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Viewing Your Demand In CustomerConnect

See Your Peak Demand and Other Energy Use Info In CustomerConnect

Midwest Energy's summer demand charges went into effect June 1. **During the months of June through September, demand is only measured between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. CDT.**

Demand refers to the amount of electrical power being used at a given time, measured in kilowatts (kW). Midwest Energy bills demand based on your "peak demand," or the 15-minute interval where you are using the most kilowatts of electricity.

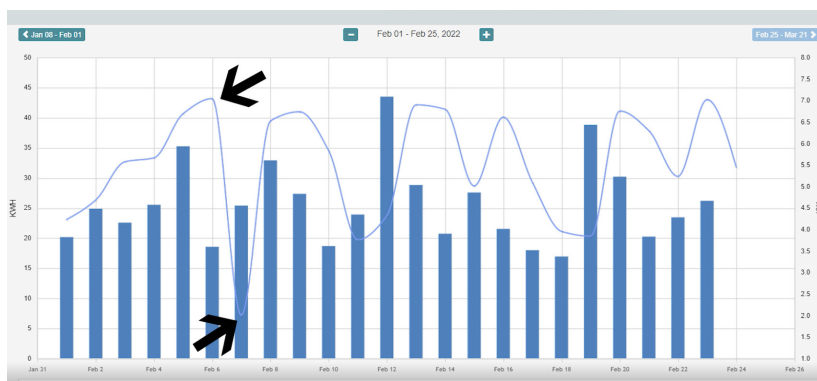
Detailed information on your peak demand, down to 15-minute interval detail, is available by logging into your Midwest Energy account at www.mwenergy.com and clicking the CustomerConnect logo.

Once in CustomerConnect:

- Click "Reports" on the upper left of the screen.
- Click "Meter Usage Chart."
- Select "Register" from the Overlay dropdown.

- Select "KW" from the Channel dropdown. This will show you the peaks and valleys of your demand over a period of time.

- Selecting "KW Peak" from the Channel dropdown will show a peak demand line on the chart. The peak demand line will stay



You can use CustomerConnect to see your 'peak demand,' or the maximum amount of electrical power used at a given time during a billing period.

constant, increasing only when new peaks are set. At the end of the billing cycle, peak demand resets.

A short video detailing how to see demand in CustomerConnect is available on our YouTube page. If you have any questions about finding your demand in CustomerConnect, please call us at (800) 222-3121.

How to Stay Safe If You Encounter Downed Power Lines

Major storms and accidents can bring power lines down. It is impossible to tell if a downed line is energized; it may not make any sound or spark, but could still be charged with thousands of volts of electricity.

That's why it's important to stay at least 30 feet from downed powerlines, even if you think the line is



de-energized, and never touch or attempt to move any objects touching a downed power line.

If downed power lines touch your car, stay inside and call for help. Do not exit your vehicle, or allow anyone to approach your

vehicle, until you have been instructed to do so.

If your car catches on fire and you absolutely **Continued**



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2024 Youth Scholarship Winners Announced

As part of our youth programs, Midwest Energy's Board of Directors recently selected 10 high school seniors to receive \$1,000 scholarships. Awards can be used at the secondary institution of the student's choice.

Eligible students must be seniors in high school, live in or attend school in Midwest Energy's service area, and their parents or guardians must receive electric and/or natural gas service from Midwest Energy.

The 2024 recipients are:

Wade David, Norton Community High School

Ian Dunn, St. John High School

Macy Eberle, Ellis High School

Lakin Getz, Quinter High School

Brynn Kinderknecht, Hays High School

Trace Kinderknecht, Quinter High School

Kylee Pfeifer, Ellis High School

Emily Stenzel, Hays High School

Ashley Stephenson, Little River

High School

Joel Zillinger, Norton Community High School

Congratulations to all recipients! Applications for 2025 will open up in November.

Stay Away From Downed Power Lines

have to escape, do the following:

- Open the door, but DO NOT step out of the vehicle, as touching both the vehicle and the ground at the same time could be deadly.

- Jump out of the vehicle with both feet together, clearing the vehicle before touching the ground and landing with both feet together.

- Once out of the vehicle, SHUFFLE at least 50 feet away from it, with both feet staying on the ground at all times.

If you encounter downed power lines in trees, on your roof or on the ground, stay 30 feet away from the line or anything it's touching and call Midwest Energy at (800) 222-3121.

2024 Board of Directors Nominations Due July 5

Now is the time to submit nominations for anyone interested in running for the Midwest Energy Board of Directors. Director positions and represented districts up for re-election include:

District 3 (1 position): Counties of Phillips, Smith, Rooks, Osborne, Russell, Rush, Barton, Ellsworth, Rice, Reno and Republic.

District 4 (1 position): Counties of Graham, Trego and Ellis.

District 5 (1 position): Counties of Scott, Lane, Ness, Kearny, Finney, Hodgeman, Pawnee, Stafford, Grant, Haskell, Gray, Edwards, Kiowa and Pratt.

Nominees must be a resident in one of the counties in the district for which he or she is nominated.

DISTRICT 1	CHEYENNE	RAWLINS	DECATUR	NORTON	PHILLIPS	SMITH	JEWELL	REPUBLIC
DISTRICT 2	SHERMAN	THOMAS	SHERIDAN	GRAHAM	ROOKS	OSBORNE	MITCHELL	CLOUD
DISTRICT 3	WALLACE	LOGAN	GOVE	TREGO	ELLIS	RUSSELL	LINCOLN	OTTAWA
DISTRICT 4	GREELEY	WICHITA	SCOTT	LANE	NESS	RUSH	BARTON	ELLSWORTH
DISTRICT 5	HAMILTON	KEARNY	FINNEY	HODGEMAN	PAWNEE	STAFFORD	RICE	MCPHERSON
	STANTON	GRANT	HASKELL	GRAY	FORD	EDWARDS	RENO	KINGMAN
	MORTON	STEVENS	SEWARD	MEADE	CLARK	COMANCHE	BARBER	HARPER

Nominations should be submitted online by July 5, 2024 at www.mwenergy.com by clicking "About," and then the "Board of Directors Nominations" link. Nominations can also be made by sending the nominee's name, address and phone number to:

John Blackwell
c/o Midwest Energy, Inc.
1330 Canterbury
Hays, KS 67601

The nominating committee will select nominees from the names submitted. Election winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting on October 21, 2024.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Did you know ceiling fans can help you save energy? Ceiling fans create a windchill effect on your skin to make you feel a few degrees cooler. Raise the thermostat a few degrees and turn on fans to reduce air conditioning costs.

Set fan blades to rotate counterclockwise during summer months and clockwise during winter months. Remember, ceiling fans cool people but don't actually lower the indoor temperature. Turn them off when you leave the room.

Source: energy.gov

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