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Holidays*





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# SAVE THE DATE

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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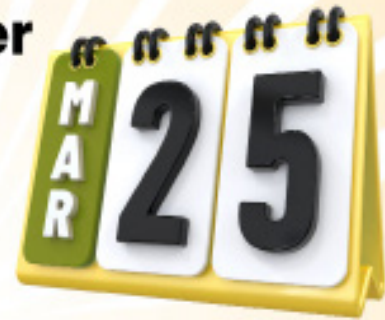


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## Annual Membership Meeting

**March 25, 2026**  
**Scott Civic Center**  
**New Roads, LA**

Join us for lunch,  
health fair, and bill  
credit/prizes!



## FEELING LUCKY?

LOOK FOR YOUR ACCOUNT  
NUMBER TO WIN A BILL CREDIT







If you see your account number published inside this issue, call PC Electric by December 31, 2025, to receive a \$25.00 credit on your bill. Your account number can be found on your billing statement.

**GOOD LUCK!**

Choosing the right lighting can completely change the look and feel of your home. This guide breaks down the best lighting options for each room—helping you create spaces (1080202) that are cozy, functional, and beautifully lit.

# Home Lighting Guide



Room/Area	Recommended Lumens	Fixture Types	Smart Tips
 <b>Living Room</b>	<b>15-30 per sq. ft.</b> 150 sq. ft. room 2,250 - 4,500 lumens	Ceiling fixtures, can lighting, lamps/ accent lighting	Use smart bulbs to adjust color temp and control remotely.
 <b>Kitchen</b>	<b>30-40 per sq. ft.</b> 100 sq. ft. room 3,000 - 4,000 lumens	Recessed ceiling lights or flush mounts	Smart switches can be used to control zones (dining vs. prep); undercabinet motion lights offer late-night illumination.
 <b>Dining Room</b>	<b>10-20 per sq. ft.</b> 100 sq. ft. room 1,000 - 2,000 lumens	Pendant or chandelier fixture	Smart, dimmable bulbs allow various levels of brightness for ambiance.
 <b>Bedroom</b>	<b>10-20 per sq. ft.</b> 120 sq. ft. room 1,200 - 2,400 lumens	Ceiling fixtures or recessed lighting	Motion sensors are great options for nighttime use.
 <b>Bathroom</b>	<b>50-80 per sq. ft.</b> 60 sq. ft. room 3,000 - 4,000 lumens	Over-vanity fixtures and/or recessed lighting	Cool LED bulbs provide brighter light for shaving, applying makeup, etc.
 <b>Porch/ Home Entry</b>	<b>100-200 per sq. ft.</b> 100 sq. ft. entry 10,000 - 20,800 lumens	Wall lanterns, ceiling mount and/or floodlights	Motion-activated flood lights and/or smart outdoor bulbs are energy efficient and boost home security.

## PC ELECTRIC PARTHERS WITH COBANK TO SUPPORT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THE SHARING SUCCESS PROGRAM

PC Electric is proud to announce its partnership with CoBank through the Sharing Success program, which provides matching funds to support charitable organizations that strengthen rural communities. This year, CoBank matched PC Electric's \$1,000 donation, doubling the impact for several local organizations dedicated to serving Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, and Iberville Parishes.

The Sharing Success program is a nationwide charitable matching initiative launched by CoBank in 2012. The program (295001) partners with cooperative customers like PC Electric to support nonprofits and community organizations, multiplying the reach of local contributions and helping rural communities thrive.

Together, PC Electric and CoBank were able to donate to the following organizations:

- **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** – Provides services and programs to enrich the lives of senior citizens, promoting independence, dignity, and a better quality of life for older residents in Pointe Coupee Parish.
- **Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services** – Supports cancer patients in Pointe Coupee Parish to help (346500) meet the needs of challenges related to the cancer diagnosis.
- **West Baton Rouge Foundation for Academic Excellence** – Encourages educational excellence by awarding grants to schools, giving teachers the resources they need to purchase classroom materials that enhance student learning.
- **Iberville Parish Foundation for Academic Excellence** – The Iberville Parish Foundation supports local schools by awarding grants that help teachers secure classroom tools and resources designed to enrich the educational experience for students.

"PC Electric is committed to improving the communities we serve, and our partnership with CoBank allows us to extend that impact even further," said Jill Copeland of PC Electric. "These organizations do important work in caring for our seniors, supporting our fellow neighbors in their time of need, and encouraging academic excellence for future generations."

Copeland added, "As a cooperative, our principal concern is always for community. These donations (699802) are one way we can live out that mission, giving back to the people and organizations that make our parishes stronger."

These donations reflect PC Electric's ongoing commitment to concern for community, one of the seven cooperative principles that guide the organization's mission to not only provide reliable electricity, but also to enrich the lives of its members and neighbors.



# Keep Warm, Stay Safe: Winter Energy Efficiency and Safety Tips from Your Cooperative

As the seasons change and temperatures begin to drop, energy use in homes typically rises. Heating accounts for the largest share of winter electricity use, so managing (914202) it wisely can make a big difference on your bill. Here are some practical ways to stay comfortable and save money during the colder months:

## Energy-Saving Tips for Winter

- **Seal Drafts:** Up to 30% of heated air can escape through leaks around windows and doors. Weatherstripping and caulking are inexpensive solutions that pay off quickly.
- **Use Your Thermostat Wisely:** For every degree you lower your thermostat (down to about 68°F while awake and lower while asleep), you can save up to 5% on heating costs.



- **Reverse Ceiling Fans:** Set ceiling fans to rotate clockwise at a low speed in winter. This gently pushes warm air back down into the living space.
- **Take Advantage of Sunlight:** Open curtains on south-facing windows during the day to naturally warm your home, then close them at night to keep the heat in.
- **Maintain Heating Systems:** A clean filter improves (2061400) efficiency. Change filters every 1–3 months, and schedule regular system check-ups.

## Holiday Safety Reminders

The holiday season is full of joy, but it also brings extra electrical hazards. Keep your family safe with these reminders:

- **Inspect Lights and Cords:** Replace frayed wires or cracked sockets, and never overload outlets or extension cords.
- **Choose LED Decorations:** LED lights use (1040102) up to 90% less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs and produce less heat, reducing fire risk.
- **Turn Off Before Bed:** Always switch off indoor and outdoor holiday lights before going to sleep or leaving home.
- **Be Mindful of Space Heaters:** Keep portable heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, and never leave them unattended.



As your cooperative, we're here to provide more than electricity—we're here to serve and support you. By making small adjustments and keeping safety in mind, you can enjoy a cozy, bright, and energy-smart holiday season.

From all of us at PC Electric, we wish you and your family a safe and joyful holiday season!





*This cornbread has everything you love in one hearty bake: cheesy goodness, smoky bacon, sweet corn, a hint (2544700) of spice from green chilies, and the tang of sour cream, all tucked into a golden-brown cornbread base.*

- 1 package (8.5 oz) cornbread mix
  - 1 cup sour cream
  - 1 can (15 oz) cream-style corn
  - 1 can (4 oz) green chilies, drained
  - 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
  - 1/2 cup chopped cooked bacon
  - 1/2 cup diced green onions
  - 2 eggs
  - 1/4 cup melted butter
  - Salt and pepper, to taste
- Heat your oven to 375°F
- In a large mixing bowl, combine all of the ingredients.
- Season the mixture with salt and pepper to your liking.
- Grease a skillet or baking dish (9×9-inch square or similar) and pour in the cornbread mixture. Spread evenly.
- Sprinkle the remaining shredded cheddar cheese evenly on top.
- Bake for 25–30 minutes, or until the casserole is set in the center and the top is golden brown. A toothpick inserted into the center should come out clean or with just a few crumbs.
- Let the casserole cool for a few minutes before slicing.

The Nominating Committees made up of PC Electric Members from Districts 3 and 5 met Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at PC Electric Headquarters at 2506 False River Drive in New Roads. The purpose of the meeting was to nominate candidates for the Board of Directors for terms of three years beginning immediately after the PC Electric Annual Membership Meeting. The candidates nominated are incumbents George G. LaCour Jr., District 3 and Brenda Hurst, District 5. PC Electric members serving on the nominating committee from Districts 3 and 5 were listed in the September/October issue of Connections.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATING CANDIDATES BY PETITION is Friday, November 7, 2025 at 3:30 P.M.

According to the by-laws of PC Electric Membership Corporation, candidates to run for the Board can be nominated in two ways:

- (1) NOMINATING COMMITTEE of PC Electric Members make recommendations from their district; and,
  - (2) PETITION - Any fifteen (15) members acting together in a district may nominate another candidate by petition not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the election.
  - Candidates for the Board must be active members of PC Electric and their main residence must be in the district for which they are nominated.
  - Only active members within the same district as the candidate may make nominations. The district number is listed in the green shaded area on the PC Electric bill. The list of nominations will be posted in the lobby of the PC Electric office.
- If there are no nominations by petition, the candidates placed in nomination by the Nominating Committees will assume their seats on the Board of Directors in following the Annual Membership Meeting in 2026.