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My Account offers useful features

Chugach's My Account member portal is more than an easy way to pay your electric bill. Registered members have a number of tools at their fingertips to help them better understand their electric usage and stop high bills before they start.

You can sign up for usage notifications, via email or text message, and be able to act quickly to correct a spike before it gets out of hand and impacts your

bill.



Another feature that sets the portal apart is the ability to sign up for outage notifications. Whether you're on

vacation or at work, you can keep an eye on what is happening at home, giving you ease and comfort of knowing the status of power at your home or business.

With more than 23,000 active My Account users, our members can vouch for the value of the portal. One user said, "Chugach Electric's new member portal is awesome! Accessing my account information is so easy to do that I find myself checking usage a couple times a week. It is by far the best utility portal I have used."

By tracking usage patterns, My Account has helped members diagnose a failed water heater and identify a drop in power usage after exchanging a dirty air filter with a new one. If you haven't registered yet, do so today to take full advantage of your electric cooperative's member tools.

Consider this: Battery-powered yard tools

Mowing our lawns, trimming our hedges, and cutting our firewood traditionally means more fuel use and more air pollution. According to the Department of Energy, lawn mowing consumes more than 1.2 billion gallons of gasoline annually and accounts for approximately 2 percent of U.S. motor gasoline consumption.

Chugach is committed to environmental sustainability which is why we support the switch from gas to battery powered yard tools. Not only will you help improve air quality and reduce noise pollution but you'll no longer need to hassle with changing spark plugs or oil.

Safety managers also support battery power. After incorporating a battery-powered chainsaw into the workplace, Mac Stevens, an Anchorage Health and Safety Professional explains, "The charge of the lithiumion batteries lasts at least as long as a tank of gas on a comparable gasoline-powered chainsaw. The saw has a handle safety trigger to prevent accidental start up. An electric on/off switch saves the repetitive motion of a pull-start, so



we are helping to avoid soft tissue injuries as well."

Join Chugach in moving towards a more sustainable future and make the switch to battery powered yard tools.

Watch for Chugach crews at work

With summer in full swing, Chugach Electric crews are out and about across Anchorage working on a variety of projects. Some of the work is related to Chugach projects, we also partner with local and state road projects, and crews are out restoring power after an outage. It is not unusual for Chugach crews to work 24/7 and weekends for outage restoration, and we often are called to assist Anchorage police and fire departments during certain events. {1116479}

Occasionally, homeowners have questions when they see Chugach crews in neighborhoods, particularly after normal business hours. This work can require going into backyards to access easements where equipment is often located. You can spot a Chugach crew by the logos on the trucks, the logos on the safety gear they are wearing, and you can also ask for identification.

We know it can sometimes be surprising to see people working near or around your house, so we want to make sure we can work well together. The goal of any Chugach crew working anywhere is to work safely and efficiently. If you have questions about a Chugach crew working in your area, you can call 762-7888 to verify.



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Alaska Run for Women

Chugach was a proud supporter of the 2018 Alaska Run for Women with team "High Voltage" raising \$800 to fight breast cancer. The 26th annual event, one of the largest women-only races in the country, attracted more than 5,300 runners and walkers. Since starting in 1993, the run has raised \$4.4 million for breast cancer research and programs.



Know what's below. Call before you dig

Whether you are a do-it-yourselfer or hire a professional, smart digging means always calling 811 before each project.

Just call 811 at least 2 business days or up to 10 days before you want to start digging. (2 business days in most areas). That means if you call 811 Tuesday morning, 811 member utilities will have your service marked by noon Thursday – just in time for your weekend project.

Call 811 Monday through Friday 8am - 5pm (7am - 7pm during the summer) or submit an e-Ticket at www.811ak.com.







convert sunlight into electricity that can be stored in a battery and tapped at night to make light.

Green Corner

Let the sun work for you!

Consider solar lights for

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The Outlet



Member number hide-n-seek

Find your member number (in brackets) in the Outlet and get a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Call Chugach's service center at 563-7366 to claim your prize.

