

Use Electricity *Safely*



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May is Electrical Safety month, a time to remember that practicing electrical safety is a habit we should all follow every day.

Great Lakes Energy's concern for safety extends beyond our employees. We also care about the safety of our members. We encourage you to heighten your awareness of electrical dangers to prevent possible injury. According to the

Electrical Safety Foundation International, thousands of people in the U.S. are critically injured and some die as a result of electrical fires, accidents and electrocution in their own homes.

To promote safety education in our local communities, we bring the safety message to children and other groups within our service area. A tabletop display with a working miniature power line is used in classrooms by our presenters to clearly show students the dangers of electrical accidents.

We also advise area firefighters and road commission crews of ways to avoid electrical hazards, particularly during storms when they may encounter downed power lines across roads and driveways. A trailer with a portable power line mounted to it is used for safety demonstrations that we hold for local firefighters and road commission crews.

At Great Lakes Energy we're committed to a culture of safety that is integral to our daily operations. In fact GLE is part of the national Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP) that follows specific guidelines and protocols for electrical safety that are considered best in practices. Our lineworkers are required to wear personal protective equipment at all times when on the job.

Learn more about electrical safety by visiting the Member Services section on gtlakes.com. On our website you'll find tips that will help keep your family safe, particularly when storms knock down power lines and leave you without power. Visit the Community section on our website to schedule a safety demonstration.



Attend a Free Energy Seminar

A free energy seminar for Great Lakes Energy members will be held **Saturday, June 3, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Ludington.**

Learn about home heating and cooling options with geothermal and air-source heat pumps and energy optimization (EO) programs that offer incentives to help co-op members save energy. They include rebates for the purchase of furnaces with variable speed blower motors, heat pump water heaters, Wi-Fi-enabled or smart occupancy-

sensing thermostats, refrigerators, televisions, lighting and more. In addition, information on free online audits will be provided.

Local heating and cooling companies and Great Lakes Energy staff members will be on hand to answer questions related to heat pumps.

Co-op members will learn about other incentive programs offered by Great Lakes Energy, too.

Door prizes will be awarded. Winners will receive energy saving gifts.

REGISTER NOW

Space is limited!
Call **888-485-2537**, ext. 8958
or email events@glenergy.com to
register for the free energy seminar:

**Saturday, June 3
From 10 a.m. to noon.**

**Holiday Inn
Convention Center
East Ballroom
4079 W. U.S.-10
Ludington, MI**



Electrical Safety For Kids

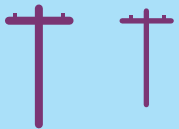
Free electrical safety demonstrations are available to schools and youth groups within the Great Lakes Energy service area. Great Lakes Energy presenters will come to your classroom and give students a demonstration using a tabletop display.

The display features a working miniature power line. Students will see a vivid demonstration of electrical safety during the 30-40 minute presentation. School presentations are for second to seventh grades. Our show dates calendar fills fast, so please reserve a time soon. Visit the Community section on gtlakes.com to fill out a safety demonstration request form.



We're Keeping the Lights On

Reliable service means fewer power outages. We're making improvements to provide you with better service.



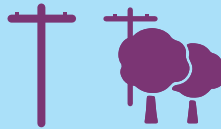
More Power Line Protection Devices



New Technology

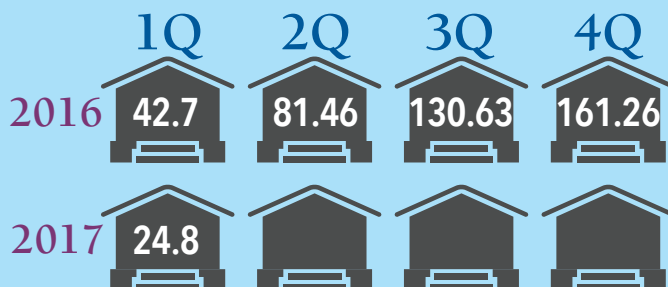


Major Power Line Improvements



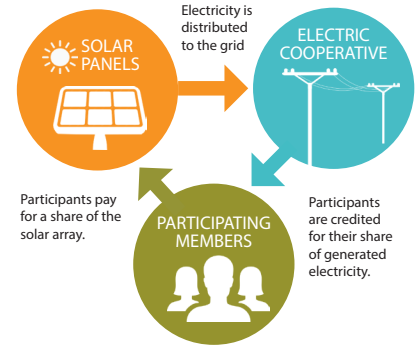
Aggressive Tree Maintenance

AVERAGE OUTAGE MINUTES YEARLY COMPARISON



OUR YEARLY GOAL: UNDER 157 MINUTES

Community Solar Subscriptions Available



OPTION DETAILS

- 15-year agreement
- Credit of \$0.10/kWh generated
- \$600/panel upfront or \$10 monthly (for 5 years) payment subscription

\$150 rebate for residential/seasonal members who pay upfront.

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Now, you can make a greater impact in your local community with People Fund PLUS.

Choose a People Fund donation level in addition to your rounded-up amount. Your donations are awarded in the form of grants to local community nonprofit groups.

All People Fund contributors have the chance to win a \$100 bill credit twice per year. In 2016, the People Fund awarded \$204,752 in grants to local nonprofits. Visit gtlakes.com to see the list of grant recipients in your area.

JOIN TODAY!

Working together, we can help enhance our local communities and meet the needs of so many.

Example:

With People Fund: Bill Amount \$65.42 + \$.58 for People Fund = \$66.00

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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



Interested?

✓ **Yes!** I agree to the following:

- ☐ \$1/each month on my bill
- ☐ \$2/each month on my bill
- ☐ \$5/each month on my bill
- ☐ \$_____/each month on my bill*
- ☐ \$_____ one-time contribution on my bill*
- ☐ \$_____ one-time contribution by check
(enclosed and made out to GLE People Fund)
- ☐ Round-up my bill to the nearest dollar only

Select option above and return with your payment.

*Whole dollar increments only.

Sign up and be entered to win a \$100 bill credit in June and December.
Currently enrolled? You're already entered.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Account # (see enclosed bill): _____

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Signature: _____

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