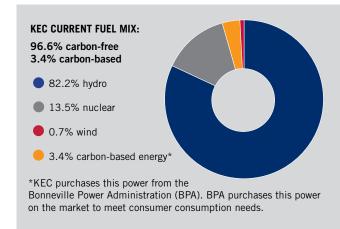
Kootenai PowerLines

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Carbon-Free Energy Options

Although 96.6% of the power KEC sells is carbon-free, some members would like the option to be 100% carbon-free in their energy purchases. To help, KEC offers members two carbon-free options. In short, these programs allow carbon-conscious members to purchase all or a portion of their power from carbon-free resources. The two options are outlined below. Please note: these programs are voluntary and the members participating in them fully cover the program costs.





Purchase renewable power in fixed kWh blocks

How it works:

- Purchase renewable power in a block of 13 kWh. Each block is \$1 per month.
- Use this program to reduce your carbon footprint, or go above and beyond and help reduce your friends' and neighbors' carbon footprints by purchasing additional blocks.

For example: members using an average of 1,000 kWh per month would need to purchase three blocks (\$3 per month) to offset their 3.4% of carbon-based power.

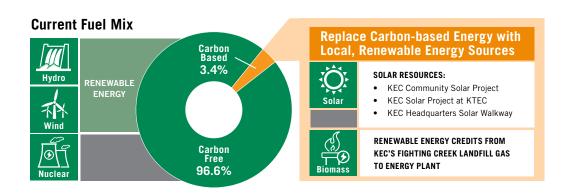


Replace carbon-based energy with local, renewable energy

How it works:

- Each month KEC will replace the 3.4% of carbon-based power you would typically consume with clean, local, renewable power.
- The amount will vary month to month based on your electric use.

Learn more about KEC's fuel mix and carbon-free resources on the graphic to the right. For more information, or to sign up, please visit www.kec.com or contact us at 208.765.1200 or kec@kec.com.



SMARTHUB: YOUR SOURCE FOR KEC ACCOUNT INFORMATION

SmartHub is KEC's free online account management system. You can pay your electric bill, report power outages, receive account/outage notifications and monitor your energy use from your computer or smartphone. SmartHub is available on the web or the app. Use the instructions below to get started.

Visit www.kec.com. To register as a new user you'll need the following:

• The last name on your account, your account number and an email address.

SmartHub on Mobile Devices (smartphones/tablets)

- Visit your device's app store. SmartHub is available at Apple's App Store or the Google Play Store.
- Search for "SmartHub" and download the free app.
- Search for "Kootenai Electric Cooperative" and confirm your selection.
- Log in to your account as you would on the web or register if you are a new user.
- That's it—you can now take care of your KEC account on the go!



BENEFITS OF TREE TRIMMING

Clearing trees and overgrown vegetation is vital to provide safe, reliable power to our members.

We clear certain areas in our service territory, known as rights of way, to:

- Keep power lines clear of tree limbs
- Restore power outages more quickly
- Keep crews and members of our community safe
- Reduce unexpected costs for repairs

Vegetation management improves service reliability for you - our members!

Congratulations to Scholarship Winners

The Kootenai Electric Trust Board awarded \$2,000 scholarships to 10 KEC members or their children. The scholarships were made possible this year with the proceeds from the 2018 KEC Golf Classic. The Kootenai Electric Trust Board has awarded more than 140 scholarships since 2007 and plans to offer the scholarship program again next year. Congratulations to the students pictured below. Watch for details about the 2020 scholarship program and application deadline in late 2019.



Olivia Christ Coeur d'Alene



Rheanna Fisher
Post Falls



Kyle Hash Coeur d'Alene



Emily Lincoln Hayden



Brandie McDowell
Coeur d'Alene



Cassidy Swensen Athol



Alyssa SmithPost Falls



Daniel Niemann Hayden



Gabriella Schaffer Rathdrum



Nathan Wood Coeur d'Alene

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Want to light up your outdoor space without increasing your energy use? Try outdoor solar lights! They're easy to install and virtually maintenance free. Remember, solar lights work best when the solar cells receive the manufacturer's recommended hours of sunlight.

Source: energy.gov



Don't Place Signs on Power Poles

Signs placed on our poles are a safety hazard for our crews and are illegal. To help keep our linemen safe, KEC does not allow the placement of signage on its poles or other electrical equipment. This includes real estate signs, garage sale signs, political/election signs and sales or promotional materials. Our crews routinely remove and dispose of signs posted on KEC's property. Please help us keep our crews safe by not using our poles for signage.



NEWS BRIEFS

TRUST BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

The Trust Board is made up of KEC members who serve on a voluntary basis. They receive and evaluate all Operation Round Up® grant requests and determine how funds will be distributed. Trust Board positions in Districts 1, 3 and 4 will be open in August 2019 due to term limits. If you're interested in serving please contact Erika at 208.292.3270 or eneff@kec.com.

KEC OFFICE CLOSED ON JULY 4

The KEC office will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

WIN A \$50 ENERGY CREDIT

Below are 10 KEC account numbers. If you find your number contact us at 208.765.1200 and receive a \$50 credit on your bill. 1827829, 1319375, 1248575, 1823432, 1617332, 1308969, 1826038, 1460624,1608568, 1829793

KEC BOARD MEETINGS

Members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. Meeting dates vary—call Constance Felten at 208.292.3211 for details.

Save at Silverwood This Summer



Save at Silverwood Theme Park with your Co-op Connections® Card! Use your Co-op Connections® Card discount to take advantage of a special

online only discount on day passes. This program allows members to save time and money by purchasing and printing tickets from home.

Here's how it works:

Visit www.silverwoodthemepark.com and click "buy tickets." Use special promotion code: **CONNECTIONS** and then click "Submit." From there KEC members can receive the following discounted pricing during the regular 2019 season:

- General Admission: \$47, regularly \$53 (ages 8-64)
- Youth/Senior: \$27, regularly \$30 (ages 3-7 and 65+)

Please note: these tickets are non-refundable and must be purchased online using a credit or debit card. This offer is not valid at the gate.

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