



PLUGGED IN

Q: Why should I participate in Walton EMC's Annual Meeting?

A: The difference between Walton EMC and other power companies is that we are owned and democratically controlled by those we serve. That's you! Participating in the Annual Meeting — even a drive-through event — is your opportunity to have a say in running the co-op. (Plus, there's the traditional bucket of gifts. Who doesn't like that?)

Besides the gifts, you should attend the co-op's 86th Annual Meeting because:

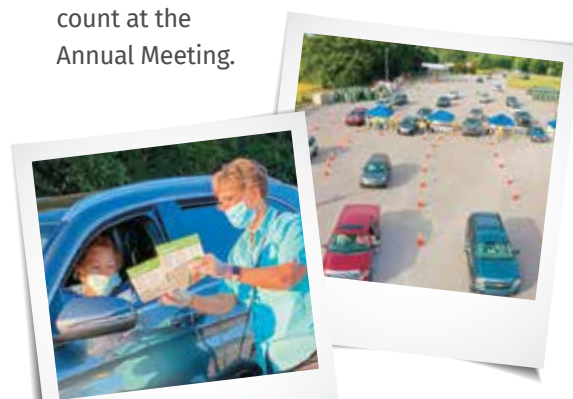
YOUR VOTE COUNTS.

The most important facet of the Annual Meeting is the election of customer-owners who serve as directors. Directors represent fellow customer-owners in setting the policies and general direction that will be followed by Walton EMC's management and staff. In this way, the co-op is regulated by its customers. This year, three board seats are up for election. Read the Nominating Committee report at waltonemc.com/annualmeeting before casting your vote in person at the meeting.

WE CAN BREAK THE RECORD.

Last year, 1,966 customer-owners attended the Annual Meeting — the highest attendance our co-op has ever recorded. This year's convenient drive-through meeting makes it easy to exercise the cooperative principle of democratic customer-owner control while helping to set a new attendance record.

As a customer-owner of Walton EMC, your voice and vote is important. Take the time to pick up your gift bucket and make your membership count at the Annual Meeting.



Light up with LEDs

Summer is on its way, and Georgia homeowners are busy preparing swimming pools for the season. If you haven't already made the switch, LED pool lights are one of the easiest and most practical upgrades you can make.

BENEFITS:

Brighter. Older incandescent pool lights give off a warm glow, which is further dimmed by the water. LEDs emit bright white light that makes night swimming safer.

Longer lifespan. Durable LED pool lights can last for well over 20,000 hours and might not need replacing for a decade or more. An incandescent bulb's lifespan is about 5,000 hours.

Energy efficient. LED light bulbs use just 10 percent of the energy to produce the same amount of light as their incandescent equivalents.

Diversity. LED lights have microprocessors that allow them to exhibit a wide range of colors. Some systems can display light shows of varied color and timing combinations.

In most pools, bulb replacement is easy. Simply unscrew your incandescent bulb and install the LED lamp, then watch the energy and electricity bill savings roll in.

POWERFUL GADGETS



Walton EMC
Customer-Owned Electric Power

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MAY '22

> electric bill comfort zone

> annual meeting participation

> light up with LEDs

CUSTOMER-OWNED AND CUSTOMER-DRIVEN

Welcome to the Annual Meeting

SAT
JUNE
18
8-11:00 AM

Walton EMC Headquarters
842 U.S. Hwy. 78 NW, Monroe



See details inside!

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COO Ron Marshall

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Senior VP Power Supply Robert Rentfrow

CFO/Senior VP Finance Marsha Shumate

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Our subsidiaries supply natural gas and security services.

Annual Meeting

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We will conduct our annual business with a drive-through meeting at our headquarters in Monroe on Saturday, June 18, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

At this event, you can pick up the traditional bucket of gifts, vote on directors and approve the minutes of the 2021 meeting.

New for 2022: The official notice and registration barcode are attached to your May billing statement. Paperless customers will receive a hard copy.

The bucket of gifts is limited to the first 2,500 customer-owners who bring this card to the drive-through event. Bring the entire sheet to be entered in a drawing for one of many \$50 bill credits and a retired pickup truck.

You will not be able to pick up buckets for other customer-owners who do not show in person at our office.

Visit waltonemc.com/annualmeeting for the annual report, a map of the meeting site and more.



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Keep your electric bill in the COMFORT ZONE

The hot days of summer are right around the corner, and higher temperatures lead to higher energy usage. That means you can expect your electric bill to climb some from its mild springtime level.

Don't worry though. There are plenty of simple steps you can take to keep your budget in the comfort zone. Even simple, inexpensive actions can result in significant energy savings.

TAP THE APP

Understanding how much power you're using, and when you're using it, is the first step to managing summertime consumption. Use the free myWaltonEMC app to track and manage your energy use from any mobile device.



SCHEDULE AN HVAC TUNE-UP

Proper upkeep can keep your cooling system running efficiently. In fact, servicing your system every spring and fall can save as much as 10 percent on your electric bill.

DON'T FORGET THE FILTER

A dirty air filter slows airflow and makes your HVAC equipment work harder, possibly even leading to early system failure.

OPTIMIZE THERMOSTAT SETTINGS

Installing a programmable thermostat, which will automatically adjust temperature settings while you're away, can save as much as 10 percent on cooling bills.



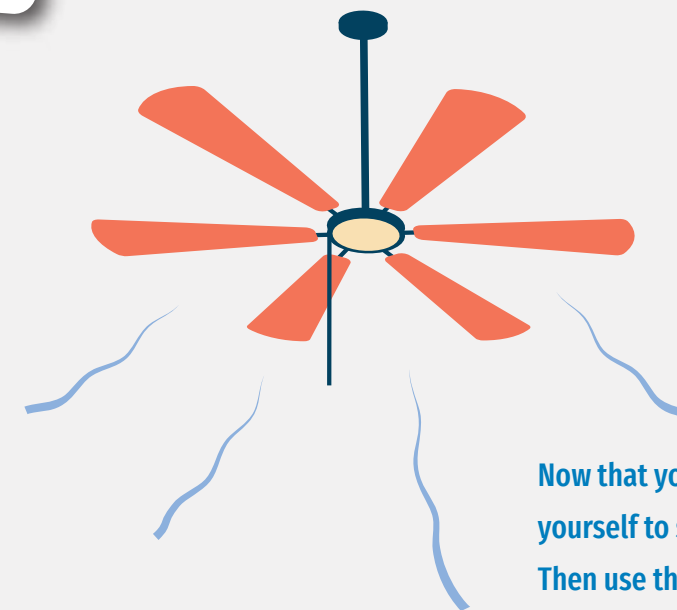
GET SERIOUS ABOUT SEALING

Preventing air leaks (don't forget to check the basement and attic) is one of the best ways to keep warm air out and cool air in.

ENJOY EFFICIENT ENTERTAINMENT Avoid using gaming consoles to stream movies and TV shows. These devices can draw 10 to 25 times more electricity than devices like the Apple TV, Roku box or Amazon Fire Stick.

CHANGE YOUR BULBS Trade older, inefficient incandescent bulbs for LEDs. LEDs last up to 20 times longer than incandescent bulbs and use about a sixth as much electricity.

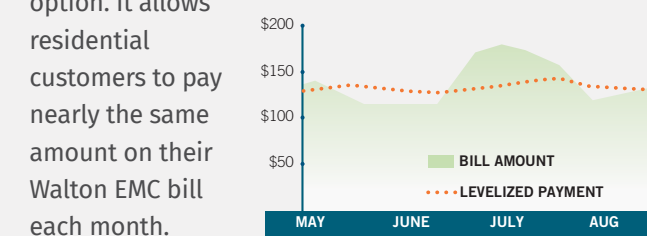
FAN YOURSELF A ceiling fan can make a room feel 10 degrees cooler and uses only 10 percent of the energy as compared to a traditional air conditioner.



AVOID THE OVEN Cooking with a conventional oven can raise the indoor temperature by 10 degrees, forcing your air conditioner to work harder. Plan meals that can be cooked with a microwave or slow cooker. Better yet, consider cooking outside on the grill.

CLOSE THE CURTAINS In the summer, most of the sunlight that falls on standard windows enters the home to become heat. Closing curtains or blinds on southern- and western-facing windows can help reduce daytime heat gain inside your home by 45 percent.

OPT FOR LEVELIZED BILLING If the peaks of summer electric bills are tough on your budget, sign up for Walton EMC's Levelized Billing (waltonemc.com/my-account/billing-options) option. It allows residential customers to pay nearly the same amount on their Walton EMC bill each month.



Now that you have a variety of energy-saving ideas, challenge yourself to see if you can lower your energy costs this summer. Then use those savings for a weekend getaway to a Georgia state park this fall.

