

Now Open: REC Board Candidate Nominations

2026

The logo for REC Director Elections 2026. It features a circular emblem with the text "RAPPAHANNOCK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE" around the top and "REC" in the center. Below the emblem is a yellow banner with "REC DIRECTOR ELECTIONS" and three stars.

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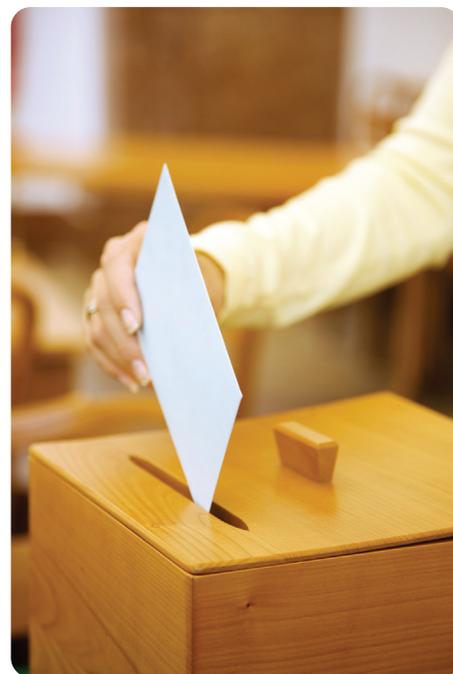
Call for Nominations

Three (3) positions on the REC Board of Directors will be elected at the Cooperative's Annual Meeting on Aug. 5, 2026. To obtain the candidate nomination packet, visit myrec.coop/directorelections, email directorelections@myrec.coop or call **540-891-5889**. Interested member-owners should complete the nomination packet by the deadline of 5 p.m. on April 24.

Member-owners interested in serving on the REC Board of Directors must meet the eligibility requirements established in the Cooperative's Bylaws. As outlined in Article I, candidates must reside within the region they seek to represent and submit a nomination petition signed by at least 25 other REC member-owners from anywhere in the Cooperative's service territory. Nomination petitions will be distributed by the Director - Governance and Executive Administration, Whitney Watts, electronically or by scheduling an appointment to pick up the petition in person. To request the nomination petition, email directorelections@myrec.coop or call **540-891-5889**.

The completed nomination materials and petition must be returned to the office of REC's president by 5 p.m. on April 24, 2026. No nominations will be accepted at the Annual Meeting in August.

All member-owners will have the option to participate in the proxy designation process beginning July 1 or vote during the Annual Meeting on Aug. 5 to elect one director from each of the following three regions:



REGION IV

The counties of Culpeper and Orange
Currently represented by
Sanford Reaves Jr.

REGION V

Spotsylvania County
Currently represented by
Randy Thomas

REGION IX

The counties of Essex, King and Queen,
and King William
Currently represented by
Eugene L. Campbell Jr.

To Become a Candidate

- You must be an REC member-owner as defined under Article I of the REC Bylaws.
- You must also reside in the region that you wish to represent as provided under Article IV of the REC Bylaws.
- Member-owners signing the nomination petition can be from anywhere in the REC service territory.

Director qualifications and nomination procedures are further detailed in Article IV of the Bylaws, which are available in the Governance & Document Center of the My Cooperative section of myrec.coop.



SMARTHUB OFFERS INSIGHTS ON YOUR PEAK USAGE

Paying attention to how much energy you use can make a real difference. Through MyREC SmartHub, member-owners can access the My Usage tool to better understand their electricity use and manage costs. With it, you can:

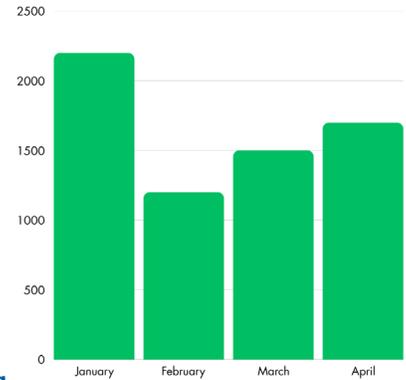
- Track your electricity use
- Compare usage over time — including with weather insights
- View average use by time of day or day of week to spot patterns and trends
- Build a monthly budget and track progress to help avoid bill surprises



Learn more about My Usage and other MyREC SmartHub tools.



Already setup on MyREC SmartHub? Login and start using My Usage today.



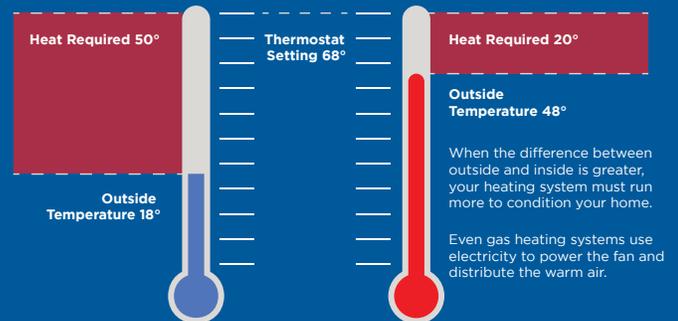
Tools and Knowledge to Help Manage Rising Energy Costs

About 65% of your electric bill reflects wholesale power costs that are passed through with no markup, while REC works to control the remaining 35% tied to local operations and maintaining the electric system. As a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative, REC prioritizes affordability. Learn more about why energy costs are on the rise, and how REC is working to manage costs at myrec.coop/understanding-todays-energy-costs

To help members manage bills, REC offers tools like MyREC SmartHub, high-use alerts, budget billing, the Summer Savings Plan and energy-efficiency programs.

Winter Weather and Your Bill

In cold weather, heating systems work much harder to keep homes comfortable. Even if you don't change your thermostat setting, the system runs longer to heat your home.



Five Tips for Ladder Safety

Falling off a ladder is no laughing matter. National statistics show roughly 500,000 ladder-related injuries and 300 deaths from falls every year.

From kitchen stepstools to outdoor extension ladders, stay safe with these five tips:

- **Read all safety labels.**
- **Ensure the ladder is in good working condition.**
- **Choose the right ladder for the job.**
- **Place it on firm, level ground.**
- **Wear clean, slip-resistant shoes.**



March is National Ladder Safety Month. Learn more at laddersafetytraining.org.