



A Fresh Start for Spring

Spring is a season of renewal: longer days, warmer weather, and the perfect time to make small changes that improve comfort and efficiency at home. It's also when many homeowners begin outdoor projects, landscaping, and preparing their homes for the warmer months ahead.

To help you make the most of the season, we've gathered practical energy tips, convenient billing options, and a few seasonal reminders.

Smart Energy Tips for Spring

Spring is a great time to make small adjustments that can help improve energy efficiency around your home. Because your electric bill is largely based on how much energy your household uses, even simple changes in daily habits can make a difference over time.

- Set ceiling fans to rotate counterclockwise
- Opt for drying laundry outside
- Vacuum refrigerator coils
- Cook outside or use smaller appliances
- Open windows on cool nights
- Run your dishwasher instead of hand washing
- Keep vents open and unobstructed
- Turn off fans when you leave a room

[More Energy Conservation Tips](#)

Easy Ways to Manage Your Electric Bill

HEC offers convenient options to help make managing your utility bill simple and predictable.



Budget Program

Seasonal energy use can cause utility bills to rise and fall throughout the year. HEC's Budget Program helps smooth out fluctuations by dividing your estimated annual utility costs into 12 consistent monthly payments, making it easier to plan for your expenses.

[Learn about the Budget Program](#)

Bank Draft Option

Customers can also enroll in HEC's Bank Draft Option, which automatically deducts your monthly bill from your account on the due date.

You'll still receive your monthly bill for review, but automatic payments help eliminate the need to write checks, pay for postage, or worry about late payment charges.

[Sign Up for Bank Draft](#)

Dig Safely This Spring

April is Safe Digging Month, a good reminder to contact [Virginia811](#) before starting any outdoor digging projects—whether you're planting trees, installing a fence, or starting a landscaping project.

Contacting Virginia811 before you dig allows utility crews to mark underground lines so work can be done safely and without disrupting important services.

Powering Our Community Together

One of the things that makes Harrisonburg special is the way our community shows up for one another.

This winter was especially cold, causing HVAC systems to work harder and electric bills to rise.



Our Energy Share Program is a simple way for customers to make a meaningful difference locally. By rounding up your monthly bill or making a small donation, participants help support energy assistance efforts throughout our community.

Plus, HEC matches every contribution, helping your donation go even further.

[Learn more about Energy Share](#)

Celebrating the Team Behind the Power

On April 18, we celebrate **National Lineman Appreciation Day**, honoring the skilled lineworkers who maintain our electric system and work in all kinds of conditions to keep power flowing safely and reliably throughout Harrisonburg.



Later in the month, **Administrative Professionals Day** on April 22, recognizes the team members who keep daily operations moving—from assisting customers and coordinating service requests to supporting crews in the field.

These holidays remind us that reliable electric service is a true team effort. From field crews to our office workers, every member of the HEC team plays an important role in serving our community. We're grateful for the dedication and hard work they bring each day to keep Harrisonburg powered.

Mark Your Calendar

April 3 - Office Closed for Good Friday

April 18 - Lineman Appreciation Day

April 22 - Earth Day

April 22 - Administrative Professionals Day

May 25 - Office Closed for Memorial Day

June 19 - Office Closed for Juneteenth

June 21 - First Day of Summer

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