

## Unlock Comfort and Savings

If you're working on your summer to-dos, consider adding home weatherization to your list.

We typically think about weatherizing our homes during winter months when we're standing next to a chilly window or a drafty exterior door. But weatherizing your home provides comfort and energy savings year-round, especially during summer months when your air conditioner is working overtime.

According to energystar.gov, a home with insufficient insulation and air leaks wastes more than 20% of the energy used to heat or cool the home — that's essentially throwing money out the door. Fortunately, most weatherization projects are easy to DIY and can be completed in a day.

The simplest and most cost-effective weatherization strategies include air sealing around windows and exterior doors.

If you have older windows, odds are you have air escaping through tiny cracks and gaps around the frame. Do a quick visual inspection. If you can see any daylight around the frame or the windows rattle easily, you likely have air leaks. Also check for any small cracks around the frame that



may not be visible with sunlight.

If you suspect you have leaky windows and plan to apply new caulk, be sure to remove the old caulk and clean the area well before application. Caulking materials vary in strength and properties, but you'll likely need a half-cartridge per window.

Silicone caulk is a popular choice and can also be used to seal joints between bathroom and kitchen fixtures. If you have any leftover caulk, use it to seal those areas.

Another effective but simple weatherization project is installing weatherstripping around exterior doors. The most common types of weatherstripping options are V-channel, felt and foam tape. To choose the best type for your home, consider temperature fluctuations and weather exposure. Most homeowners opt for felt or foam tape; both options are easy to install but will need to be replaced every couple years, depending on wear and tear. Weatherstripping should be installed around the top and sides of the door.

If you see daylight around the bottom of an exterior door, consider installing a door sweep in addition to weatherstripping. Door sweeps are

available in aluminum, plastic, vinyl and felt options.

Weatherstripping can also be installed around windows, typically to the sides of a double hung or sliding window, or around the window sash.

If you're unsure how to install weatherstripping or apply caulk, check out trusted websites like lowes.com or energy.gov for step-by-step instructions and video tutorials.

Another way to improve comfort in your home is adding insulation. While this is a more costly project and requires a professional's help, it's an effective way to decrease heat flow, which impacts energy use in winter and summer months. Older homes may need additional insulation to either replace older materials or meet newer efficiency standards. Contact a qualified installation specialist if you suspect your home's insulation levels are inadequate.

In addition to saving energy, air sealing can help you avoid moisture control issues, improve indoor air quality and extend the life of your heating and cooling system. Weatherize your home to unlock year-round comfort and savings on monthly energy costs.

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## Official Notice: BARC Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting

**B**ARC will hold its 2024 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 17, at 2 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Rockbridge office located at 1972 Big Spring Drive, Lexington, VA 24450, in the solar room. If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, you may return a signed proxy, found on the back cover of the July issue of *Cooperative Living* magazine. Members returning a signed proxy prior to the meeting will be eligible to participate in a prize drawing for \$150 in free electricity.

### BYLAWS PERTAINING TO ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

**Article IV, Section 4.5: Director Elections.** Not less than seven days before an Annual Member Meeting or a Special Member Meeting at which Directors are to be elected, the Secretary of the Cooperative shall be responsible for mailing to each Member a list of the candidates selected at all District Meetings, the names to be arranged by districts. This list may be included with the notice of the meeting. At the meeting the Secretary of the Cooperative shall place in nomination the names of the official candidates of each district.

Additional nominations for Director for a particular district may be made from the floor. Election of the Directors shall be by printed or mimeographed ballot. The ballots shall list the candidates selected at the District Meetings, the names to be arranged by districts. A candidate nominated from the floor of the meeting may be voted for by writing in the name of the official candidate of the particular district. Each Member of the Cooperative present at the meeting in person or by proxy shall be entitled to vote for one candidate from each district. The candidate from each district receiving the highest number of votes at the meeting shall be considered elected as Director.

**Article IV, Section 4.6: Director Terms.** A Director's term is three (3) years ("Director Term"). The Cooperative shall stagger Director Terms by dividing the total number of authorized Directors into groups of approximately equal number and members will annually elect an approximately equal number of Directors. Decreasing the number of Directors or length of Director Terms may not shorten an incumbent Director's Director Term. Despite the expiration of a Director Term, the Director continues to serve until a new Director is elected, or until the number of Directors is decreased. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Director Term of a Director filling a vacant Director's position is the remaining unexpired Director Term of the vacant Director's position.

## Unclaimed Capital Credits

In accordance with Section 7.4 of the bylaws of BARC Electric Cooperative, notice is hereby provided that BARC is making payment available to members for certain previously allocated and/or retired capital credits.

Current active members will get a credit on their bill during the month of June for these capital credits. The following inactive members are required to contact our office to claim these capital credits.

Checks will only be issued to inactive members who verify their identity and provide a physical mailing address. Our desire is to make sure every eligible member gets their share of this retirement.

Please call member services at 800-846-2272 with questions or to submit a claim.

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# BARC Communities



On April 26, BARC Connects' fiber technicians, Josh Memmolo and Ryan Campbell, proudly accepted certificates of completion on their final day of the Fiber Technician Apprenticeship Program at the VMDAEC Training Center in Palmyra, Va.



On April 5, BARC lineman, Caleb Armstrong (left), completed the VMDAEC Lineman Technician Apprenticeship Program. Jonathan Hines (right), BARC supervisor of electrical operations, helps congratulate Caleb on his accomplishment.



BARC Electric and BARC Connects' employees were on hand at the Bath County Career Fair held at Bath County High School on April 12. BARC enjoyed visiting with students and discussing career options at the cooperative and broadband subsidiary.



Last month, all BARC employees were tasked with an important safety training exercise: how to handle a Mayday call.

Groups were given two practice calls and had to react as if in a real-life emergency. As seconds count in these moments, employees did a terrific job handling these practice emergencies.

We thank our safety department and VMDAEC for setting up this training to help our employees understand the importance of reacting in emergency situations.

The Bath County Arts Association  
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## 59th Annual Bath County Art Show

July 13-21, 2024

Bath County High School

Continuing a remarkable tradition started in 1965, the Bath County Arts Association will hold its 59th annual Art Show, July 13-21, at the Bath County High School in Hot Springs, Va. Admission is free.

This remarkable nine-day event features more than 900 works of art from over 250 regional artists, making it the largest indoor art show in Virginia. Plus, the show includes a section reserved for young artists in grades 6 through 12.

*More details at [bathcountyarts.org](http://bathcountyarts.org).*



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