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## UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Updating your contact information on your account is quick and easy – and really helps us communicate better with our members. There are several ways to do it:

- Visit any Kenergy office Monday through Friday.
- Go to [www.kenergycorp.com](http://www.kenergycorp.com) and click on 'My Account'.
- Download and use the Kenergy SmartHub app on your phone.
- Call 800.844.4832 and speak to one of our Member Service Representatives who can help update your information.
- Fill out the Account Information Change Request form on the back of your bill and mail it in with your bill.

## FIVE DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED IN 2023

Prior to Kenergy's annual membership meeting to be held on June 13, 2023, individuals will be elected to represent **Districts 4, 6, 8, and 9**, as well as the cooperative's **large industrial** members.

A ballot listing the qualified candidates in a contested district election will be mailed in May to each Kenergy member residing within the district. Members will also have the option to vote online.

**District 4**, which currently is represented by Susan Blanford, includes the area of Henderson County west of the Pennyriple Parkway and west of that portion of Highway 41 which runs to the north of the Pennyriple Parkway.

**District 6**, which currently is represented by Larry Elder, includes that area of Daviess County west of U.S. 431.

**District 8**, which currently is represented by Billy Reid, includes that area of Daviess County north and east of Kentucky 54.

**District 9**, which currently is represented by Brent Wigginton, includes all of Hancock County.

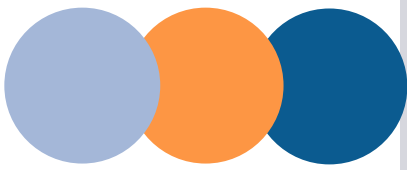
A district director must be a member of the cooperative and must reside in the district he or she represents.

The **Industrial Director** must be a member of Kenergy or the employee of a member industry having a contract demand of at least 1,000 KW and must reside in a county all or a portion of which is located within Kenergy's service territory. Richard Basham is the current Industrial Director.

Any 15 or more members may make nominations of eligible persons for district director and any five or more large industrial members may make nominations of eligible persons for industrial director. Such nominations shall be by signed written petition and shall be submitted to the Cooperative not less than 110 days prior to the annual meeting. Only members eligible to vote in a district are authorized to sign a petition nominating a member from that district, and only those eligible to vote in an industrial director election are authorized to sign a petition nominating a person for industrial director. Directors shall be elected only from nominations by petition.

It is not a requirement to use a petition form prepared by Kenergy, however, anyone wishing to do so, may request one by contacting Debbie Hayden at 270.689.6101 or email [dhayden@kenergycorp.com](mailto:dhayden@kenergycorp.com).

The petition must be submitted to the cooperative by 4:00 p.m., February 23, 2023. Thereafter, if the petition is valid, the name of the nominee will be posted.



# AVOID DANGERS AFTER A STORM

## Stay safe around downed power lines:

- If you see a downed power line, move away from it and anything touching it. Keep a distance of 50 feet, as the ground around downed power lines may be energized.
- If you see someone in direct or indirect contact with a downed line, DO NOT touch him/her. You could become energized as well. **Call 911 for assistance.**
- If your vehicle comes in contact with a downed power line while you're in the vehicle, stay inside the car. Call 911 or honk your horn to get help, but tell those rendering aid to stay away from the vehicle.



# FIVE WAYS TO FIGHT THE WINTER CHILL AND SAVE ENERGY

We all have our favorite season. Some people love crisp, cool weather and bundling up under a favorite blanket, while others prefer the warm temperatures summer brings and all fun outdoor activities that go with it. But, there's one thing we can all agree on: high winter bills are never fun. Kenergy is here to help you find ways to manage your home energy use and keep winter bills in check.

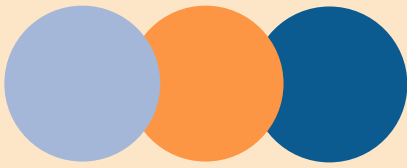
**Here are five tips to help increase your home's energy efficiency this winter:**



- 1. Mind the thermostat.** This is one of the easiest ways to manage your home energy use. We recommend setting your thermostat to 68 degrees (or lower) when you're home. When you're sleeping or away for an extended period of time, try setting it between 58 and 62 degrees; there's no need to heat your home when you're away or sleeping and less active.
- 2. Button up your home.** The Department of Energy estimates that air leaks account for 24% to 40% of the energy used for heating and cooling a home. Caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors is another simple, cost-effective way to increase comfort and save energy. If you can feel drafts while standing near a window or door, it likely needs to be sealed.
- 3. Use window coverings wisely.** Open blinds, drapes or other window coverings during the day to allow natural sunlight in to warm your home. Close them at night to keep the cold, drafty air out. If you feel cold air around windows, consider hanging curtains or drapes in a thicker material; heavier window coverings can make a significant difference in blocking cold outdoor air.
- 4. Consider your approach to appliance use.** When combined, appliances and electronics account for a significant chunk of our home energy use, so assess how efficiently you're using them. For example, if you're running the dishwasher or clothes washer, only wash full loads. Look for electronic devices that consume energy even when they're not in use, like phone chargers or game consoles. Every little bit helps, so unplug them to save energy.
- 5. Think outside the box.** If you're still feeling chilly at home, think of other ways to warm up—beyond dialing up the thermostat. Add layers of clothing, wear thick socks and bundle up under blankets. You can even add layers to your home! If you have hard-surface flooring, consider purchasing an area rug to block cold air that leaks in through the floor.

If you're taking steps to save energy, but continue to see major increases in your bills, give us a call at 800.844.4832. Kenergy energy experts can help identify factors impacting your home energy use and recommend next steps for savings.

Winter months often bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. By being proactive about saving energy, you can increase the comfort of your home and reduce monthly bills. Visit our website at [www.KenergyCorp.com](http://www.KenergyCorp.com) for additional energy-saving tips.



## OFFICE HOURS

**Henderson** 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
6402 Old Corydon Road

**Owensboro** 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
3111 Fairview Drive

**Hanson** 9:00 a.m. - Noon,  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
2620 Brown Badgett Loop

**Hawesville** 9:00 a.m. - Noon,  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
315 Hawes Blvd.

**Marion** 9:00 a.m. - Noon,  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
3000 Mott City Road

### Questions regarding your account?

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# ACT NOW TO CLAIM YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE SALES TAX EXEMPTION

To help our members navigate recent changes to Kentucky's sales tax laws, Kenergy has launched a public awareness campaign.

Beginning January 1, 2023, only a person's "domicile" (primary residence) will be exempt from sales tax on utility services, including electric bills.

Kenergy is one of 26 electric cooperatives in Kentucky that work together to advocate for electric consumers. These efforts have helped protect the long-standing sales tax exemption for residential energy bills. Though this sales tax exemption remains in place for electric use at a primary residence, Kentucky will begin imposing a sales tax on other properties as of January 1, 2023.

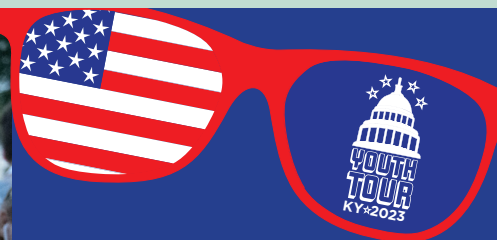
To make sure the sales tax is not mistakenly applied to the electric bill of their primary residence, some co-op members need to take action. Members who have more than one residence in their name need to declare which meter is associated with their primary residence.

Available at Kenergy or at [www.kyelectric.coop/taxanswers](http://www.kyelectric.coop/taxanswers), a Kentucky Department of Revenue form allows utility customers to declare whether the address listed on their electric bill is their primary residence. Failure to provide a completed declaration form may result in the loss of a sales tax exemption for members who have multiple residential meters in their name.

Kenergy members can send completed forms to: P.O. Box 18, Henderson, KY, 42419 or [info@kenergycorp.com](mailto:info@kenergycorp.com).

For more information, members are encouraged to contact Kenergy at 800.844.4832 or visit [www.kyelectric.coop/taxanswers](http://www.kyelectric.coop/taxanswers).

Article courtesy of Kentucky Living and Kentucky Electric Cooperatives.



## 2023 Youth Tour Washington, D.C.

**JUNE 12-17**

- Make friends for life
- Leadership lessons in action
- Tour the state Capitol
- All-expense-paid, weeklong trip to D.C.

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**HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS APPLY BY JANUARY 13, 2023**





# KITCHEN

## Crustless Quiche with Spinach

### INGREDIENTS

- 10 ounces frozen spinach
- 6 large eggs
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup chopped roasted red pepper (from a jar), plus more for topping
- Fresh ground black pepper

### DIRECTIONS

1. *Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease a 9" round pie dish.*
2. *Place the spinach in a colander and let warm water run over it until it is thawed, about one minute (some brands take a bit more effort to defrost; you can also use a microwave if necessary). Then, use your hands to squeeze out as much excess liquid as you can.*
3. *In a large bowl, whisk the eggs. Then, stir in the oregano, salt, garlic powder, cottage cheese, grated Parmesan cheese, spinach, and roasted red pepper. Add a few grinds of fresh ground black pepper if you like.*
4. *Pour the egg mixture into the prepared pie dish. Sprinkle the top with a few tablespoons of additional chopped roasted red pepper.*
5. *Bake the quiche for 25 to 30 minutes, until set in the center and golden around the edges. Allow to rest for at least 15 minutes before serving. Enjoy!*



Picture and recipe courtesy of [www.ACoupleCooks.com](http://www.ACoupleCooks.com)



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