



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumers,

Now that November and the election day have passed and we have celebrated Thanksgiving, I have started to see what December has in store for us and have found more things that I am thankful for (and probably the reason I am kind of a round shape). It seems December has many days dedicated to things I really like. It starts with National Pie Day on the 1st, then National Cookie Day on the 4th, and Brownie Day on the 8th. Cupcake Day is on the 15th and Chocolate Covered Anything Day on the 16th. Then a couple days off until National Date Nut Bread Day, and Pumpkin Pie Day on the 25th, and Fruitcake Day on the 27th. Chocolate Candy Day is on the 28th ending the month with National Bacon Day, wow what a month! There are some other notable days in December as well beginning with Pearl Harbor Day on the 7th and on the 21st is the first day of winter so I believe it is not a coincidence that it is also Bah Humbug Day, but soon comes Christmas Day on the 25th so we all feel better about winter and can close out 2020 on New Year's Eve, the 31st and hope that 2021 is nothing like 2020!! I do hope 2020 is a once in a lifetime event and you all got through it in good fashion, and hope that 2021 brings a better year.

As always know that Chimney Rock P.P.D. is always here and ready to assist with any way that we can. If you experience an outage or see anything unusual on our lines please let us know. Be careful as the roads will be getting slippery and anything out in the cold can be dangerous. This is Chimney Rocks 85th year as your electric service provider and we hope to be here for many more. Have a good 2021 and stay safe and healthy. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

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. Invoices showing proof of purchase must be provided.

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.

Four Ways Santa Saves Energy in His Workshop

The holiday season is finally upon us, and Santa and his elves have been especially busy as they gear up for their biggest night of the year.

It's no secret that Santa is known for running an efficient workshop—how else could he make all those toys in time for Christmas Eve? Rumor has it that one way Santa ensures an efficient workspace is through energy-saving measures.

Here are four ways Santa saves energy in his workshop.

1. Santa leaves his decorations up year-round, so by using LED holiday light strands, he's able to save on his monthly energy bills. LED holiday strands can last up to 40 seasons, which make them a great option for any festive home.
2. Santa requires several power tools to make a year's worth of new toys. That's why he insists on using cordless power tools with the ENERGY STAR® rating. According to energystar.gov, if all power tools in the U.S. used ENERGY STAR®-rated battery chargers, 2 billion kWh hours of electricity could be saved—that's equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1.7 million tons!
3. Mrs. Claus loves to keep warm by the fire in the evenings, and Santa knows one of the best tricks to ensure fireplace efficiency. While a fireplace can keep a small area of your home cozy and warm, it can also pull heated air from the room through the chimney. That's why Santa always closes the fireplace flue when a fire isn't burning.
4. Santa also saves energy by using power strips. Power strips are ideal for workshops, craft nooks, game rooms and other spaces in your home. With one simple switch, you can conveniently control several devices and electronics that are plugged into the power strip.

This holiday season, let's take a page from Santa's book and remember to save energy when possible. With these four tips, you'll be well on your way to savings (and hopefully, Santa's "nice" list!).

Be a Smart Cookie Holiday Baking Tips

If you're planning to cook feasts or create treats this holiday season, follow these basic safety tips:

Test Smoke Detectors

Make sure they're working properly



Watch Your Sleeves

This is not a good time for loose sleeves



Put a Lid on it

Have lids handy in case of a grease fire



Old Things Don't Become New

Don't use appliances in disrepair



How the Cookie Crumbles

Consider having a fire extinguisher on hand



Where There's Heat There Could Be Fire

Keep flammables such as pot holders away from the stove

Not Child's Play

Keep children and pets away from cooking areas



Keeping Time

Use a timer when the oven or stove is on

Stay With it

Don't leave the room if you are broiling, frying or simmering food



Pay Attention

Take a nap **after** the feast

Merry Christmas

In a manger long ago, a child was born who showed the world the path to peace and a love of mankind. Today, it still begins with a single, loving action that ripples into the collective spirit.

*To our customers and friends, we wish you the
Merriest Christmas and blessings for the New Year.
Merry Christmas from the directors and employees at
Chimney Rock PPD*

Shauna Abbott, Jacob Ashmore, Tina Douglas, Larry Fiscus, Bryce Hargens, Alvin Harimon, Corey Henkel, Ron Hubbard, DJ Kearns, Richard Kildow, Kande Laeger, Justin McAllister, Hunter McCormick, Scot Ouderkirk, Travis Petersen, Stan Propp, Kevin Stuart, and Brandon Wyckoff



Our Office Will be Closed:

*December 24th and 25th for Christmas
and*

*December 31st at 11:30 a.m. and January 1st
for New Year's Day*



Butter Toffee

2 cups unblanched whole almonds
11 ounces milk chocolate-chopped
1 cup sugar
1 cup butter-cubed
3 tablespoons cold water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a shallow baking pan, toast almonds until golden brown, 5-10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cool. Pulse chocolate in a food processor until finely ground; transfer to a bowl. Pulse almonds in food processor until coarsely chopped. Sprinkle 1 cup almonds over bottom of a greased 15x10x1 inch pan. Sprinkle with 1 cup chocolate.

In a heavy sauce pan, combine butter, sugar and water. Cook over medium heat until a candy thermometer reads 290 degrees, stirring occasionally.

Immediately pour mixture over almonds and chocolate in pan. Sprinkle with remaining chocolate and almonds. Refrigerate until set, break into pieces.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

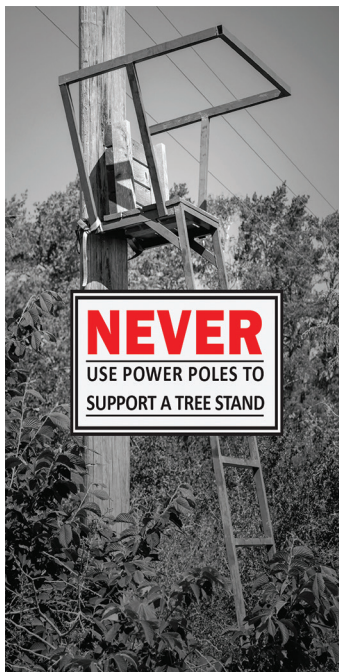
Energy bills can increase during winter for a variety of reasons, like houseguests, more time spent at home, and shorter days and longer nights. Small actions, like turning down your thermostat, replacing old bulbs with LEDs and washing clothes in cold water can help you save.



Budget Billing Set Up Time

Customers currently on budget billing will have their accounts “settled up” with the January billing. The accounts will bill the actual amount due on the account.

This is a good time to set up new budget accounts. New budgets will start with the February billing. If you would like more information on budget billing or would like to set up your account on budget just give our office a call.



HUNTING SAFETY

- Before you begin a hunt, note the location of power lines and other electrical equipment. Dense trees can make them hard to see.
- Obey all signs that advise electrical hazards, especially when placing a tree stand.
- Never use power poles to support a tree stand.
- Never shoot at power lines or electrical equipment.
- When setting up and taking down the stand, make sure you don't make contact with any overhead electrical equipment.
- If you're using a portable generator on your trip, don't run it in a confined area.

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December Board Meeting
December 9th, 9:00 am

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