

# FLEMING-MASON ENERGY

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*cooperative news*

## Let's meet!

### *There are very good reasons to attend our 2019 annual meeting*

Circle June 20 on your calendar and make plans now to attend Fleming-Mason Energy's annual meeting. There are plenty of good reasons to be there.

Fleming-Mason Energy is owned by the people we serve—members like you. The annual meeting is your chance to personally connect with fellow owner-members and celebrate the cooperative way.

Another reason to attend is to get the scoop on how your cooperative served members' best interests in 2018. Member-elected co-op leaders and management will report on past as well as future activities important to you and your community.

This year's meeting also includes a healthy dose of fun with entertainment, interesting booths to visit and lots of prizes.

Here are some of the program highlights—all great reasons to join us at this year's meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2019.

**Discover the power of human connections.** Visit the Touchstone Energy booth to learn what it means to be a part of the cooperative difference. While you're there, pick up a free bamboo cutting board. Visit early because gift supplies are limited.

#### **Check out an EV.**

Whether you're serious about reducing your carbon footprint or just want to see what all the hype is about, come see our electric-powered vehicle. We'll even let you see what's under the hood.

**Soak up some rays.** Our Cooperative Solar farm is getting lots of attention. Learn how you can participate in this renewable energy program.

**Get your questions answered.** Have a question about your bill or account? Want to know more about a specific co-op program? Co-op employees will be available to answer your questions.

**Enjoy quality face time with co-op directors.** Don't miss the chance to have a personal conversation with your member-elected representatives to discuss issues that concern you.



*Fleming-Mason Energy will have a ChargeChangeKY electric vehicle—along with many other booths—on display at the annual meeting on June 20 between 10 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. at our office located at 1449 Elizaville Road, Flemingsburg. Photo: Tim Webb*

Whether it's your first or 50th annual meeting, I hope you'll make plans to attend YOUR cooperative's annual meeting on Thursday, June 20. This year's event will be held at Fleming-Mason Energy's office. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with the business meeting starting at 2 p.m. Mark your calendar, and let's meet!

### **At your service, 24/7**

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



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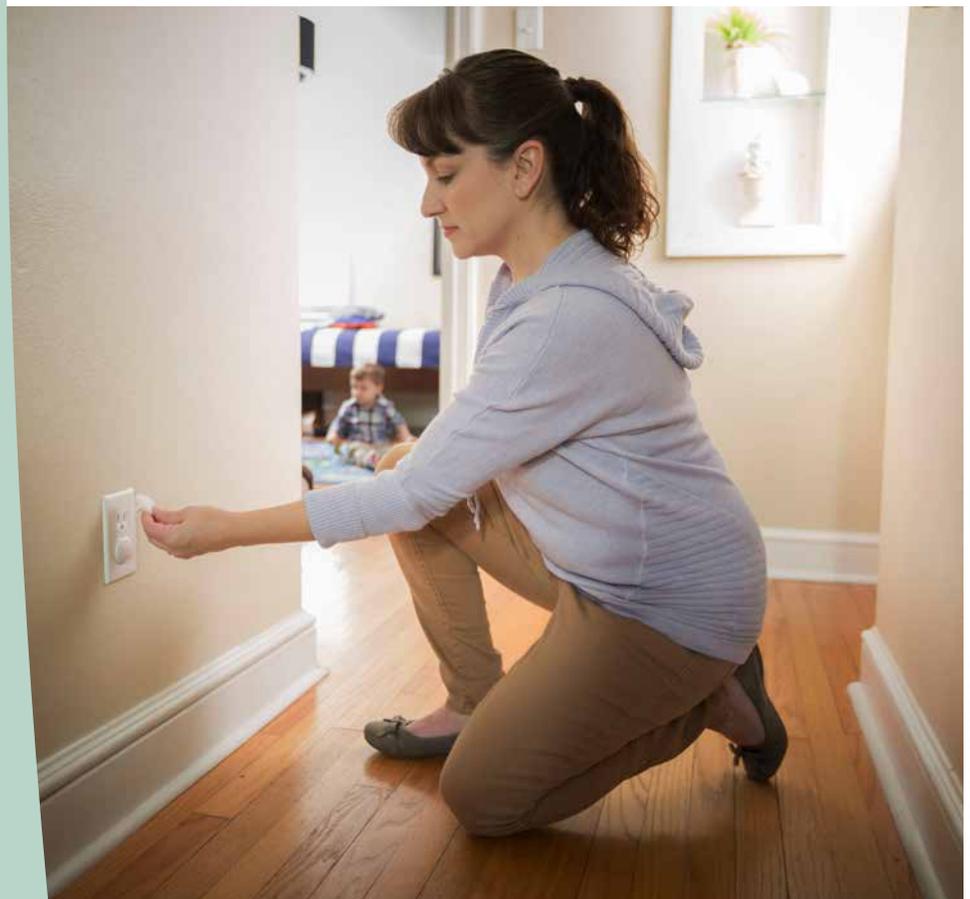
# It's time for a spring safety check

As long as you're doing spring cleaning and putting the house in order for nice weather, check for accidents-waiting-to-happen in your home, especially those that involve electricity.

Conduct an audit of your home—something you should turn into an annual ritual. Check that all of your appliances are still in working order by turning them on and off, listening to the sound of the motor (is it “normal?”) and inspecting their cords and plugs for damage.

Some more quick tips:

- If you have young children at home, plug wall outlets with child-safety caps.
- Replace appliances whose cords are frayed or worn. You can't fix those.
- Resolve to buy new appliances that have the thumbs-up from an independent-testing laboratory like UL.
- Choose lightbulbs with the correct wattage for each lamp and overhead light fixture. You'll find the maximum safe wattage imprinted on the fixture.
- Get those electrical cords out from under your carpets! Covering cords can cause them to overheat and start a fire.
- Put your extension cords away. They're not meant for everyday use.
- Install waterproof covers on your outdoor outlets.



# Treat mom to a chore-free day

Flowers and a beautiful Mother's Day card are sure to make mom feel special this Mother's Day. But a clean house without the work? That says "love."

Give mom a break from the chores on her special day. Here are a few ideas that could take the place of a traditional gift.

- Clean the house from top to bottom, and don't bypass the hard chores, like vacuuming the drapes and dusting under beds.
- Can't bring yourself to pick up a mop? Hire a one-time deep-clean from a maid service. Take mom out to lunch during the visit so she'll return home to the surprise of a spotless house.
- Pay in advance for a quarterly cleaning from a service and make up a fancy gift card letting mom know it's coming.



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■ As much as people joke that an appliance is a bad gift for mom, consider wrapping up a powerful stick vacuum cleaner. Stick vacs are great for daily spot cleaning and

touch-ups. They're super light-weight and cordless. They're not cheap, but they're handy and make easy work out of sweeping up pet hair and dry spills.

## HOME ELECTRICAL SAFETY DEVICES 4 WAYS TO STAY SAFE AT HOME

- **Arc fault circuit interrupter (AFCI)** receptacles stop arc faults. These occur when older wires become frayed or cracked, when a nail or screw damages a wire behind a wall, or when outlets or circuits are compromised. AFCIs protect appliances, cords plugged into receptacles and you.
- **Ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCIs)** are outlets that prevent deadly shock by quickly shutting off power to the circuit if the electricity flowing into the circuit differs by even the slightest amount. These outlets should be used inside and outside where any water may come into contact with electronic devices.
- **Tamper-resistant receptacles (TRRs)** are designed with spring-loaded receptacle plates that close off the openings and prevent someone from inserting an object. TRRs are now required in all newly constructed homes, but if your existing home does not have them, this is not your next DIY project. Tamper-resistant receptacles can only be installed by a licensed electrician.
- **Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms** are both important for your safety. To ensure safety, install these devices on every level outside each sleeping area. Don't forget to test your alarms once a month, replace the batteries once a year and replace the alarms every 10 years. Don't rely on past homeowners to follow these simple safety measures when you move into a new home. It's your duty to check devices to ensure your family's safety.

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## Safety Matters

# Check your pool lighting and stay safe

With pool season about to begin, it's important to have the wiring and lighting inspected to ensure safe operation before letting people swim.

One of the greatest potential hazards of electrical shock in a pool comes from the underwater lighting.

Calder Sloan, a 7-year-old boy who loved to swim, was killed by electrocution from faulty electrical connections to a light. A ground wire in his family's pool wasn't attached properly, which sent 120 volts of electricity to the pool light instead of the expected 12 volts.

To help prevent tragedy, upgrade older pool lighting to modern safety standards. The older the lighting, the greater the chance of electric shock.

Make sure you hire a licensed electrician for inspection and repairs. That one step may save a life or prevent serious injury.

Have a plan—decide what you will do if your pool does become electrified. Identify where the power to the pool is and know how to shut it off immediately. The switch you need to flip may be an amp sub-panel close to the pool pump and filter.



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In a pool emergency involving electricity, swimmers should exit the water without touching any metal on rails or ladders, and bystanders should call 911. Never jump into the water to rescue someone who is being shocked.

Fleming-Mason Energy cares about your safety. Enjoy your pool by staying safe at all times.



## Member Alert

If you pay your electric bill online, beware of using websites that appear affiliated with our co-op. Using these sites can delay payment and third parties may charge additional fees.

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