

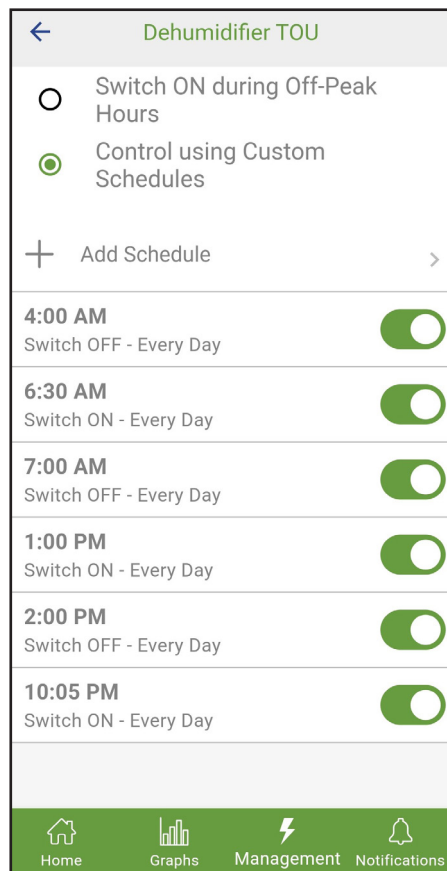
How To Use Smart Plugs To Save On Time-Of-Day

If you look around your home, you likely have more devices and equipment that require electricity than ever before. But did you know you can reduce your costs using those devices with smart plugs?

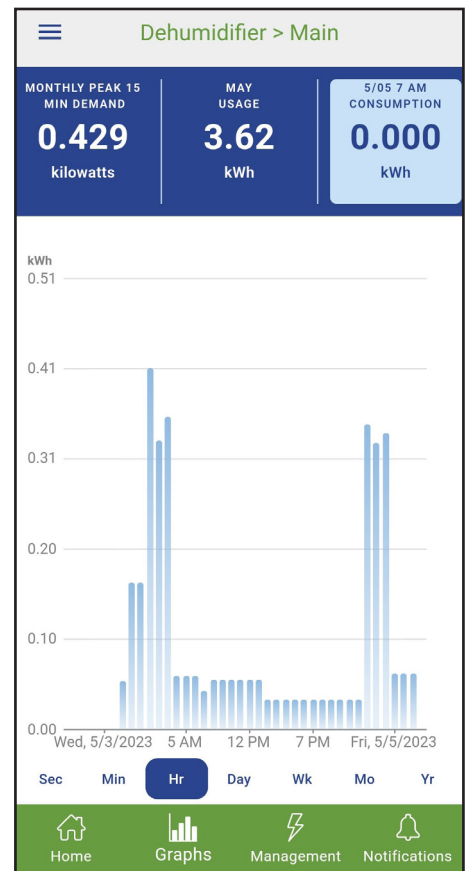
Smart plugs help automate your home by allowing you to turn on and off and/or set scheduled items through an app on your phone or tablet. You can use them for indoor and outdoor lighting, appliances, and equipment. Using the custom controls feature, you can schedule them outside Linn County REC's peak time from 4:01 pm to 10:00 pm (see dehumidifier example) to help reduce your electric bill.

So how much can you save? For example, if you have a dehumidifier plugged in, it could run daily, costing up to \$46.41 a month. However, using a smart plug to schedule the dehumidifier for only 12 hours could cut your cost in half.

And using a smart plug is easy. Once purchased, it's as simple as downloading the app to your phone or tablet, connecting the device to your Wi-Fi or Bluetooth, setting the schedule, and plugging in your device (lamp, dehumidifier, window AC, etc.), and enjoying the benefits. Remember, taking simple steps



like using smart plugs to save energy throughout the day and shifting energy-intensive chores to off-peak hours can help you save. For alternative energy production members with over production during off-peak hours, it will be more economical to schedule devices and use energy during the period when over production is occurring.



Reducing the peak also impacts the power-supply cost to every co-op member. Everyone conserving energy and making small changes can make a difference.

Visit www.linncountyrec.com to learn more about peak energy times and more ways to save energy.