



RECNEWS

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Led *by* the Community, *for* the Community

October is National Co-op Month



Beginning 80 years ago, the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) you know today was built from the ground up.

Strong men pushed shovels deep into dirt, set poles and then climbed those poles to string lines that brought electricity to rural homes. When for-profit utilities bypassed rural communities, pioneering community members formed what we know as a cooperative. And in October, we celebrate National Co-op Month.

Today, cooperatives come in many forms: credit unions, grocery stores, agriculture and – of course – electric utilities, among others. Each shares the same common core: Every rural electric cooperative is led by the community, for the community.

REC remains focused on moving forward with new technology such as electric vehicle charging and providing affordable options for those interested in solar power, for instance. With each innovation, REC's goal is to continue to deliver affordable and reliable electricity – because we know you are counting on us. Eighty years later, REC continues to be shaped by its member-owners.

More than ever – on this National Co-op Month, We Are REC.

Cooperative Sunshare: Solar Made Easy



Hundreds of your neighbors are quietly harnessing the power of the sun – and supporting solar power – right in your community. But you might not realize it because there was no related construction, and you won't see panels on their roofs.

That's because they've taken advantage of Cooperative Sunshare, a new program from REC that allows member-owners to purchase blocks of solar power without the challenges or expense of installing solar panels at your home. Cooperative Sunshare is a simple way to do your part in helping the environment.

Learn more and get started today!

myrec.coop/sunshare

MyREC SmartHub: Simple Starts Here

REC offers a simple, fast and free way for you to manage your electric account.

- Monitor and compare your energy use over time.
- View and pay your bill.
- Sign up for Outage Text Alerts.
- Report an outage.
- Contact REC with a concern or question.

To get started, all you need is your **account number**, which you can find on your current electric bill.

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