



Chimney Rock News



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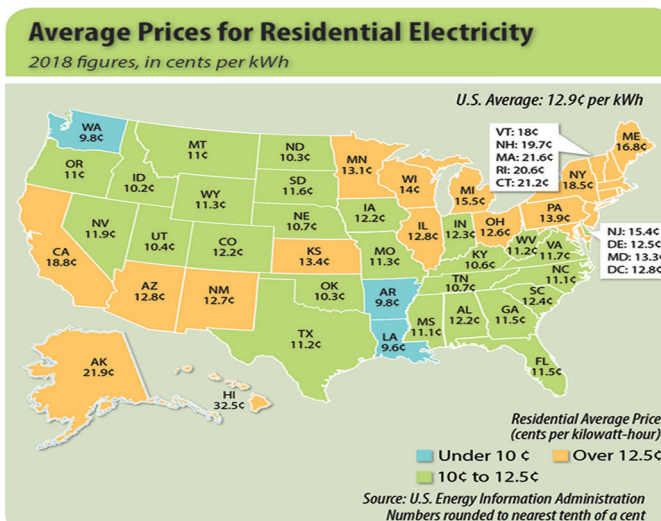
April, 2020

Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

Well spring has sprung and we are into April, the best month of the year according to many. But don't forget April 1st is All Fools Day and April can fool us with all types of weather. The 10th is Good Friday and the 5th is Palm Sunday then Easter on the 12th. National Beer Day is on the 7th, and on the 11th is Eight Track Tape Day (if you remember these you are as old as I am). The 13th is National Peach Cobbler Day and the 15th is the day to pay your income tax, then the one I need to let my wife know about is Husband Appreciation Day on the 18th and Nebraska started Arbor Day on the 24th.

So now all the important days are covered and we can start working the fields and getting a crop ready. Remember if we do have bad weather to double check any generators and make sure they cannot feed on to Chimney Rock's primary lines. If it gets cold and you decide to run some space heaters keep them away from anything combustible, remember too that it costs about \$43.00 a month to run a 1500 watt space heater for 8 hours a day, so if you leave it on day and night for 30 days you are looking at about \$130.00 a month increase in your bill. This also applies to tractor block heaters and stock tank heaters. As always stay safe and call Chimney Rock PPD if you have an accident with our poles or lines, and if there is a power outage and you notice something that could be a problem, please let us know.



Energy Efficiency Credits

Energy Efficiency Credits are available on electric motors, electric heating, electric hot water heaters, Energy Star appliances and LED lights. Efficiency Credits are available on new installations only.

Certain standards of efficiency must be met to qualify depending on the type of electric equipment installed.

Some of the credits from Tri-State G & T are:

- *Electric water heaters - \$30 - \$100/unit
- *Heat pumps \$125 - \$150/ton
- *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp
- *2 Ton or larger Energy Star air conditioners-\$100-\$150/unit
- *Energy Star Appliances (refrig, clothes or dish washer and clothes dryers) \$30-\$90
- *LED lights - lesser of 1/2 cost of lights or \$8 per lamp

Chimney Rock also contributes to some of the credit.

Please contact our office for information on requirements and credit amounts at 586-1824.

Let us help pay for your new electric appliances and motors.

Safe – Efficient – Electric

Lineworker Appreciation Day

April 13, 2020

Remember to #ThankALineworker

Lineworkers serve on the front-lines of our nation's energy needs, and on April 13, 2020 Chimney Rock Public Power District, along with other electric utilities across the country, will honor the brave men and women who work hard to keep the lights on.

Line crews work around the clock, sometimes in difficult and dangerous conditions, to keep power flowing to our local communities. Whether they are restoring power after a major storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to our electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of Chimney Rock PPD.

When a storm hits, they set aside their personal priorities because Mother Nature doesn't work around holidays, vacations, and birthdays. A service-oriented mentality is one of the many admirable characteristics of an electric lineworker. Chimney Rock PPD is proud to honor our lineworkers that maintain 1,100 miles of line and over 3,200 meters.



Chimney Rock's linecrew pictured left to right:
DJ Kearns, Justin McAllister, Hunter McCormick, Bryce Hargens, Jacob Ashmore, Scot Ouderkirk and Ron Hubbard. Not pictured - Brandon Wyckoff

Planning a Yard Project? Don't Just Dig In

April is National Safe Digging Month. It reminds us all that as we begin beautifying our yards, we shouldn't just dig in. According to 811, the "Call Before You Dig" national hotline, an underground utility is damaged every nine minutes because someone didn't call before digging.

Whether it is a do-it-yourself project or you are hiring a professional, call 811 or your state's utility locating service two to three days prior to starting any digging project to request that all underground utilities be marked. The service is free.

You may think it won't hurt anything to dig in an unmarked yard when landscaping, installing a fence, deck or mailbox, or even "just" planting a small flower bed or bush, but damaging an underground cable can have serious consequences.

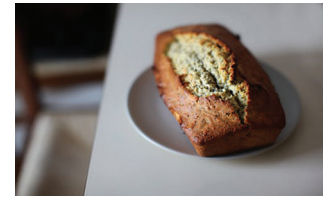
Hitting a line could result in serious injuries and disrupted service for you and your neighbors. It could also make a dent in your wallet for repair fees or other fines.

Before digging:

- Notify your state's one-call center by calling 811 or making an online request 2-3 days before work begins.
- Wait the required amount of time for affected utility operators to respond to your request.
- Confirm that all affected utility operators have responded to your request and marked underground utilities.
- Dig carefully around the marks with care.



Remember that privately owned underground lines will NOT be marked by location flaggers. Examples of private lines/equipment include well and septic, underground sprinkler systems, invisible fencing, gas or electric lines that serve a detached building, as well as any lines (electric, water, sewer) from the meter to your home.



Banana Walnut Bread

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon fine salt
2 large eggs, at room temp
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup unsalted butter, at room temp
1 cup sugar
3 very ripe bananas, peeled and mashed
1/2 cup toasted walnut pieces

Sift flour, baking soda, and salt into a medium bowl, set aside. Whisk the eggs and vanilla together in a liquid measuring cup with a spout, set aside. Lightly brush a 9x5 x3-inch loaf pan with butter. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Cream the butter and sugar in a mixer until light and fluffy. Gradually pour the egg mixture into the butter while mixing until incorporated. Add bananas. With a spatula, mix in the flour mixture. Fold in the nuts and pour batter into pan. Bake for 55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the bread comes out clean.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

This spring, consider using a rain barrel to save energy. Rain barrels capture rainwater from a roof that can be used later for watering your lawn, garden or indoor plants.



NEBRASKA RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP



July 20-24, 2020

High school students, grades 9 - 11
Nebraska State 4-H Camp - Halsey, Neb.

Apply today for Youth Energy Leadership Camp

To be eligible for this year's camp you must:
Currently be in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade
Complete an application form and return it to CRPPD

This camp is a chance to learn about the electric industry through interesting workshops, fascinating demonstrations and presentations by experts in the rural electric field. There will be a tour of the Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant.

All expenses for this camp are paid by CRPPD. Applications are due by May 1st, contact our office for more information.

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April Board Meeting:
April 13th - 7:00 p.m.

**During normal office hours
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(877) 773-6300**

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