



# Chimney Rock News



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## **Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon**

Dear Consumers,

Now that January is behind us and it is now February, it is time to start planning your garden (seems a little early to me, but that is what the experts say). On February 2<sup>nd</sup> we can check out what the groundhog way up in Pennsylvania has to say about our Nebraska winter, then on the 12<sup>th</sup> we have Abe Lincoln's birthday, and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> George Washington's birthday. Yet we celebrate Presidents Day on the 17<sup>th</sup>???. But, on the 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's Day, and on the 25<sup>th</sup> is Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday and this year we even get an extra day on the 29<sup>th</sup>, as this is a leap year.

February is kind of a regroup type of month as harvest has wound down and getting equipment ready to get back in the field is progressing. We at Chimney Rock are also getting on to projects that were slowed by the snow, wind, and ice. We will be finishing up our portion of the road project from Alliance to the L62A intersection on top of Angora hill and putting in poles that were found to be defective by our pole inspection company, along with regular maintenance, and any new services that are required. As always be cautious around power lines and poles, be aware also when hooking up any kind of emergency generators that there is no way to get power back to our transformer. If there are any types of problems give our office a call. Have a happy, healthy, and safe February and 2020.



## **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

# GENERATE SAFETY

Before use, learn about the potential **dangers** associated with portable generators, such as their production of carbon monoxide (CO). CO is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless **poisonous gas** that is often called the "**silent killer**" because it is virtually undetectable without the use of technology like CO alarms. Follow these tips to generate **power AND safety** when using a generator.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**AFRICAN AMERICANS** accounted for **23%** of fatalities, which is nearly **DOUBLE** their proportion of the U.S. population.

Storms account for many of the fatalities associated with generator use, with **ICE/SNOW** storms are accounting for **46%**. **HURRICANES** accounted for **29%**.

**67%** of the fatalities occurred when a generator was placed in the living area or **BASEMENT** of the home.

**26%** of fatalities occurred when a generator was used inside an attached **GARAGE** or shed.

BETWEEN  
**1992**  
AND  
**2012**

**NEARLY 80%**  
OF THE  
**931 CO DEATHS**  
WERE ASSOCIATED WITH  
**GENERATORS.**

Generator-Related CO Deaths:



## TIPS FOR THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND USE OF GENERATORS



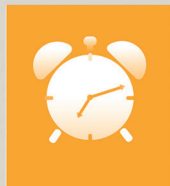
**NEVER** operate a generator **INSIDE** your home or in other enclosed or partially-enclosed spaces, including **GARAGES**.



Make sure your generator is properly grounded and used with a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (**GFCI**).



Install battery-operated **CO ALARMS** or plug-in CO alarms with a battery backup inside the home.



A generator is a **TEMPORARY** power source and should **NEVER** be used as a permanent solution.



Use only extension cords that have a **THREE-PRONGED** plug and are rated for the intended load.



Do **NOT** **OVERLOAD** the generator.



**NEVER** connect generators directly to household wiring without first installing a **TRANSFER SWITCH**. This prevents backfeeding which could electrocute utility workers making repairs.



Your home generator should be installed by a **QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN** and bear the mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as UL, Intertek or CSA.



The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends generators be positioned at least **20 FEET** from doors, windows and vents to prevent CO from entering the home.

**ESFI** For more information about portable generators and carbon monoxide safety visit [www.esfi.org](http://www.esfi.org)

\*Data from "Incidents, Deaths, and In-Depth Investigations Associated with Non-Fire Carbon Monoxide from Engine-Driven Generators and Other Engine-Driven Tools, 1999-2012"; U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, August 2013.

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## **Choose Your Way to Pay** **CRPPD has many payment options available**

When it comes to paying your electric bill each month, Chimney Rock PPD offers many choices. Choose the one that works best for you.

### **Automatic payment from your checking or savings account**

You can have your monthly electric bill payment automatically transferred from your checking or savings account to pay your electric bill. Payments are made around the 6th of each month. You will continue to receive a monthly statement from CRPPD. To enroll an authorization form must be filled out giving CRPPD permission to withdraw funds from your checking or savings account. The form can be found online at our website or you can call our office to receive the form.

### **Online bill pay**

Sign up to securely pay your bill online by visiting our website at [www.crppd.com](http://www.crppd.com). Take advantage of the free, convenient, secure and easy-to-use option, click on the *Bill Pay* box on the home page. Login or register, if it is your first time you will need to use your meter number and create a password. The system allows more than one meter number to be set up on your account if needed.

### **Credit/debit card or echeck**

Contact our office to set up your account on recurring payment of your bill using a credit/debit card or your checking account information. Automatic payments will be made around the 6th of each month.

### **Check or cash**

As always, we accept checks or cash to pay your monthly bill. Payments can be dropped by our office as we have a drop box located at our office for your convenience.

Bills are due by the bill date listed on your bill. Pay your bill by that date in order to avoid any loss of discount or interest charges.

Please call our office if you have any questions regarding payment of your bill.

## **Chicken Enchiladas**

1 tablespoon butter  
1/2 cup chopped green onions  
1/2 tsp garlic powder  
1 can diced green chiles  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1 1/2 cups cubed cooked chicken breast meat  
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese  
6 (12") flour tortillas  
1/4 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a large baking dish.

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter and saute the green onions until tender (3-4 minutes). Add the garlic powder, stir in the green chiles, cream of mushroom soup, and sour cream. Mix well. Reserve 3/4 of this sauce and set aside. To the remaining 1/4 of sauce in the saucepan, add the chicken and 1/2 cup of shredded Cheddar cheese. Stir together. Fill each tortilla with the chicken mixture and roll up. Place seam side down in the baking dish.

In a small bowl combine the reserved 3/4 of the sauce with the milk. Spoon this mixture over the rolled tortillas and top with the remaining 1/2 cup of cheese. Bake for 30-35 minutes.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Are you using your fireplace efficiently? Remember to turn down the thermostat when burning a fire, and close the damper when a fire is not burning.

Source: *energy.gov*



### **Career Day at Bayard High School**



On Friday, December 20th, Career Day was held at Bayard High School. The school has speakers present their career field, giving the opportunity for the students to get an idea of the variety of careers available in our area. Scot Ouderkirk gave a presentation to a group of students on the careers available

within the rural electrical industry. Scot pointed out that there are many careers to choose from. There are many talented people with a wide variety of skills providing reliable service so all of us can confidently flip a switch and instantly enjoy the comforts electricity brings. Some of the careers include: power plant operators, safety officers, line and substation maintenance, line workers, computer specialists, drafters, and dispatchers. If you have a student who would like more information on a career in rural electricity feel free to contact our office.

### **Give me some space...**

Space heaters account for a third of heating fires and 80 percent of heating fire deaths per year.



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February Board Meeting:  
February 10th, 9:00 am

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