

Simple Solutions to Celebrate Earth Day All Year Long



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Earth Day is April 22, and many communities will hold a related festival or similar activities.

But what then? When the event ends, the day passes and another routine week begins, it's easy to forget about the meaning of Earth Day and protecting our planet.

At REC, we have some long-lasting solutions that can help you make a real difference — and **save money at the same time.**

Vividly Brighter Solar

Ready to take the plunge and install solar panels on your roof or property?

Fantastic! REC is here to support you and your solar contractor at every step.

Curious about solar, but not sure you're ready or able to invest in solar panels? No problem! We can work with you, too.

Cooperative Sunshare allows member-owners to purchase blocks of solar power each month without any upfront investment or construction. Our Clean Energy team has the expertise and resources you need to answer important questions related to either solar program.



LEARN MORE
myrec.coop/solar

Vividly Brighter Charging

Online tools: REC is ramping up resources and solutions to meet the growing demand for EV charging. We have tools on our website to help you learn about electric vehicles (EV), compare an EV to your current vehicle, and to assess the various models on the market.

Charging Incentives: Through a pilot program over the past year, 200 REC members who drive all-electric or select hybrid vehicles qualified for a \$7 bill credit each month, which is the same as 200 miles of free charging. In exchange, participants agree to charge their electric vehicles during off-peak hours – usually overnight. While the initial pilot has been full, REC is expanding the program to allow an additional 200 member-owners to participate!



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What's Costing You the Most on Your Electric Bill?

There's an App for That!

At REC, we are always looking for ways to help you save money and reduce your energy usage. That's why your cooperative is so excited to share a new feature in the MyREC SmartHub app, which is available for free in both the App Store and Google Play. Always wondered how much your clothes dryer, dishwasher or oven is costing you everyday? Now you can find out! With a new upgrade to the MyREC SmartHub app, you can receive details customized just for you.

Introducing a Smarter MyREC SmartHub

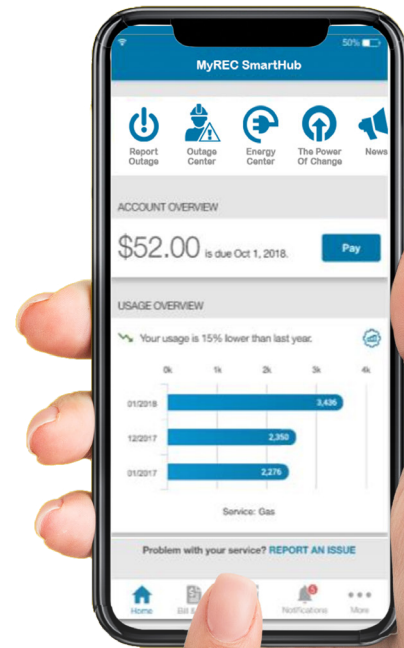
A home energy profile is available for you to fill out. You can then receive emails and alerts customized just for your home.

A monthly summary email will show how much electricity you used during your latest billing period, provide insight into your electricity usage by appliance – and share tips on how to save.

A customized dashboard will spell out in simple terms where you are using the most energy and when.

A budget alert is available for members who want to avoid hitting a customized energy use threshold.

A high usage alert tells you when you have exceeded your average energy usage in recent days.



Download the MyREC SmartHub App Today!



Working Outside? Dig Into Safety with VA811.com

Before you dig anywhere around your home, be sure to visit VA811.com.
Staying safe is quick, easy and free.

Here's what to do:

- » **Visit VA811.com to have underground utilities marked.**
- » **Wait at least three business days to have your property marked.**
- » **Dig into your outdoor project, knowing that you and your neighbors will stay safe in the process.**





Making a Difference Has Never Been Easier

Each month, more than 31,000 of your friends and neighbors quietly make a difference in your community. Through REC's **The Power of Change**, you have a few ways to join them.

- Round up your electric bill to the next whole dollar.
- Make a one-time contribution to support local charities.
- Choose to donate a set amount each month.

Twice a year, those funds are awarded to local nonprofits that do good in our communities. They include food pantries, educational groups and medical clinics, among many others.

**Want to join
your friends and
neighbors in
making difference?**



**To enroll—and see the
latest list of groups that
received funding—visit:**
thepowerofchange.org