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## Patronage Capital Paid to Members

The PREMA Board of Directors approved a general retirement of patronage capital at their meeting held August 27, 2024, totaling \$100,000.00. Since 1976, PREMA has returned \$11 million in member's equity, which demonstrates financial stability and helps keep the cost of electricity as low as possible.

**The 2024 General Retirement checks were mailed on September 27, 2024.**

As a bonus, PREMA offers estates a discounted lump sum payment based on the present dollar value of future payments owed to the estate. If you represent a member estate and want to take advantage of this option, please contact the office.



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## Utilities and first responders: An important partnership

Utility companies and traditional first responders often work hand in hand during emergencies. When natural disasters strike or accidents occur, utility workers are frequently among the first on the scene, working alongside firefighters, police and medical personnel to ensure public safety and restore essential services.

When traffic accidents, high winds, ice storms and other events involve downed power lines or power outages, they can cause both visible and hidden hazards that can put everyone at risk. It's important for utility workers and other first responders to work together to minimize risk.

First responders have a critical role in keeping communities safe. National First Responders Day serves as a reminder of the importance of collaboration, preparedness and mutual support in times of crisis. To all who selflessly serve as first responders to keep us safe — we share gratitude on National First Responders Day and every other day of the year.





# ENERGY VAMPIRES

**DON'T LET THEM DRAIN YOUR WALLET**

Many household appliances are using energy even when not in use, including televisions, computers, DVD players, cable boxes with DVR, cell phone chargers, printers, and game consoles. Depending on how many appliances are used, costs can quickly add up to \$100-200 a year.

Stop energy vampires. Plug electronics into a smart power strip or a power strip you can turn off. Simply unplugging unused kitchen appliances could save you \$10-20 per year.

Learn how to stop energy vampires, visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).

## TOP 10 OFFENDERS

1. TVs
2. Home computers
3. Video game consoles
4. Surround sound systems
5. Cell phone & tablet chargers
6. Satellite/Cable boxes
7. DVD players
8. Printers
9. Microwave
10. Coffee maker





## Notes from Load Management

As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Load Control season has come to an end. With the limited moisture we received, May, June and July controlled days were above the monthly average. August and September were more towards normal.

If interested in participating in Load Control for 2025 you can call the office at 308-762-1311 and talk with Nick Paradeis or Tim Sherlock.



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