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Any time you or an electrician does wiring or other electrical work at your home or farm, Minnesota state law requires a state wiring inspector to conduct a proper inspection of the work. A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. Inspectors can be reached weekday mornings between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Find service territories for electrical inspectors here: https://workplace.doli.state.mn.us/jurisdiction/

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Anyone who plans to dig is required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance. All digging requires a 48-hour notification so that buried telephone lines, TV cable, pipelines, and utility electric lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide excellent value to our members through the safe delivery of reliable electric service, excellent member service and innovative energy solutions at fair and reasonable prices.

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# ASK THE EXPERT!



### **WHAT CAN I DO TO REDUCE MY DEMAND?**



**Bob Gregg** *Business Development Manager* 

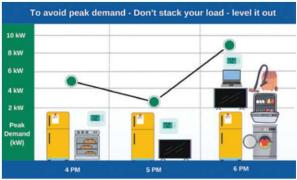
Starting with August bills, a new line item was added to residential accounts for "demand." Demand is the maximum amount of energy being used at a given time, and is recorded in 60-minute intervals over the course of the month. The 60-minute interval with the highest demand (kW) is used to calculate the monthly peak demand on your bill.

There are three ways that members can reduce their demand.

1. OFF-PEAK: Heating/cooling equipment, water heating and EV charging connected to the off-peak program will not incur a demand charge because the loads are used during off-peak hours.

**2. ENERGY EFFICIENCY:** When it comes time to replace your heating/cooling system, consider a more energy-efficient option, such as an air-source heat pump or geothermal heat pump.

3. TIMING: As more appliances in your home run at the same time, your demand for power increases. Certain appliances – such as electric ovens, dishwashers and clothes dryers – demand more power from the grid. That's why not running



them at the same time is important to minimize demand. Lower your demand by not using too many high-power appliances at the same time. By spreading out your electric use, you'll have more control over your electric bill and help Beltrami Electric lower overall peak demand costs as well.