

A close-up photograph of a person's hands wearing tan work gloves, gripping a weathered wooden post. The person is wearing a blue denim shirt. Barbed wire is wrapped around the post. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

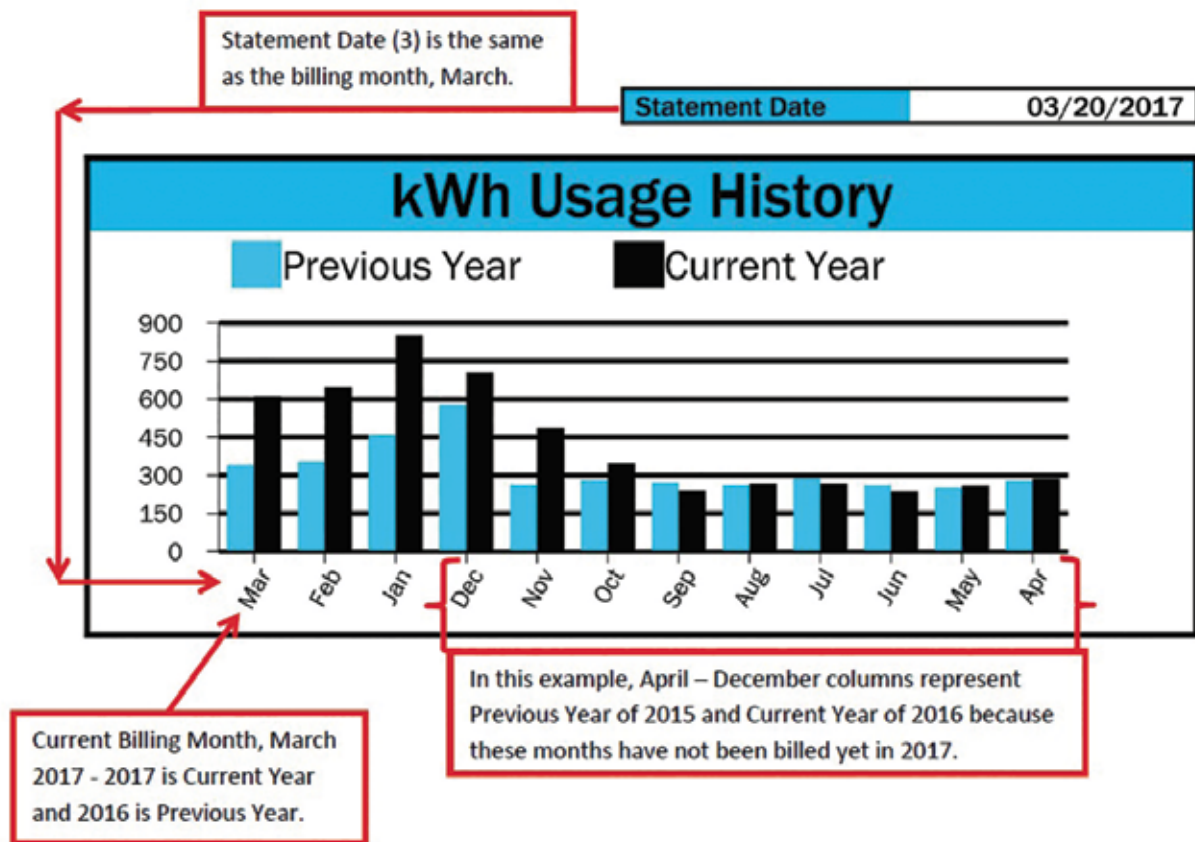
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How to Read the kWh Usage History Graph on Your Electric Bill



On your Sierra Electric bill statement we include a chart that represents your kWh usage history for 24 months.

The statement date is the same as the current billing month and is always the first month starting at the left of the graph. The blue column indicates the previous year's usage history and the black column indicates the current year of usage.

In this example, 3/20/2017 is the billing statement date. Therefore, on the graph the March data represents the current billing month and is the first month starting at the left and includes the usage history from the previous year of 2016 and current year of 2017. If a month has not occurred at the time of billing in the current year, in this example April-December 2017, then the data for those months represents 2016 and 2015.

If you have any questions regarding your billing statement please contact us at 575-744-5231

Power Tip

Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure that it is not blocked. This will save energy and could prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material—not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

Safety First on the Fourth

It's the favorite, flag-waving holiday that has something for everyone—parades, picnics, games, fun, and food!



It's also the holiday that requires a little celebration common sense from kids to grandparents. For example:

- Place your grill away from dry grass, bushes, your house and keep it out of the wind.
- Use extreme caution with fireworks. Make sure a knowledgeable person handles the fireworks display.
- Generously apply sunscreen when outdoors, and reapply every two hours, even on cloudy days, and after swimming or sweating.

So celebrate the Fourth of July with safety in mind and enjoy all of the festivities.

Happy Independence Day!
Have a safe and fun Fourth of July. The cooperative will be closed Tuesday, July 4 and will re-open on Wednesday, July 5.



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Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the cooperative boardroom.



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