

Renew GATE exemption

The Georgia Agriculture Tax Exemption (GATE) card is issued to farmers and producers who are exempt from state sales tax on the inputs used in the production of their commodity.

To continue receiving this sales tax exemption from Walton EMC, producers must submit renewed cards to the co-op no later than Jan. 31.

To find out what has changed or apply for 2025–2026 GATE card, visit forms.agr.georgia.gov/GATE.

Copies of your renewed GATE card can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the following:

MAIL: Walton EMC, Attn: Connie Bentley, P.O. Box 260, Monroe, GA 30655

FAX: 770.267.6479

EMAIL: gatecardelectric@waltonemc.com



Payer beware

Despite what the signs may say, those “authorized payment centers” you see at some local retailers are not affiliated with Walton EMC. Choosing to pay your Walton EMC power bill via this method doesn’t necessarily assure your payment will be received by the co-op. In addition, these centers charge a processing fee — something your co-op does not do.

Power bill payments should be made directly to Walton EMC using one of the quick and reliable options outlined at waltonemc.com/my-account/ways-to-pay. The co-op can accept payments 24 hours a day, any day of the week. Residential customer-owners who struggle with monthly payment deadlines may opt for PrePay, a pay-along electricity payment plan.



Don't forget to apply!

Don't miss out on these exciting opportunities! Walton EMC offers various youth and community programs with upcoming deadlines:

SCHOOL EMPOWERMENT GRANTS

Walton EMC offers educational grants to schools and classroom teachers for a myriad of uses that further instructional programs. Any public school located within Walton EMC's service territory is eligible to apply. Private schools can apply as well if they are served by Walton EMC electric service. **Deadline to apply: 12/13/24**

WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR

If you're a high school sophomore or junior living or attending school in Walton EMC's service area, you could win an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., as a participant in the Washington Youth Tour.

Deadline to apply: 12/13/24

WALTON ELECTRIC TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

The Walton Electric Trust student scholarship is open to any graduating high school senior or incoming college freshman with no more than 15 hours of college credit. To qualify, the student's primary residence must be served by Walton EMC. **Deadline to apply: 1/31/25**

WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the Walter Harrison Scholarship program awards \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors and undergraduate students attending any vocational school or two- or four-year accredited college or university in Georgia.

Deadline to apply: Check our website at waltonemc.com/youth

You can find more information on all these programs at waltonemc.com/youth or scan here:



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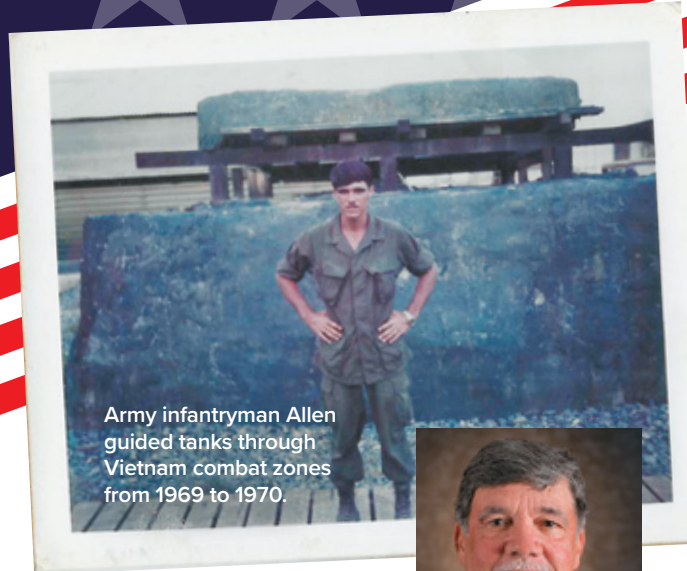
RATED #1 BY CUSTOMERS FOR BRAND APPEAL AMONG RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

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STILL SERVING

VETERANS SEE PARALLELS BETWEEN MILITARY AND CO-OP ROLES

This month, Walton EMC is celebrating military veterans who use their service experiences to deliver greater value to the co-op's customer-owners. Board member Billy Ray Allen and long-time employee Anthony Hendricks are among the former soldiers, airmen, sailors, marines and guardsmen playing a role in co-op management and operations.



Army infantryman Allen guided tanks through Vietnam combat zones from 1969 to 1970.

Board member Billy Ray Allen has represented customer-owners in the Mountain Park district for 10 years.



Walton County native Hendricks completed Air Force basic training in 1981.



Anthony Hendricks, apparatus supervisor, has been a Walton EMC employee for 32 years.

AIRMAN BECOMES APPARATUS HEAD

Hendricks' 32-year tenure at Walton EMC began following a decade of service in the Air Force. Trained as an electrical systems specialist, he maintained and repaired military aircraft at Rhein-Main, a strategic and tactical airlift base in Germany, and Florida's Hurlburt Field, headquarters for the Air Force Special Operations Command.

FROM BATTLEGROUND TO BOARDROOM

Allen, a retired landscape company owner, represents the Mountain Park district on the co-op's Board of Directors. His leadership is influenced by lessons he learned in Vietnam nearly 55 years ago.



Step 1
Point your phone camera at the QR code.

Step 2
Tap the screen to access Walton EMC news online.

READ THEIR FULL STORIES HERE

Walton EMC received the highest score in the Electric Cooperatives segment of the J.D. Power 2024 U.S. Utility Brand Appeal Index (BAI) Study, which analyzes how well U.S. utilities relate to their customers and evaluates the specific actions that influence overall brand experience. Visit jdpower.com/awards for more details.

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IF YOUR POWER IS OUT
770.267.2505
waltonemc.com > Report an Outage

WHEN WE'RE AVAILABLE
Power Outages and Emergencies > 24/7
Contact Center > M–F, 7A–7P
Business Offices > M–F, 8A–5P

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Monroe 842 US Hwy. 78
Snellville 3645 Lenora Church Rd.
Watkinsville 2061-D Hog Mountain Rd.

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our leaders

- President and CEO** Ron Marshall
- Senior VP Corporate Services** Russell DeLong
- CFO/Senior VP Finance** Marsha Shumate
- Senior VP Walton Energy and External Affairs** Jim Bottone
- VP Engineering and Operations** Tim Morris
- VP Power Supply** Hudson Kingery
- Board Chair** Michael Lowder
- Board Vice Chair** Jason Sidwell
- Board Secretary/Treasurer** Stan Pitts
- Board Members** Tommy Adcock, Billy Ray Allen, Dan Chelko, Wayne Lester, Sam Simonton, Dawn Taylor
- Public Relations** Savannah Chandler, Morgan Spivey
- Design** mPrint Design Studio

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Hurricane Helene

WALTON EMC RESTORATION

PLANNING

TUES., SEPT. 24
Approx. 6:00 p.m.

Walton EMC Activates Storm Plan Communications

Walton EMC activates its storm plan and begins communicating about the approaching storm with employees and members.

LANDFALL

THURS., SEPT. 26
11:25 p.m.

Hurricane Helene Makes Landfall as Category 4

Hurricane Helene makes landfall on the coast as a powerful Category 4 hurricane.

OUTAGES

FRI., SEPT. 27
Approx. 6:00 a.m.

Hurricane-Force Winds Reach Walton EMC Territory

Hurricane Helene's powerful winds begin to impact Walton EMC's service area. First outages are reported and restoration efforts begin immediately.

Approx. 8:00 a.m.

Peak Outages Reported

Walton EMC reports peak outages of nearly 26,300 members without power. There are 24 broken poles identified across the system.

Approx. 3:30 p.m.

CEO Provides Restoration Update

President/CEO Ron Marshall reports 6,331 members remain without power, down from peak of nearly 26,300.

Approx. 9:45 p.m.

Evening Restoration Progress

Over 98% of members have power restored. However, 2,364 members remain without power.

RESTORATION

SAT., SEPT. 28
Approx. 9:30 a.m.

Significant Progress Made

Linemen focus on restoring service for the 313 members who remain without power.

Approx. 6:30 p.m.

Full Power Restoration Achieved

Walton EMC announces all members' power is restored, following a peak of 26,300 outages on Friday.

COOPERATION

SUN., SEPT. 29
8:00 a.m.

Walton EMC Crews Prepare to Assist Others

With local restoration complete, Walton EMC linemen depart to help cooperatives further south.



We're grateful for the support of our community, like Jim and Krista Myles (above) of Snellville, who brought lunch to our hardworking crews.

"We're thankful for the guys that do the work that get things up and running," said Jim and Krista.



"We recognize that each outage represents families and businesses impacted."

—Ron Marshall, Walton EMC President/CEO