



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

Well, as I write this in January the political turmoil is still ongoing so I do not know what is happening with Presidents as of yet. But, I am glad for the 1st day of February as it is No More Politics Day, then the 2nd is Ground Hog Day and on the 6th it is Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day. The 8th is Boy Scout Day and the 9th is National Pizza Day, the 12th is Abraham Lincoln's birthday just before Valentine's Day on the 14th and Presidents' Day on the 15th. On the 20th is one of my favorites as it is Cherry Pie Day, George Washington shares his birthday on the 22nd with National Margarita Day. International Dog Biscuit Day is on the 23rd and the 27th is No Brainer Day, for those of you born on February 29th (as was my sister-in-law) you will have to wait until 2024 to have your next birthday.

Sitting here writing this and listening to the news I am reminded how lucky we are to be living in rural America. Most of the drama that takes place in the city streets takes a long time to impact our rural lifestyle, but has far reaching impact on our country. Please keep our nation and leaders in your thoughts and prayers as all of this chaos gets sorted out. If you see or experience any kind of problems with our lines, poles or service please let us know.



Space heating and cooling account for a large portion of the average home's energy use. A programmable or smart thermostat can help you control the temperature of your home and save energy.

Energy Efficiency Credits

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

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

Some of the credits include:

- *Electric water heaters - \$30 - \$100/unit

- *Heat pumps-\$300-\$500/ton
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- *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp

- *2 Ton or larger Energy Star air conditioners-\$100-\$150/unit

- *Energy Star Appliances (refrig, freezer, clothes or dish washer and clothes dryers) \$30-\$90

- *LED lights - lesser of 1/2 cost of lights or \$8 per lamp, 500 Lumens or greater

- *Electric trimmer, chainsaw, or pruner, electric blower or lawn-mower - 25% of cost, up to \$100

Receipts are generally required.

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.

Extension Cord Safety Tips

Not enough cord for your lamp or radio to reach the nearest outlet? Just plowing through the junk drawer for an extension cord? This may not be a good idea. Extension cords can be very helpful in delivering power right where we need it. However, regardless of the gauge or rating of the cord, an extension cord is a temporary solution, and is not meant to be used as a long-term extension of your household's electrical system.

Using extension cords properly is critical to your safety. With continuous use over time, an extension cord can rapidly deteriorate, creating a potentially dangerous electric shock or fire hazard. The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) offers the following tips for staying safe from electric shock and electrical fires:

- Do not overload extension cords or allow them to run through water or snow on the ground.
- Do not substitute extension cords for permanent wiring.
- Do not run through walls, doorways, ceilings or floors. If cord is covered, heat cannot escape, which may result in a fire hazard.
- Do not use an extension cord for more than one appliance.
- A heavy reliance on extension cords is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs. Have additional outlets installed where you need them.
- Multiple plug outlets must be plugged directly into mounted electrical receptacles; they cannot be chained together.
- Make sure the extension cord or temporary power strip you use is rated for the products to be plugged in, and is marked for either indoor or outdoor use.
- The appliance or tool that you are using the cord with will have a wattage rating on it. Match this up with your extension cord, and do not use a cord that has a lower rating.
- Never use a cord that feels hot or is damaged in any way. Touching even a single exposed strand can give you an electric shock or burn.
- Never use three-prong plugs with outlets that only have two slots for the plug. Do not cut off the ground pin to force a fit. This defeats the purpose of a three-prong plug and could lead to an electrical shock. Never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit.
- Use extension cords with polarized and/or three-prong plugs.
- Buy only cords approved by an independent testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Intertek (ETL) or Canadian Standards Association (CSA).

Just in case: Be prepared for an outage

Thankfully, lengthy outages do not happen on a regular basis. That does not mean you should not prepare for them, however.

Chimney Rock PPD suggests the following:

- Have a storm kit ready that includes flashlights, bottled water, non-perishable food, battery-operated radio, batteries, portable cell phone chargers that are fully charged, hand sanitizer and first-aid supplies.
- Have alternate plans for refrigerating or accessing medicines and using power-dependent medical devices.
- Find out where your local storm shelters are and have a plan for getting there if needed and it is safe to do so.



BE PREPARED

Listen to weather reports and recommendations

During a power outage:

- Call us to report the power outage.
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed to preserve food.
- Only use generators outdoors and away from windows and doors; do not use them in a garage.
- Do not use a gas stove to heat your home.
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- If safe, go to an alternate location for heat or cooling.
- If weather conditions allow, check on neighbors. This is especially important since cell phone and internet communications may be disrupted and they may be unable to call for help.



Air-Fryer Taco Twists

1/3 lb ground beef
1 onion, chopped
2/3 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/3 cup salsa
3 tablespoons canned chopped green chiles
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
1/8 teaspoon ground cumin
1 tube (8 ounces) refrigerated crescent rolls

Optional: shredded lettuce, sliced olives, chopped tomatoes and sliced seeded jalapeno peppers

Preheat air fryer to 300 degrees. In skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in cheese, salsa, chiles, garlic powder, hot pepper sauce, salt and cumin.

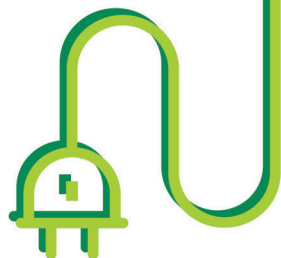
Unroll crescent roll dough and separate into 4 rectangles; press perforation to seal. Place 1/2 cup meat mixture in the center, bring 4 corners to the center and twist; pinch to seal. Place in a single layer on greased tray in air fryer basket. Cook until golden brown, 18-22 minutes.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

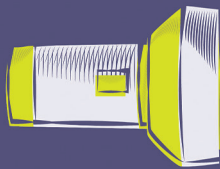
Use wool or rubber dryer balls in the clothes dryer to reduce drying time and static.

Wool dryer balls can also absorb extra moisture. These are an efficient alternative to dryer sheets, which can create buildup on the dryer's filter and reduce air circulation. If you prefer dryer sheets, scrub the filter once a month to remove buildup.

Source:
www.energy.gov



POWER OUT?



22 WAYS TO UNPLUG

If you are trying to keep yourself (or others) entertained during a power outage, save the battery power on your phones and other electronics for emergencies or weather updates, and consider some of these "unplugged" activities instead:

FUN FOR KIDS



Read a book



Play board or
card games



Look at old
photos



Tell ghost
stories



Make shadow
figures



Make a fort out
of boxes and
blankets



Sing your
favorite songs



Play Simon
Says

GET CREATIVE

- Write a story.
- Make up jokes.
- Draw or paint a picture.
- Set up an indoor bowling alley with plastic cups as pins.
- Fix something around the house.



PRACTICE SELF CARE

- Take a nap.
- Paint your nails.
- Go for a run or hike.
- Check in on your neighbors.
- Practice a skill, such as a second language, sewing, knitting, or tying knots.



AROUND THE HOUSE



Clean and
organize your
house



Rearrange
your
furniture



Fold laundry
or organize
your closet



Plant seeds
or tidy up
your yard

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February Board Meeting
February 8th - 9:00 am

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