



Member-Owner Uses MyMeter™ To Track Daily Kilowatt-hour Usage ■ BY AMY HOWARD

Have you ever wondered how many kilowatt-hours (kWhs) you use each day whether you are home or away? Or, would you like to know how much money it costs when you have visitors stay? With MYMETER™, residential member-owners can find out!

MYMETER™ is a free and easy program to track your energy use and help you save money. The program translates complex energy consumption, weather and billing data into an intuitive graphical format that is available daily to member-owners of Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative.

One of the first member-owners to sign up for MYMETER™ was Melvin and Grace Howard of Estherville, Iowa. “We signed up for MYMETER™ due to the jump in our monthly electric usage for two straight months. I was able to track our daily kWh usage and we worked with a local electrician and found the increase in electricity was a problem on our property that we resolved immediately. We continue to use MYMETER™ to monitor our daily electrical usage,” said Grace.

“We are very pleased that we can monitor our consumption on a daily basis and track our electric usage when we turn on different types of equipment such as tractor heaters and tank heaters. MYMETER™ eliminates the surprises like a high bill at the end of the month,” said Melvin.



Grace Howard uses MYMETER™ to check daily kilowatt usage from her home.

Since Iowa Lakes implemented MYMETER™ in January of this year, over 260 member-owners have signed up and the number continues to grow every day. “Registration was easy and it only takes a few minutes,” said Grace.

“Thanks to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, we now know, through MYMETER™, what our electric usage is for the month before ever receiving a billing statement; what a great plan,” concludes Grace.

If you have any questions, contact Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative at 800-225-4532.



Energy Star Appliance Rebates

It's a real pleasure having a new appliance in your home. Not only do you have a sparkling clean appliance, but you might get some cash from Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative if you choose a qualifying Energy Star®-rated model.

That's right! To encourage members to install energy efficient appliances, your Cooperative is offering a rebate of \$50 for qualifying clothes washers, and \$25 each for new refrigerators, freezers and dishwashers.

So look for the Energy Star label when you are appliance shopping and remember to request your rebate. Forms are available on Iowa Lakes' website www.ilec.coop or call your cooperative office at 800-225-4532 for information.



SO DON'T DELAY

Log on to your Cooperative's website, www.ilec.coop, and sign up today. Once logged in member-owners can:

- ▶ View a graphical representation of daily and monthly usage.
- ▶ Compare monthly usage to other homes and businesses served by your Cooperative.
- ▶ Have the ability to set “markers” to note energy efficiency upgrades. For example, when buying a new appliance, member-owners can mark the date and MYMETER™ will show how much energy is saved.
- ▶ Take an “energy challenge” and set a personal energy saving goal. The challenge lasts 6 months and tracks member-owner's results in both a graphically and tabular fashion.