



# Chimney Rock News



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## Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

The month of July is best known for that day on the 4th known as Independence Day, but there are many things in July you may not know (or care) about. I will attempt to give you some useless knowledge this month. On the 2nd is a day I am very familiar with which is I Forgot Day, after the 4th of July on the 5th is a good day because it is National Apple Turnover Day and National Bikini Day, Not to be outdone by National Bikini Day, the 14th is National Nude Day and the full second week of July is Nude Recreation Week. Be very careful during that time as it is also Shark Awareness Day (I have not seen any sharks in Nebraska but this is 2020 and weird things are happening) but I have seen a few cows around and the 15th is Cow Appreciation Day. The 17th is Yellow Pig Day??? on the 24th is Tell an Old Joke Day but you may want to get that done early in the day as it is also National Tequila Day and you may forget the joke. We finish the month on a good note as the 30th is National Cheesecake and Father-In-Law Day. July is also considered an unlucky month for weddings! The days known as the dog days of summer go from July 3rd to August 11th.

There is a lot going on in July, not only in these weird days listed but in everyone's busy life. We at Chimney Rock PPD hope you are getting along well and are all healthy, be careful and practice your social distancing and remember to wash those hands. As always be careful around any power lines and power poles and report anything that could be a problem to us at 586-1824, day and night. If you are burning weeds, please keep an eye on the fire as poles easily will catch fire and burn up the pole in any cracks and are not easily seen from the ground until it is too late to put it out from the ground. Have a good July and be safe, happy, and healthy and I will attempt to have some more useless things for next month, I hope you enjoy them.

## 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

## ***Saving Energy In Your Home***

Chimney Rock PPD is here for you, and given the challenging times we've all experienced the last few months, here is some information to help you save energy and money.

Summer is a great time to conduct an energy audit of your home and identify ways to boost energy efficiency. Understanding how your home uses energy can help you determine the best ways to modify energy use and keep more money in your wallet.

An energy audit is one of the best ways to determine how energy efficient your home is—an audit can also identify areas for potential energy savings. Be sure to hire a professional who will conduct a thorough audit of your home. If you'd prefer to do an energy audit yourself, try ENERGY STAR®'s online audit. Visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started. Keep in mind, an online audit won't be as thorough as an in-home audit.

Within a typical U.S. household, heating and cooling accounts for about 43 percent of the energy bill according to the Energy Information Administration. Up to 20 percent of energy use goes to heating water for things like showers and laundry. Appliances represent the third-largest energy spend, at 9 percent of your energy bill. Specifically, refrigerators and clothes dryers typically have the highest operating costs per year. New washing machines that bear the Energy Star label use 25 percent less energy and about 70 to 75 percent less water than agitator washers did 20 years ago, according to Energy Star.

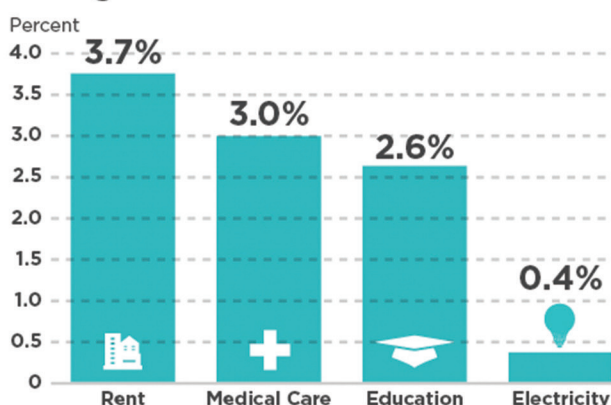
If you're not in the market for a new washer, getting smart about how you wash your clothes can go a long way. Waiting until you have a full load, ramping up the washer's spin speed, and cleaning the dryer's lint filter are just a few of the expert tips we've collected on how to save energy while doing your laundry.

If you have recently purchased a new ENERGY STAR®-rated appliance or product, make sure you are taking advantage of any special offers or rebates that are available. As your trusted energy advisor, we're here to help. If you have questions about your bill or additional ways to save energy, please let us know. We're only one phone call away.

## **ELECTRICITY REMAINS A GOOD VALUE**

When you look at price increases of common expenses over the last five years, it's easy to see electricity remains a good value!

**Average Annual Price Increase 2014-2019**



*Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index*

## ***Plan Ahead to Call Before You Dig***

Digging without locating underground utilities, even the smallest digging projects, could leave neighborhoods in the dark, cause thousands of dollars in damages, or cause severe electrical shock. To help stay safe, make use of the national underground utility locating service for free by calling 811.

The 811 “Call Before You Dig” number will route you to your local utility locating service. Make sure to tell the operator where and when you plan to dig and what type of work you will be doing. From there, it takes a few business days for a professional to come mark your public utilities with flags or spray paint. So make sure to plan ahead and call in advance.

There are different colors of paint and flags that mark the underground utilities, and each color is universal to what utility is buried.

- Red – Electric
- Orange – Communications, Telephone/CATV
- Blue – Potable Water
- Green – Sewer/Drainage
- Yellow – Gas/Petroleum Pipe Line
- Purple – Reclaimed Water
- White – Premark site of intended excavation

Even if you previously had utilities located by calling 811, it is best to call before every digging project. Underground utilities can shift, and it is important to be certain of where they are before ever putting a shovel in the ground.

It is important to understand that 811 locators do not locate privately installed facilities. If you have any private utilities, you will need to hire a private utility locator. Some examples of private utilities include: underground sprinkler system, invisible fences, data communication systems, private water systems, or gas piping to a garage.

Once all of your underground utilities have been located, it is time to start digging, but be sure to wear all of the proper protective gear before putting the shovel into the earth.



### ***Farmhouse Apple Coleslaw***

4 cups shredded cabbage  
1 large apple, chopped  
3/4 cup raisins  
1/2 cup chopped celery  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1/4 cup mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper

In serving bowl, combine the cabbage, apple, raisins, celery, and onion. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Pour over cabbage mixture and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

Nutrition Facts - 2/3 cup:  
87 calories  
5g fat  
0 cholesterol  
131 mg sodium  
12g carbohydrate  
1g protein

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Home cooling makes up a large portion of your energy bills. Try to keep the difference between the temperature of your thermostat setting and the outside temperature to a minimum. The smaller the difference, the more energy you will save.



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## SUMMER ENERGY-SAVINGS WORD SEARCH

When you save energy at home, you're helping your family save money and protecting our environment.

Read the energy-saving tips below, then find and circle the bolded words in the puzzle.

- Close blinds and **curtains** on hot, sunny days to block additional heat from entering your home.
- Turn off lights and **electronics**, like TVs and stereos, when you leave a room.
- Turn off the **water** while you brush your teeth.
- Only clean full loads of dishes when you run the **dishwasher**.
- Cooking with smaller appliances like **slow cookers** and toaster ovens use less energy than larger appliances.
- Unplug **phone chargers** when they're not in use – they consume energy even when they aren't charging devices.



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July 13th, 9:00 am

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