spreading out payments over the entire year, you can have a predictable monthly bill that doesn't change from month to month.

Visit **pemc.coop** or call **800.222.3107** to learn more about bill payment options, our special rate options and other energy saving tools!

OUR MISSION

To empower and to partner with our members to provide energy value and to enhance quality of life in alignment with transforming energy markets.

THE COOPERATIVE DIFFERENCE


The co-op is not just another business. We belong to the community and are steered by the seven cooperative principles that drive us to serve you every day. We're a part of the landscape. Our power lines are woven throughout the fabric of the rolling hills and along the winding rivers.

We've grown alongside our community and adapted to fit our members' ever-changing needs because we were built by this community. We're unlike most other businesses because we were created by those members who call this area home. When the co-op is led by members just like you, who understand and listen to the community, you can be sure you are always on our minds. Everything we do has our members' best interests at heart.

Whether it's helping a member who needs a couple extra days to pay the light bill or listening to life stories from members who yearn for a kind ear. Truly caring. That's what happens when an organization's core principles are so wholeheartedly member-focused. At the end of the day, the cooperative difference is that you are what we always value most.



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FERNROCK FARM is a specialty cut flower farm located outside of Hillsborough that offers creative floral design services. Their fields are filled with Southern favorites including daffodils, peonies, sunflowers, bee balm, zinnias, black-eyed Susans, and daisies as well as many other unique offerings.

Snow blankets the landscape at Fernrock Farm in Hillsborough.
Photo by Carrie McCann

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Make a New Year's resolution to cut energy costs and join our smart thermostat savings program! Heating and cooling can account for 40-50 percent of your annual energy use. Smart thermostat users save an estimated 10-23 percent on their energy bills per year according to studies conducted by Nest and Ecobee. In addition, we offer our members a \$50 rebate and monthly credits when they install a smart thermostat. Learn more at www.pemc.coop/thermostat.



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Nº 2

SUNSHINE LAVENDER FARM in Hurdle Mills was the first farm of its kind in North Carolina. Today, the farm is home to dozens of varieties of lavender. Owners Dale & Annie Baggett strive to contribute heartily to their rural community's vibrancy through their farm.

*Flowers and lavender bloom on Sunshine Lavender Farm which is located on land formerly cultivated by Latta Dairy Farm.
Photo by Annie Baggett*

february

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27	28	29	30	31	1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY
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17	18 PRESIDENTS' DAY ELECTEL CLOSED	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2



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SAVE MONEY: WATER HEATING

Water heating can amount to 12 percent of your annual energy use. Set your water heater to 120°F and install a water heater wrap to maximize efficiency.

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NO 3

FERNROCK FARM is dedicated to offering locally grown flowers that are fresh, vibrant and grown with care.

A fawn nestles in the grass at Fernrock Farm in Hillsborough.
Photo by Carrie McCann

march

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10 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19	20 SPRING BEGINS	21	22	23
24 PEMC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND BASKETBALL CAMP APPLICATIONS DUE	25	26	27	28	29	30



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SAVE MONEY: APPLIANCES

Electronic plug loads around the home can add up to be 8-15 percent of monthly energy use. If you don't unplug them, use energy-saving modes or automatic sleep functions on electronics. Ensure all new electronic purchases are ENERGY STAR® labeled.

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STONEY MOUNTAIN FARM is a 56-acre farm nestled in Burlington. Since 2005, this family farm has raised heritage sheep, llamas, Briard herding dogs and heritage chickens. The farm offers 100 percent all-natural wool products.



It's lambing season!
Photo by Stokes Brewer

april

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7	8	9	10	11	12 ANNUAL MEETING AT ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL	13
14 SUMMER TOD RATE BEGINS (REDUCE ENERGY 1:00-6:00 P.M.)	15	16	17	18	19 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICES CLOSED	20
21 EASTER	22 EARTH DAY	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



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SAVE MONEY: TIME-OF-DAY RATE

With a time-of-day rate, you pay less for the energy you use during off-peak hours. Saturdays, Sundays, most holidays and 19-20 hours of every weekday are considered off-peak. The average member saved **\$34** per month by switching to a time-of-day rate last year!



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WILD SCALLIONS FARM rests on 40 acres on the slope of Mount Tirzah in southern Person County. The farm includes more than three acres of cultivated fields, a holistic orchard, a solar greenhouse and two hoop-houses that grow vegetables and flowers year-round.

Blooming peonies in the sunlight.
Photo by Renee Clayton

may

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26	27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICES CLOSED	28	29	30	31	1



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SAVE MONEY: LIGHTING

Traditional lighting can amount to 11 percent of your monthly energy use. Energy-saving light bulbs can cut lighting costs by 75 percent. Don't forget the oldest energy-saving trick in the book; turn off lights that are not in use!

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No 6

PLEASANT HILL FARM, located in Hillsborough, is home to more than 35 horses. The farm offers riding lessons, boarding and hosts horse shows.



Horses grazing and soaking up the sun.
Photo by Cammie Fielding

june

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16 FATHER'S DAY	17	18	19	20	21  SUMMER BEGINS	22
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SAVE MONEY: KITCHEN APPLIANCES

Typically, smaller appliances use less energy than larger appliances and generate less heat inside your home. For even more savings, only run the dishwasher when it's fully loaded and use the air-dry option.

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No 7

ROCKY RUN FARM in Mebane has been producing sustainably grown fruits, vegetables and eggs for farmers markets, restaurants and CSAs since 2016.



A kaleidoscopic of sunflowers shine brightly in the Mebane sunlight.
Photo by Claire Haslam

july

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SAVE MONEY: COOLING

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At **SUNRISE OAK FARM** they love their chickens! This 32-acre family farm in Hillsborough offers backyard-ready pullets, also known as young hens, in addition to free-range eggs.



Sun's up! Around 150 chickens roam the farm and barnyard every day.
Photo by Tom and Heidi, Sunrise Oak Farm LLC

august

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SAVE MONEY: FREE ENERGY ASSESSMENT

A free home energy assessment is available to all members. An experienced energy specialist from Piedmont Electric will visit your home and make suggestions to improve your home's energy efficiency and comfort.



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DAWNBREAKER FARMS is a 20-acre piece of land nestled in the gentle, rolling hills of Orange County. Their meadows and woodlands are home to happy, pasture-raised, non-GMO chickens, forest raised pigs, Thanksgiving turkeys and grass-fed lambs.

Katahdin-Dorper sheep roam through lush green pastures at Dawnbreaker Farms year-round, enriching the soil and eating a variety of grasses, forbs and bushes.
Photo credit to Madeline Wentz and Eleanor Marshall

september

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2019

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22	23 FALL BEGINS 	24	25	26	27	28
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SAVE MONEY: INSULATION & CAULKING

Insulate outside walls, attics, spaces between floors and around heating ducts and pipes that are exposed to the elements. Outside your home, caulk around all entrances, including telephone, electrical, cable, gas, water spigots and dryer vents.



our roots

Nº 10

FLAT RIVER NURSERY AND FARM has deep roots in our area. Since the 1700s, the Holeman family has made a living on this 40-acre farm in Timberlake. Today, Charles and Joan Holeman grow greenhouse and field tomatoes, cucumbers and other vegetables, along with strawberries and a variety of cut flowers.

Vibrant "Crush Pumpkin" Marigolds from Flat River Nursey.
Photo by Jennifer Hogan

october

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2019

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13 WINTER TOD RATE BEGINS (REDUCE ENERGY 6:00-10:00 A.M.)	14 COLUMBUS DAY ELECTEL CLOSED	15	16	17	18	19
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SAVE MONEY: WATER HEATING

Consider installing a large-capacity, energy-efficient electric water heater. Set your water heater temperature no higher than 120°F, take showers instead of baths and install an energy-efficient shower head.

our roots

Nº 11

CARRIAGE HOUSE FARM AND GARDENS, located in Chapel Hill, is home to all sorts of animals including alpaca, chickens, Guinea fowl, turkeys and fish as well as a variety of flowers and plants. The Carriage House Farm and Gardens welcomes countless guests as it hosts many joyful weddings and celebrations.



This dwarf Nigerian goat, affectionately named Frances, is happy to call the Chapel Hill Carriage House his home.
Photo by Bryan Quach

november

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SAVE MONEY: COOKING

Cooking in the oven is more efficient than on the range top because an electric oven is only on for about one-third of each hour of cooking. Remember: every time you open the oven door, the oven loses 20 percent of its heat.



our roots

Nº 12

MULTIFLORA GREENHOUSES, INC. in Hillsborough has served the community since 1983. Since then, the greenhouses continue to evolve and now grow more than 2 million live plants and distribute hundreds of plant varieties and products year-round, reaching all across the nation.

It's the most colorful time of the year! Poinsettias fill the greenhouses at Multiflora.
Photo by Multiflora Greenhouses, Inc.

december

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