



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

It is November now and maybe soon we can get back to a "normal" life. Soon the election will be behind us and we can move on without all of the campaign ads. Until then we can all fall back one hour on the 1st of November and then enjoy Deviled Egg Day on the 2nd. Election Day is on the 3rd (be sure and vote) because the 4th is Check Your Blood Pressure Day. The 11th is Veterans Day (thanks to all who have served) and be careful on Friday the 13th. The 17th is Homemade Bread Day, then the 19th is a good day to quit smoking as it is the Great American Smoke Out Day then we move on to Thanksgiving on the 26th, even in 2020 we have a lot to be thankful for. On the 27th you can run off all of those calories consumed the day before as we shop all of the black Friday bargains.

I am a little late getting this in but last month was Public Power Month, the state of Nebraska is the only state that is 100% public power served by not-for-profit public power districts or co-ops. As a result, Nebraska has some of the lowest cost electricity in the nation and about 2 cents per kilowatt hour lower than surrounding states like Iowa, Colorado, and Kansas. We are governed by a board of local elected board members who have all of our best interest in mind when making decisions about the future of our electric needs. Chimney Rock PPD was founded in 1935 and has served five counties in the Western Panhandle of Nebraska for the past 85 years. Be careful as harvest starts to wind down and remember to call our office with any problems. Have a happy Thanksgiving.

Our Office will be closed:

November 11th for Veterans Day

November 26th & 27th for Thanksgiving

We are thankful for all who have served our country

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.

Festive and Efficient Holiday Lighting

If you are looking to trim a Christmas tree and your holiday budget, the Energy Education Council has tips for you to cut costs, not festivity, this season.

You can cut some of the hassles of holiday lighting and save on energy costs by using LED lighting. LED lighting comes in a variety of shapes and colors. You can even get LED retrofit bulbs for strands you may currently have.

LED lights are more durable than traditional mini-lights. They also last up to 100,000 hours indoors. Since LED lights do not run as hot as mini-lights, they are not as dangerous, and you can string more strands together. Although LED lights are more expensive than mini-lights, they can save you hassle in the long run.

Some LED lighting is made for outdoor use, as is solar lighting, which is another efficient option. Solar lights are charged by the sun during the day and require no electricity. However, because solar lights involve new technology, they are more expensive than other decorative lights.

How you use your holiday lighting can also help you save money. An important step for both efficiency and safety is to shut off lights and decorations when you will not be around to use them. A timer can even help do this for you.

Remember, the cleanest, greenest energy is the energy you do not use. Consider re-purposing items around the house into decoration. You can also use garlands of popcorn, cranberries, and gingerbread to help you decorate more efficiently.

Two CRPPD Lineman Earn Journeyman Status

Chimney Rock PPD would like to recognize Jacob Ashmore and Bryce Hargens as they have earned the accomplishment of becoming Journeyman Linemen. They have both completed one of the world's most comprehensive training programs for power line personnel. The Merchant Job Training and Safety Program is administered to line personnel in 40 states throughout the United States. The program is a self-study, 4 year program which includes "closed book" testing. Congratulations to both linemen on your accomplishment.



Pictured above is Bryce Hargens and Jacob Ashmore, Journeyman Linemen at CRPPD.

Home Heating Fire Prevention Tips

Heating equipment caused an estimated 54,030 home fires and caused 480 deaths between 2011 and 2015 according to the National Fire Protection Association. Learn how to stay safe with these tips:

- * Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from heat sources.
- * Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn off when leaving a room or sleeping.
- * Never plug a space heater into an extension cord.
- * Never use a cooking stove to heat your home or dry clothes.
- * Keep space heaters on level, flat surfaces on the ground.
- * Have a qualified service professional inspect your heating system annually.
- * Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms.
- * Never use a space heater or any appliance with a damaged cord.



Instant Pot Chili

1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
1 onion, chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp tomato paste
1 1/2 lb ground beef
2 c. low-sodium beef broth
1 (15 oz.) can black beans, rinsed and drained
1 (15 oz) can fire roasted diced tomatoes
1 1/2 tbsp chili powder
t tsp ground cumin
1 tsp dried oregano
1/2 tsp cayenne
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Shredded cheddar, sour cream, Fritos, and thinly sliced green onions for serving.

Set Instant Pot to sauté function and add oil. Add onion and cook oil until soft, 5 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute, then add tomato paste, stirring to combine. Add ground beef and cook, breaking meat up with a wooden spoon until no longer pink, 7 minutes. Drain fat. Return insert to Instant Pot and add broth, beans, tomatoes, chili powder, cumin, oregano, and cayenne. Season with salt and pepper. Lock lid and set to Pressure Cook on high for 14 minutes. Quick release and remove lid.

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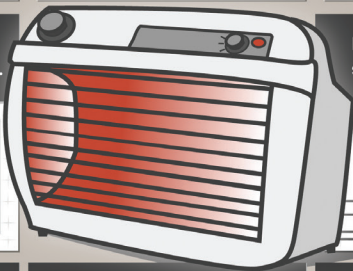
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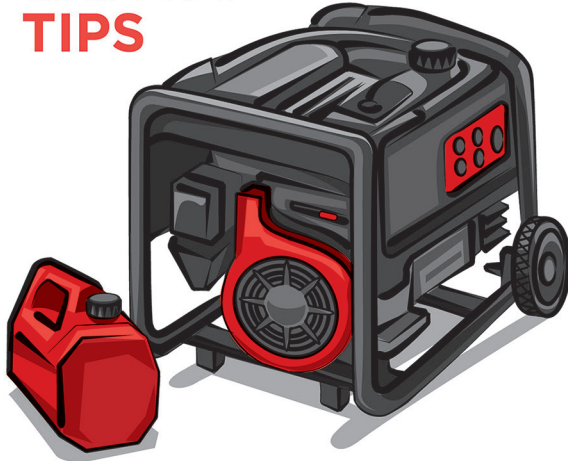
Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Keep cold air out to save energy. Seal air leaks around pipes and any gaps around chimneys and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.

Source: www.energy.gov



GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS



Never connect a standby generator into your home's electrical system. There are only two safe ways to connect a standby generator to your equipment.

Stationary Generator:

An approved generator transfer switch, which keeps your house circuits separate from the electric co-op, should be installed by a professional.

Portable Generator:

Plug appliances directly into the outlet provided on the generator.

Set up and run your generator in a well-ventilated area outside the home. Make sure it's out and away from your garage, doors, windows and vents. The carbon monoxide generated is **deadly**.

Use a heavy-duty extension cord to connect electric appliances to the outlet on the generator.

Start the generator first **before** connecting appliances.

Source: SafeElectricity.org

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