



First Electric Cooperative

A Member-Owned
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800-489-7405

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First Electric now offers solar kits

First Electric now offers 4kW and 8kW low-voltage solar kits which come installation ready with all parts and easy-to-follow instructions for safety assurance. Considered the cleanest form of energy, solar helps to lower electric bills.

Over the past 10 years, the price of solar has dropped 70 percent creating affordable options for members looking to power their home by the sun.

“We all share a responsibility for energy efficiency wherever and whenever we can. By using renewable resources, we can offer our members viable and affordable options to voluntarily participate in renewable energy.” President/CEO Don Crabbe said.

The 4kW kit is \$12,420 before sales tax and tax credit. The 8kW kit is \$24,820 before sales tax and tax credit.

A 30 percent federal tax credit for qualified solar systems placed in service by December 31, 2019 may apply. Tax advisors should be consulted for more details.

The 4kW solar array has 12 panels that can generate up to 440 kilowatt hours of power per month. The solar arrays are low maintenance and designed to sit on the ground. The kits come with a 25-year warranty. After assembly, an electrician connects the panel to the home's meter.

Solar arrays can be viewed at each of the co-op's district offices located at Benton, Heber Springs, Jacksonville, Perryville and Stuttgart.

Construction continues on the 1 megawatt solar project next to the co-op's Congo Operations Center near Benton. The 3,840 solar panels are located on five acres. On a clear, sunny day it should produce enough energy to power approximately 100 to 125 members' homes.

For more information on solar, go to www.firstelectric.coop/solar or contact a Marketing Representative at 800-489-7405.

Deadlines near for scholarship, Youth Tour applications

First Electric Cooperative is accepting applications for its scholarship program and the 2017 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Scholarships

High school seniors whose parents or guardians are First Electric members may apply for one of five \$2,000 scholarships that the cooperative awards each year. To be eligible for the scholarships, which are funded through Operation Round-Up, applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average through their senior year of high school and attend an accredited institute of higher learning in Arkansas on a full-time basis. An application is available under the “Community” tab at www.firstelectric.coop and at any First Electric office. Deadline is April 3.

Youth Tour

High school juniors whose parents or guardians are First Electric members may apply for the Youth Tour, an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 9-15. An application may be completed online or downloaded under the “Community” tab at www.firstelectric.coop. Applications also are available at any First Electric office. Deadline is March 17.





WE'RE GIVING AWAY

6  **& 6** **\$50**
 30 oz. YETI Ramblers Bill Credits

Pay your First Electric bill at any PaySite Kiosk location & be entered to win!
Entry deadline is March 31.



Right-of-Way refers to a strip of land underneath or around powerlines that First Electric maintains and clears. Trees must grow at a distance far enough from conductors where it will not cause harm to individuals, or disruption to electrical service. Nearly 15 percent of power interruptions occur when trees, shrubs or bushes grow too close to power lines. By managing vegetation, First Electric keeps power safe and reliable.



Co-op Connections® Card

First Electric Cooperative
 Improving quality of life
 Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

NOTICE:

First Electric has discontinued the Touchstone Energy membership, which includes the Co-op Connections Card. For questions, please call 800-489-7405. We apologize for any inconvenience.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE
FECC contractors Asplundh and Apple Tree Service will perform routine maintenance in the following areas:

Benton District: Salem Collegetown Congo Avilla Ironton East End	Heber Springs District: Hickory Flat Little Red Clay Dewey Brownsville Greers Ferry	Jacksonville District: Gravel Ridge Cato Cabot Sylvania Old Austin	Perryville District: Adona Casa	Stuttgart District: DeWitt Ethel
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Correct contact information helps us serve you better. Please call 800-489-7405 to update your records.