

## It's Cold Outside !

As many of you may have noticed, your electric bill may be a higher than normal. Mother Nature has blessed us with colder than normal temperatures. January of 2025 was 8 degrees colder on average than December of 2024. Unfortunately, with the cold weather we are experiencing, heating systems must work much harder to maintain the temperature in your home. More energy is used to maintain a steady temperature which will can increase in your electric bill. These bills seem out of the norm to many of us, but we also haven't had a "true Vermont Winter" in several years.

We still read meters monthly. Depending on weather factors, holidays and month length, the days of service on your monthly bill can vary from 28-33 days. Bills with usage for 32-33 days tend to be a little higher.

Some helpful energy saving tips:

- Check seals on all doors and windows
- Unplug electronics when not in use
- Clean Dryer duct
- Let the sun in during the day, but close curtains at night

We are all in this together. Please contact our office with any questions or concerns at 1-802-472-5201 ext 1 or [customerservice@hardwickelectric.com](mailto:customerservice@hardwickelectric.com).