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COOPERATIVE, INC.**

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OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday



PAYMENT LOCATIONS

- CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK IN WALMART SUPERCENTER**
521 E. Chestnut St., Junction City, KS 66441
- FARMERS STATE BANK**
447 Harrison, Lindsborg, KS 67456

OUTAGE INFORMATION

IN CASE OF AN OUTAGE, CALL 800-376-3533. After-hours calls will be answered by dispatch and forwarded to standby personnel.

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2026 Board Election Results



KEN BERRY
WEST DISTRICT



DAVID MUELLER
EAST DISTRICT



COLTON DROGE
CENTRAL DISTRICT

Spare Retires from Board

BRUCE SPARE retired from the DSO Board of Directors in April 2026. Bruce had served on the DSO board for 23 years, including two years as board president. DSO would like to thank Bruce for his service. We will miss his contributions to DSO and his friendly demeanor. Thank you, Bruce.



BRUCE SPARE

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

As temperatures start to rise, many homeowners focus on staying cool. Don't forget about the small gaps around windows and doors. Tiny cracks and worn weatherstripping allow cool, conditioned air to escape and hot, humid air to seep indoors. This forces your air conditioner to work harder than necessary and increases energy costs. Take a few minutes to check for drafts, replace weatherstripping and seal leaks. A tighter home keeps you more comfortable and helps manage energy use. SOURCE: ENERGY.GOV



Summer's Almost Here!

Sign Up for the Interruptible Rate

Summer brings heat and higher electric bills, as our air conditioners keep our houses comfortable. To help keep your summer electric bills lower, DSO created the residential interruptible rate. If you haven't already signed up for it, please consider doing so this year.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE DETAILS OF THE RATE:

- ▶ This rate saves you money. With this rate, there is no Red Zone. You will save money by paying the lower kilowatt-hour (kWh) charge year-round. In addition, you receive an incentive for allowing DSO to turn off your power during peak times. The average member on this rate will save about \$225, due to the combination of the lower kWh charges and the incentives (assuming the number of shut off events explained below).
- ▶ DSO will temporarily shut off power to your home on designated Peak Alert days — these are typically the hottest weekdays when overall electricity demand is most likely to hit its annual peak. Peak Alert days occur Monday through Friday during July and August. On these days,

your power will be turned off from 3-6 p.m. For planning purposes, you can expect around 14 shutoff events per year, though the exact number may vary depending on weather conditions.

- ▶ At least 30 minutes prior to shutting off your power, DSO will send you notice by text and/or email to the number and/or email address you provide. In most cases, we will provide you with many hours of notice.
- ▶ You will receive a bill credit of \$10 for each day we turn off your power, provided you were using power when we turned it off.

For more information on this rate, please visit www.dsoelectric.com and select "About Us" on the menu, then "Rates," then the "Residential" tab, and then "R-I-26."

BECAUSE THIS IS A VOLUNTARY RATE, YOU MUST REQUEST TO BE PUT ON THIS RATE NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2026. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please call the DSO office at 800-376-3533 between 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to visit with a member services representative.

\$20 BILL CREDIT FOR SIGN UP ... \$20 BILL CREDIT FOR SIGN UP ... \$20 BILL CREDIT FOR SIGN UP



BEAT THE PEAK SUMMER SAVINGS!

GET PAID TO SAVE BY SWITCHING TO OUR
INTERRUPTIBLE RATE

SIGN-UP BY JUNE 1
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GET PAID TO SAVE
**EARN
\$225
THIS SUMMER!**

\$10 BILL CREDIT PER PEAK ALERT IN JULY & AUGUST ... \$10 BILL CREDIT PER PEAK ALERT IN JULY & AUGUST

*\$160 CREDIT AMOUNT BASED ON HISTORICAL AVERAGE OF 14 ANTICIPATED PEAK ALERTS IN JULY AND AUGUST AT \$10 EACH, PLUS \$20 SIGNING BONUS.

How to Stay Safe From Wildfire Smoke and Extreme Heat

Wildfire smoke and extreme heat can make it difficult to stay comfortable. You may need your air conditioner (AC) to keep you safe from the heat, but you also want to keep it from pulling smoky air into your home. The goal is simple: Keep indoor air clean while keeping your cooling system working efficiently. Read on to find out the dangers of a smoke event and what to do to stay safe.

WHY WILDFIRE SMOKE IS A HEALTH CONCERN

Wildfire smoke contains tiny particles called PM2.5 (fine particulate matter 2.5 micrometers or smaller) that can travel deeper into your lungs as well as irritate your eyes and airways. Symptoms may include coughing, shortness of breath, burning eyes and a runny nose.

HOW SMOKE GETS INDOORS

Even with doors and windows closed, smoke can enter through:

- ▶ Bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans.
- ▶ Attic/whole-house fans.
- ▶ HVAC systems that pull in outdoor air.
- ▶ Gaps around doors, windows, and where utility pipes or cables enter the home.

Sealing leaks with weather stripping or caulk can help limit smoke intrusion and improve comfort.

PROTECTING YOURSELF AT HOME

When smoke levels are high, stay indoors as much as possible and keep windows and doors closed. Limit sources of indoor pollution, including:

- ▶ Burning candles or incense.
- ▶ Frying or broiling food.
- ▶ Using gas or wood-burning appliances.
- ▶ Spraying aerosols.
- ▶ Vacuuming, unless your vacuum has a HEPA filter.
- ▶ Smoking or vaping.

Take it easy. Heavy activity makes you breathe faster and deeper, which increases smoke exposure.

Fans move air, but they don't cool it. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends using fans only when indoor temperatures are below 90 degrees. At higher temperatures, a fan can increase the risk of heat stress.

Stay informed. Check local alerts or www.AirNow.gov for current air quality.

If you must go outside, wear an N95 respirator to reduce exposure to fine particles. Cloth and surgical masks do not provide sufficient protection.

MAKING YOUR AIR CONDITIONING AND HVAC WORK SMARTER

Your AC can help you stay safe during extreme heat — and your HVAC system can help filter indoor air when it's well-maintained.

- ▶ Replace or clean HVAC filters regularly and check them often during smoke events. A clogged filter restricts airflow, increasing energy use and straining equipment.
- ▶ For evaporative coolers or central HVAC systems, use the highest efficiency filter your system can handle. The EPA recommends a MERV (minimum efficiency reporting value) of 13 or higher, if compatible.

- ▶ If you use a window air conditioner, close the outdoor air damper. If this isn't possible, consider limiting its use.
- ▶ Use single-hose portable air conditioners sparingly as they can pull smoky air indoors. If it has two hoses, make sure the window seal is tight.
- ▶ Check ductwork for leaks that could allow smoky air inside.

Don't forget the outdoor AC unit. Smoke and ash can coat the condenser coil, restricting airflow. After conditions improve, gently rinse visible ash off the exterior (turn the power off first) or schedule professional maintenance if the buildup is heavy.

No AC? Use fans carefully, block sunlight with curtains or blinds during the hottest part of the day, and head to local cooling centers or clean-air shelters if indoor temperatures become unsafe.

When outdoor air quality improves, open windows or use exhaust fans to air out your home.

BREATHE EASIER AND BEAT THE HEAT

With these tips, you can reduce smoky indoor air and keep yourself and your home safer and more comfortable when outside conditions are smoky.

HOME IGNITION ZONE CHECKLIST

Follow these simple steps from roof to foundation to reduce wildfire risk.

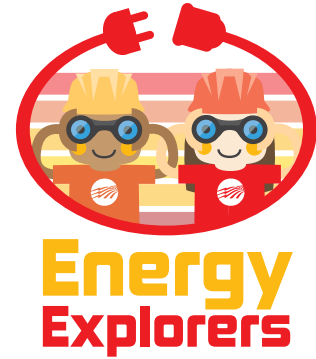
- ▶ Clear leaves, pine needles and debris from roofs, gutters, decks and patios.
- ▶ Keep lawns watered and maintained so it's less likely to catch fire.
- ▶ Replace or repair loose or missing shingles and roof tiles.
- ▶ Install 1/8-inch metal mesh screening on vents for your attic, roof and eaves.
- ▶ Repair damaged or loose window screens and replace broken windows.
- ▶ Repair or maintain siding, trim and exterior joints so embers cannot lodge in gaps.
- ▶ Seal gaps and openings around the foundation and where utilities enter the home.
- ▶ Keep lawnmowers, oil or gas cans, propane tanks and wood piles at least 30 feet from your home.
- ▶ Install a metal gate or section if a wooden fence attaches to the house.
- ▶ Remove anything stored under decks or porches, and screen openings to prevent debris buildup.
- ▶ Remove flammable objects like lawn furniture.
- ▶ Swap mulch for gravel or stone near the home.

SOURCES: NFPA, SMOKEYBEAR.COM/HOME-SAFETY, WWW.SAFEELECTRICITY.ORG



SOLAR ENERGY POP QUIZ

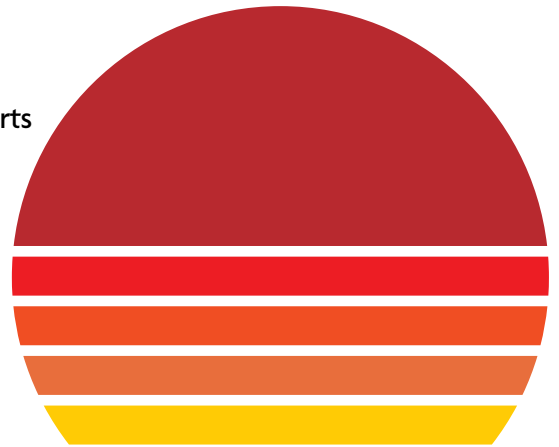
Solar energy is amazing because it allows us to use electricity generated from natural sunlight. Complete the quiz below by matching the solar energy terms in the word bank to the correct description.



1. _____ A star at the center of our solar system that provides light and heat.
2. _____ Flat devices often placed on rooftops that collect energy from the sun and help power homes and businesses.
3. _____ Tiny particles of energy that travel through space and reach Earth in about eight minutes.
4. _____ The basic building block inside rooftop equipment that converts sunlight into usable power.
5. _____ The type of energy that runs appliances, lights and electronics in your home.

Word Bank

Solar Cell
Electricity
Solar Panels
Sun
Photons



Answer Key: 1. Sun 2. Solar Panels 3. Photons 4. Solar Cell 5. Electricity