

CONNECTIONS



WREC MEMBER NEWSLETTER



Pictured above at CEMEX's Mega Machine Mania from left to right: Benjamin Cooper (West Hernando District Manager), Gary Steele (Manager Member Relations), Jacob Bashinelli (Apprentice Lineman) and Tristin Martin (Apprentice Lineman).

WREC'S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

WREC recently attended CEMEX's Mega Machine Mania, bringing joy to many families with our amazing trucks. The smiles on everyone's faces as they explored and climbed into the trucks was truly heartwarming. Thank you to everyone who came out and made this event so special.

"WREC's concern for community is a core principle that we proudly uphold and thrive on every day."

-David B. Lambert II, General Manager



Additionally, WREC had the pleasure of attending the Community Helping Hands event at Pine Grove Elementary School. We showcased our impressive WREC bucket truck to the students and discussed power line safety along with the gear our linemen use to stay safe around electricity. The students were excited to learn about the vital work our linemen do. They got an up-close look at the bucket truck in action, providing a fantastic opportunity to inspire young minds and emphasize the importance of community service. Thank you, Pine Grove Elementary School, for hosting such a wonderful event! These events highlight WREC's unwavering commitment to community involvement and our dedication to making a positive impact.



Pictured above at Pine Grove Elementary School from left to right: Micheal Goodwin (Journeyman Lineman), Benjamin Cooper (West Hernando District Manager) and Doug Cercek (Apprentice Lineman).

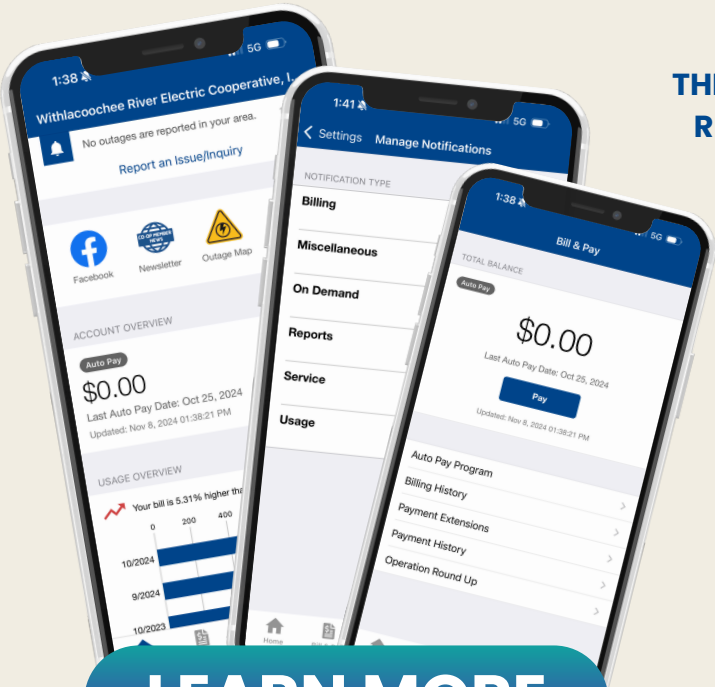
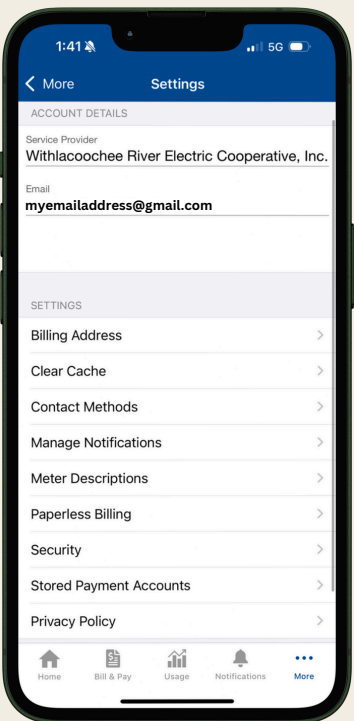


UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION & DOWNLOAD THE WREC MOBILE APP BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON

As hurricane season approaches, it's crucial to ensure that WREC has your updated Member information, and that you sign up for notifications. If you haven't downloaded it yet, be sure to download the WREC mobile app before the season starts. The WREC mobile app, which replaces the SmartHub[®] app, offers the most efficient management of your WREC account.

To Update:

- **Mobile App:** Download the free WREC mobile app and log in using your previous credentials or the log in you use at wrec.net. Once logged in click *More* in the bottom right corner and then *Settings*. Here you can update your contact information as well as sign up for different types of notifications from WREC.
- **Online:** Log in to your WREC account at wrec.net by clicking the *My WREC Account* tab in the menu bar. From there click on *Settings* on the left side of the screen. Here you can update your contact information as well as sign up for notifications from WREC.
- **By Phone:** Call a WREC representative at 352-567-5133 and update your information.



THE WREC MOBILE APP OFFICIALLY REPLACES THE SMARTHUB APP.



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12 WAYS TO PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON

These steps include some of the most important ways to help yourself and your family increase your preparedness.

- ☐  Sign up for Alerts and Warnings
- ☐  Make a Plan
- ☐  Save for a Rainy Day
- ☐  Practice Emergency Drills
- ☐  Test Family Communication Plan
- ☐  Safeguard Documents
- ☐  Plan with Neighbors
- ☐  Make Your Home Safer
- ☐  Know Evacuation Routes
- ☐  Assemble or Update Supplies
- ☐  Get Involved in Your Community
- ☐  Document and Insure Property

Remember that you can access these websites to complete your preparations for storms before Hurricane Season begins.

Withlacooche River
Electric
Cooperative

wrec.net

The Florida Division of
Emergency Management

Learn about hurricane hazards,
what to do when a warning is
issued in your area and how to
prepare for a storm.

floridadisaster.org

The National Hurricane
Center

Follow the path of any active
hurricane to determine if your home is
forecast to be in an impacted area.

nhc.noaa.org

Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA)

Apply for assistance after a storm hits
and learn about flood zones in your
community.

fema.gov

Fur Baby Fridays!

Send us a photo of your pets!
Be sure to follow us on our
social media platforms and
don't miss out on Fur Baby
Fridays! Share a photo of your
adorable fur babies with us
for a chance to have them
featured in a Friday post.



Don't let a small project cause a **BIG** problem!

811 is your first step to safety for all
digging projects, regardless of the size.

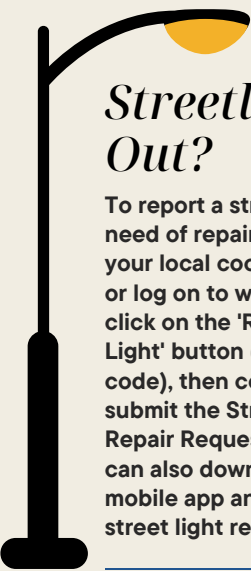
Keep yourself, your community and underground utilities safe
this summer and all year round by calling 811 or going online
to 811beforeyoudig.com before putting a shovel in the ground.



Energy Saving Tips



Air infiltration is air that transfers in and out of homes through cracks, crevices, and holes, increasing energy consumption. Be sure to seal around pipes, check to make sure attic accesses fit tightly and that dryer vent doors close when the dryer is not in use. These tips can help save you energy.



Streetlight Out?

To report a streetlight in need of repair, please call your local cooperative office, or log on to wrec.net and click on the 'Repair Street Light' button (or scan the QR code), then complete and submit the Street Light Repair Request Form. You can also download the WREC mobile app and request a street light repair.



Scan to Report

LOCAL WREC NUMBERS

PASCO: Billy E. Brown Corporate Center: 352-567-5133
One Pasco Center District Office: 352-588-5115
New Tampa/Wesley Chapel: 813-979-9732
Bayonet Point District Office: 727-868-9465
Land O' Lakes/Odessa: 813-972-9233
CITRUS: Crystal River District Office: 352-795-4382
Dunnellon: 352-489-6818
HERNANDO: West Hernando District Office: 352-596-4000
POLK: One Pasco Center District Office: 863-687-4396
SUMTER: Bushnell: 352-793-7813

Stay in the Know

Be sure to follow us on our social media platforms.



Scan to visit wrec.net

Attention Members, Residential Energy Rate Change

Due to rising costs beyond our control, including tariffs, fuel, materials, and the impact of last year's hurricanes on WREC, we will be implementing a modest rate increase. Despite this increase, WREC remains one of the lowest rates in the state. We've worked hard to manage expenses, but this adjustment is necessary to continue providing quality service.

Based on 1,000 kWh	Consumer Charge	Fuel Adjustment Charge	Energy Charge	Total
05/01/2024	\$39.16	\$38.00	\$49.89	\$127.05
05/01/2025	\$39.16	\$44.00	\$60.30	\$143.46

Effective May 1, 2025* Does not include Florida Gross Receipt Tax

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