

Virtual energy assessments give insights toward savings

Ever wonder where your energy dollars are going? With Fleming-Mason Energy's virtual energy assessment online application, you can analyze your home's energy use and find ways to save.

I want to encourage you to take this assessment yourself. Once you know where your energy dollars are going, you can ensure your home heating and cooling are as energy-efficient as possible.

The free virtual energy assessment tool allows you to view energy usage and costs by using your billing history, actual temperature information and some information about your home. Once you enter your account ID number, as it appears on your bill, you will begin the analysis.

The virtual energy assessment is free, available anytime and only takes about 10 minutes to complete. By answering some simple questions about your home's square footage, age, number of occupants and a few other variables (including types of appliances, windows and televisions), you will find out where

your energy dollars are being spent. There's also a section to help explain why your energy costs may differ from last month or last year.

The best part of the online assessment is you can learn about ways to save energy and money by making a few free or low-cost changes to your home. Some of these changes are simple, and the savings can add up over time. Plus, your home will work more efficiently as we enter the time of year when a long cold snap can drive up your monthly energy costs.

Your home profile will be saved for whenever you want to return and adjust or review recommendations for energy savings. It's a simple process, and I hope you'll find the investment of your time worth it.

Go to www.fme.coop



Virtual Energy Assessment
from the comfort of your home!

Helping you find ways to save!

APOGEE

and click on the Virtual Energy Assessment tab to begin your home analysis and to start learning where your energy dollars are spent, and how you can save some money by making small changes around your home.

At your service, 24/7

Should you experience an electric outage, cooperative employees are standing by to respond 24/7. To report an outage, call 1-800-464-3144.

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Don't spend more than necessary

5 quick fixes to control wintertime energy use

Everyone's wallet is feeling the pinch these days. That's why Fleming-Mason Energy urges members to make sure you don't spend more on your energy bill than is necessary. You can help yourself by lowering your wintertime energy use with some simple do-it-yourself projects and changes in habit.

Visit togetherwesaveky.com to find how-to guides for quick, easy energy efficiency projects for these areas of the home:

- **Attic**—Homeowners can lose an estimated 25–30% of a home's conditioned warm air via attic air leaks. Sealing around an attic hatch and pull-down stairs can stop the leaks.
- **Ductwork**—Many Kentucky homes are wasting energy and valuable dollars because of leaks in the duct system. Learn simple steps to fix leaks and improve efficiency by as much as 30%.
- **Doors**—Weatherstripping to seal gaps around doors keeps heat inside your home and can save up to 15% on monthly power bills.
- **Thermostat**—One simple trick can help you save up to 10% on home energy costs. Set your thermostat at 68 degrees and leave it for the winter.
- **Ceiling**—Look up to identify and fix common energy-wasting problems.



Find details for these easy fixes and more in the Energy Tip library at togetherwesaveky.com.

Meet the Colt McKenzie construction crew

Each month, we plan to introduce you to some of the folks who make up our team at Fleming-Mason Energy. This month, we are featuring one of our construction crews. Safety is a top priority here at FME, and these folks work hard to make sure each job is done right.

Shown from left are Jacob Bruch, lineman; Nate Goodman, lineman; Colt McKenzie, construction crew leader; and Aaron Howard, lineman. Photo: Lori Ulrich



Annual Meeting Scholarship Essay deadline April 1, 2024

Fleming-Mason Energy is proud to sponsor its 2024 Annual Meeting Scholarship Essay contest. This program was designed to enhance the education and resulting careers of deserving students by offering 10 scholarships of \$1,000 each. Some of the participation requirements are:

- Candidates must be from the Fleming-Mason Energy service area and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must be a resident of the said area AND a member of

Fleming-Mason Energy. Applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must have a residential or business account with Fleming-Mason Energy and the account must be registered in one or both names.

- The candidate must be a graduating high school senior in good standing.
- The applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an educational or training institution.
- Candidates must agree to

appear in person at the Fleming-Mason Energy Annual Meeting to be held on June 27, 2024. All applications must be received and/or postmarked on or before April 1, 2024.

To obtain a complete list of qualifications and an application, ask your high school guidance counselor, call Fleming-Mason Energy at (800) 464-3144, or visit www.fme.coop and click on Youth Activities.

ELECTRICAL OVERLOADS UNLOADING THE CIRCUIT

Overloaded circuits can cause fires and death. Make sure your home's electrical system is up to snuff.

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To prevent problems:

- **Never plug more than two appliances into an outlet at any one time.** Don't piggyback extra appliances on extension cords or wall outlets. Use only outlets designed to handle multiple plugs.
- **Know the amount of power you're placing on an outlet or circuit.** Some recommend that each outlet or circuit should not exceed 1,500 watts.



Member Matters

Mark your calendar

Make a note about these important happenings at Fleming-Mason Energy in the coming year.

Special Olympics Kentucky Summer Games

May 31–June 2

Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond

Fleming-Mason Energy and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives will again sponsor the games.

Fleming-Mason Energy Annual Meeting

June 27, 2024

Flemingsburg

As a member of Fleming-Mason Energy, you have a say in how your cooperative operates. Register for the annual meeting to elect board members and participate in the annual business session.

Ronald McDonald House Wish List Collections

July 1–31

Fleming-Mason Energy, along with other Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, will be collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House in Lexington all month.

Watch our Facebook page for a list of items needed. Checks/cash donations are also accepted.

Honor Flight

September

Fleming-Mason Energy will sponsor two military veterans for the all-expenses-paid trip to our nation's capital. Veterans of World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars are eligible. Find details and applications at honorflightky.org.

Who Powers You Contest

October 1–31

Inspired by a fellow cooperative member making a difference in our community? Tell their story and they could win \$1,000! To make a nomination, go to WhoPowersYouKy.com. Winners are announced in mid-November.