



# Chimney Rock News



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## Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumers,

August is here and soon school will be back in session and the roads will be full of new drivers, school buses, and harvest equipment. Be aware when you are out on the roads.

Even though Friendship Week is not until the third week of August, the 1<sup>st</sup> is Friendship Day, it is also Sister's Day and Forgiveness Day. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> is Ice Cream Sandwich Day and the 4<sup>th</sup> is Chocolate Chip Cookie Day, the 5<sup>th</sup> is Work Like a Dog Day (does that mean lay in the sun and sleep). The 7<sup>th</sup> is International Hangover Day but it is also International Beer Day, the 12<sup>th</sup> is the peak day of the Perseid meteor showers. The 13<sup>th</sup> is Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and on the 15<sup>th</sup> is Relaxation Day (not to be confused with Work Like a Dog Day). The 20<sup>th</sup> is World Mosquito Day and on the 25<sup>th</sup> you can celebrate Kiss and Make Up Day with a banana split as it is also Banana Split Day. Be careful during August because it is International Pirate Month and it is also National Golf Month.

As always remember that our phones are answered 24/7, if you have a problem or see something that could be a problem that we should know about. We are into the peak pivot irrigation season and air conditioning time so do what you can to conserve energy and stay safe and cool.



*Watch for the Touchstone  
Energy Balloon  
Old West Balloon Fest  
August 13th & 14th  
Sponsored by:  
Chimney Rock PPD, Roosevelt PPD  
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## 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  
15 SEER Minimum

\*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.

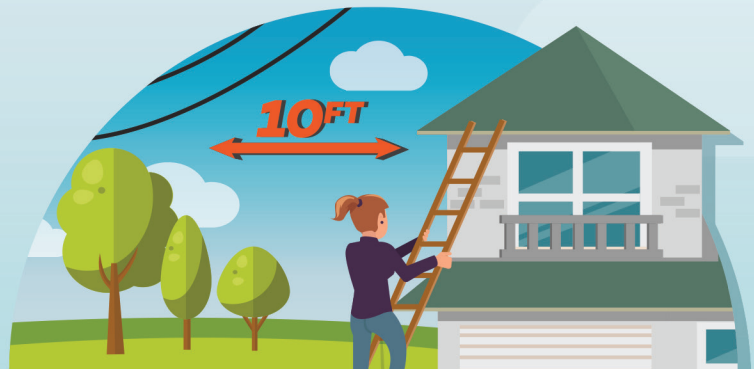
# Home Electrical Safety

## Always Look Up Always

Before starting **any** project, **be alert of where the power lines are located**, and know how high they are hanging. Whether you're working on the roof, trimming trees, or painting your siding, it's your job to be aware and to **alert others about nearby power lines**.



1. Locate **all** overhead power lines.



2. Stay at least **10 feet** away from all overhead power lines.



3. **Do not touch** anything in contact with power line.



4. Carry ladders and equipment **horizontally**.



5. Stay at least **35 feet** away from downed power lines and call 911.

Please share this free resource to save lives

## ***Understanding Power Surges and Blinks***

Have you ever noticed your lights blink during a thunderstorm? Or perhaps you've noticed a blinking microwave clock when you arrive home. When this happens, you've likely experienced a brief disruption to your electric service, which could result from a power surge or blink.

### **What's a power surge?**

Power surges are brief over voltage spikes or disturbances of a power waveform that can damage, degrade or destroy electronic equipment within your home or business. Most electronics are designed to handle small variations in voltage; however, power surges can reach amplitudes of tens of thousands of volts—this can be extremely damaging to your electronic equipment. Surges can be caused by internal sources, like HVAC systems with variable frequency drives, or external sources, like lightning and damage to power lines and transformers.

Chimney Rock PPD encourages all customers to install surge protective devices (such as surge protector power strips) to safeguard your sensitive electronics. If you're experiencing frequent surges in your home or business and you believe the cause is internal, contact a qualified electrician to inspect your electrical system.

### **What's a power blink?**

Power blinks are also brief service interruptions, but they're typically caused by a fault (short circuit) on a power line or a protective device that's working in reaction to the fault. Faults can occur through a variety of instances, like squirrels, birds or other small animals contacting an energized power line; tree branches touching a power line; or lightning and other similar events. In fact, when it comes to power disruptions caused by critters, squirrels reign supreme. In 2019 alone, squirrels were responsible for more than 1,200 outages.

Any of the events noted above can cause your power to blink, but you may also experience a brief interruption when protective devices that act like circuit breakers are working to detect the fault. Believe it or not, these brief power blinks caused by protective devices are actually good because that means the equipment is working as it should to prevent a prolonged outage.



### ***Banana Chocolate Chip Muffins***

4 ripe bananas  
1/3 cup melted butter  
2/3 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
A pinch of salt  
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour  
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

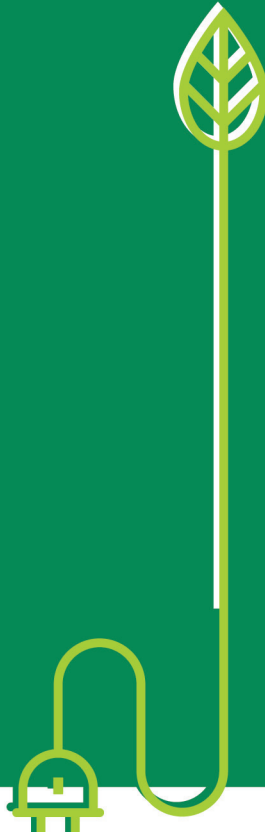
Preheat oven to 350 degrees  
Grease your muffin tins  
Peel bananas and throw them in a big bowl with the melted butter and smash it all together with a fork. Keep blending until the mixture is creamy and smooth, not chunky. Add sugar, egg and vanilla and mix just until combined. Stir in salt and baking soda.  
Add flour and chocolate chips and mix until just combined. Do not over mix.  
Pour into muffin tins.  
Bake until cake tester or toothpick pulls out cleanly - about 18-20 minutes.



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When shopping for new light bulbs, know the difference between lumens and watts. Lumens measure the amount of light produced by the bulb. Watts measure energy consumption. Energy-saving LEDs come in a variety of colors and brightness levels and last 15-25 times longer than incandescent bulbs.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



***Help us update our records***

Occasionally our office needs to call customers for a variety of reasons. With so many customers no longer using a land line or changing their cell phone numbers we need your help updating our records. Phone numbers can be updated by making a note on your billing stub when you pay your bill, letting us know when you call in to pay your bill, or if payment is made on line information can be sent to us by clicking on the customer service tab, maintenance, then go to the Chng Name/Mailing Adr start button. After information is updated, hit the submit button and the system will automatically send the information to our billing department.

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August Board Meeting:

August 9th - 9:00 am

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