



Meter Tampering:

Dangerous. Illegal. Not Worth It.

What is Meter Tampering?

Meter tampering is any unauthorized attempt to:

- Slow down or stop your electric meter
- Bypass it to divert electricity
- Open, move, or alter the meter in any way

This includes actions like:

- Installing jumpers in the meter base
- Opening CT/PT switches
- Resetting or replacing a meter
- Removing or installing a meter without authorization

Tampering is not just risky. It's a **crime** under Indiana Law.

5 Reasons to NEVER Mess with a Meter

1. **Safety Risk** - Tampering can cause sparks, fires, and catastrophic failures.
2. **It's a Crime** - You can face prosecution, fines, or jail time.
3. **Power Shutoff** - Your service won't be restored until all debts, penalties, and usage are prepaid.
4. **Higher Bills for Everyone** - Theft drives up rates for honest members.
5. **Appliance Damage** - Unsafe wiring can ruin your electronics or HVAC system.

Our Policy is Clear

If tampering is found:

- You'll be charged a \$250 tampering fee (first offense), and \$350 for subsequent offenses.
- You'll be billed for all stolen energy, equipment damage, and repair costs.
- We may notify law enforcement and cooperate with prosecution.
- Service will not be restored until all charges are paid in full and a county inspection has been performed.

See Henry County REMC Policy 306 for full details.



NEVER
break a
meter seal



NEVER
open a
meter base



NEVER allow
anyone but REMC
crews to install or
remove meters



Need Help Paying Your Bill?

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