

ComEd's Smart Meter Benefits

WHAT ARE SMART METERS?

Smart meters are digital electric meters that collect energy-usage information and securely send it to ComEd. Smart meters are a key part of ComEd's effort to modernize the electric system and provide you with better service and a stronger, more reliable electric system.

ComEd plans to install approximately 4 million smart meters in all homes and businesses across its northern Illinois service territory by the end of 2018. ComEd will notify you in advance when it plans to install smart meters in your community.



GREATER CONTROL OVER YOUR ENERGY USE

Smart meters provide you access to more information about your energy use through online energy-management tools. You can enroll to receive phone or email alerts when your usage is trending higher than normal for your household, and sign up for weekly emails that summarize your daily energy use. This enables you to monitor your consumption habits and make changes that can help you conserve energy and lower your electric bills.

MORE OPTIONS, MORE SAVINGS FOR YOU

You can enroll in optional pricing programs that help you save on your electric bills. Starting in the fall of 2014, residential customers with smart meters will be able to enroll in ComEd's Peak Time Savings and earn credits on their electric bills by voluntarily reducing electricity use during designated time periods when energy is most in demand.

At any time, you also can participate in ComEd's Residential Real-Time Pricing (RRTP) program, which lets you pay the hourly market price of electricity. You can manage your costs by shifting electricity use to times when prices are lower, such as nights and weekends.

Additional money-saving programs that use smart meter information may be available through other electric suppliers.

BETTER SERVICE

Because smart meters automatically send meter readings to ComEd, they help eliminate estimated bills and the need for a meter reader to come to your home.

COST SAVINGS PASSED ON TO YOU

Smart meters provide more efficient utility operations—including detection of meter tampering and the ability to expedite the transfer of electrical service should you move from one location to another within the ComEd service territory. This helps reduce operating costs that become savings on your electric bills.

SHORTER OUTAGES

When the smart grid is complete, smart meters can notify ComEd when an outage occurs and when power is restored. This leads to quicker response times and more efficient outage restoration.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE A SMART METER?

Look on your ComEd bill.

You have a smart meter if the meter number has nine digits and begins with a "2." (See the "Meter Information" box near the top of your bill.)

Check the meter installed on your home.

SMART METER

Smart meters are affixed with a **Silver Spring Networks sticker** at the top of the face of the meter.



ANALOG METER

Analog meters have **dials**.

