

Current **WORD**

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Two ways to monitor your energy use online:

BillingInsights

In less than 10 minutes, members of Horry Electric can learn more about their home's energy use than they ever imagined, for free! **To get started, all you need is your Horry Electric account number and access to horryelectric.com.**

Simply click on the **BillingInsights** button, enter your Horry Electric account number and select the "I am interested in viewing or printing a comprehensive report of my energy use" option. Then complete the Home Profile.

"**BillingInsights** is tied to actual billing and kWh use history for the account, our local weather data, and our rates," says Garrett Gasque, marketing and energy management representative for Horry Electric.

Members should enter the information in their Home Profile as accurately as possible for the most accurate results.

BillingInsights also offers low-cost/no-cost recommendations and suggestions for long-term investments that can help lower energy costs. To sign up for **BillingInsights** visit **horryelectric.com**.



MyUsage.com



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... a **FREE** power awareness program for Horry Electric Cooperative members that helps you save money and the environment by promoting energy conservation.

At MyUsage.com, you can:

- See the amount of energy you use on a daily basis
- View your daily use for the last 30 days along with the average temperature
- Set up e-mail alerts for daily use and use that exceeds a limit you specify

All you need is your account number, meter number and an e-mail address.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SET UP AN ACCOUNT:

1. Skip "Prepay Account" and "Usage Monitor Account"
2. Click [here](#) to setup an account with MyUsage.com
3. Select your state (SC) then click next
4. Select your utility provider (Horry EC) then click next
5. Under Usage Monitor Account type in your e-mail address then click next
6. Enter the Validation Code you will receive in several minutes after supplying an email address

MyUsage.com also has mobile applications for iPhone, Android, Windows Mobile and Facebook. Visit MyUsage.com or call Horry Electric at 843.369.2211

I Want to KNOW.

Decisions being made in the nation's capital will impact your electric bill in the future.

Stay tuned to the latest news with e-mail updates from Horry Electric Cooperative's manager.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Account Number: _____

E-mail: _____

I authorize Horry Electric Cooperative to alert me regularly about developments in Washington, D.C., and other important cooperative news.

Return this form with your next power bill or drop off at your nearest cooperative office and get connected TODAY.

Horry Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner

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Call **811** Before You Dig!

No matter how large or small your digging project is, it is important to "Call Before You Dig" or "Click Before You Dig!" By making one brief free phone call or by simply filling out an online form, you can protect yourself and your community from costly fines, repairs, personal injury and inconvenient outages.

Here's how it works:

- At least three working days (72 hours) prior to digging, call SC811 by dialing 811 or (888) 721-7877.
- An SC811 representative will record the location of the digging site and notify member utility companies of your intent to dig.
- Each utility company will then send an employee or a contract locator to your dig site to mark the location of their utility lines.
- Once your lines have been marked, you may begin to carefully dig, keeping in mind the 2 1/2 feet allowance on either side of the markings.

Failure to call before digging results in 200,000 unintentional cut lines annually. Don't let your project become part of this statistic.

You may request a line location online at www.sc1pups.org or by calling 811 or (888) 721-7877.



Stay COOL this summer!

When it comes to cooling your home during the hot South Carolina summer, making just a few energy-efficient changes can really pay off:

- **Insulate your home as much as you can.** That makes a big difference whether heating or cooling.
- **Set your thermostat at the highest temperature setting at which you're comfortable.** Cooling costs can be reduced by about 5 percent for every 2 degrees higher you set your unit. And keep heat-producing items like televisions and lamps away from thermostats.
- **Light bulbs throw off heat.** Keep them off during the day as much as you can. Drapes, blinds, and shades also should be shut during the hottest hours, if possible.
- **Humidity is also a factor.** Bathing, mopping, and dishwashing early in the morning or in the evening instead of during the day will help. (During the hottest months, it's even better if you can use an outside clothesline to avoid adding heat to your house.)
- **Light exteriors reflect the sun's rays, while dark colors absorb them.** If your roof is dark-colored, a well-ventilated attic can ease heat buildup on sunny days.
- **Use an air-conditioner with an efficiency rating of 13 or higher.** Window units are rated by their Energy Efficiency Ratio, or EER, while central systems use a Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio, or SEER. Also, window units are designed to cool only one room at a time, so choose the size you need with that in mind. And central air conditioners, if they're too big, will waste energy and not dehumidify correctly.
- **Maintain cooling systems properly.** Hang, clean, or replace filters regularly. Window units generally have filters behind the front panel, and they need to be cleaned with soap and water. On outside heat exchangers, use a brush to clean the coils.

For more energy saving tips visit TogetherWeSave.com