



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

December is here already, this year has certainly been a quick one. We at Chimney Rock want to thank you for being one of our consumers and being patient during any outages or problems we have experienced this year, we try to keep our line in good shape and provide a reliable and safe supply of electricity for all involved.

This month has a few holidays starting with Santa's List Day on the 4th, Pearl Harbor Day on the 7th, National Brownie Day on the 8th and Ice Cream Day on the 13th. On the 14th is International Monkey Day and you can take your monkey out for National Lemon Cupcake Day on the 15th, and bake cookies all day on the 18th. The 21st these days don't seem to go together as it is Bah Humbug Day and Look on the Bright Side Day along with the Winter Solstice and the beginning of winter, (I guess that is where the Bah Humbug comes in) but on the 24th is Christmas Eve and the 25th Christmas Day. The 27th is National Fruitcake Day and the 30th is Bacon Day, then on the 31st is New Year's Eve and we will say goodbye to 2021 and hope 2022 is a great year! We hope you have a great Christmas and 2022. Our phones are answered 24/7 and if you need us or notice something that could become a problem please let us know. Be safe and be well.

Lights On After-School Event at Bayard Elementary

On October 28th our linemen participated in the "Lights On After-School" event held at the Bayard Elementary. The kids had an opportunity to get hands on experience with an activity that consists of installing insulators, putting in cut outs, and rolling a wire reel all while wearing the safety equipment linemen wear. "Is this what you do at work?" Yes it is what they do at their job and they enjoy sharing the experience with the kids. If you have an event you would like to have the lineman rodeo presented at give our office a call.



Linemen pictured left to right - Justin McAllister, Joel Duffield, DJ Kearns and Brandon Wyckoff

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.

Cooking with Electricity

The next generation of electric ranges and cooktops are making it easy to revise your approach to cooking at home. Electric resistance coil cooktops have been around for many years, and most people prefer gas or propane burners because of the faster/better cooking performance. However, the newer generation of electric ranges and induction or radiant electric cooktops are much more efficient. Both induction and radiant electric cooktops offer several potential benefits over cooking with gas or propane. These include: reduced emissions of nitrogen oxides and improved safety by elimination of open flames.

Radiant electric cooktops are more efficient than the traditional electric coiled version and perform about as well as a gas cooktop. The most efficient electric cooking technology is induction, and induction cooktops deliver better cooking performance than gas. The surface of a range with induction cooking does not heat up, only the pans and food heat up, this makes it safe and easy to clean up any spills.



Induction cooking works by creating a magnetic field between the cooking pan or pot and the magnetic coils beneath the cooking surface. The magnetic field then heats the content of the cooking pot. In order for the cookware to work with induction, it must contain iron or have a layer of material with magnetic properties. Some stainless steel cookware does not work with induction, however, some manufacturers of cookware are now putting a layer of magnetic material on the bottom of the pot or pan.

Induction cooktops range in price from \$800-\$2,000 for a standard 30 inch cooktop. They can be installed in place of a gas, propane or electric cooktop.

Budget Billing Set Up Time

Customers currently on budget billing will have their accounts “settled up” with the January billing. The accounts will bill the actual amount due on the account.

This is a good time to set up new budget accounts. New budgets will start with the February billing. If you would like more information on budget billing or would like to set up your account on budget just give our office a call.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Heading out of town for the holiday season?

Remember to unplug electronics that draw a phantom energy load.

Some gadgets like TVs, phone chargers, gaming consoles and toothbrush chargers use energy when plugged into an outlet—even when they’re not in use.



Holiday Décor Tips for an Energy-Wise Home

Whether you've already decked your halls or you're just getting started, there's still time to incorporate energy savings into your holiday décor planning.

If you haven't strung your twinkle lights, be sure to use LED light strands. LEDs consume far less energy than incandescent lights and they can last 40 holiday seasons. They're also safer because they're made with epoxy lenses, not glass, making them more resistant to breaking—and they're cool to the touch, so no burnt fingers!

If your holiday lights are already up, you can still save on lighting costs. All you need is a programmable light timer. Most models cost between \$10 and \$25. With a light timer, you can easily program when you want your holiday lights turned on and off, which will save you time, money and energy. If you're using a timer for exterior lighting, make sure it's weatherproof and intended for outdoor use.



If Clark Griswold's décor style is a bit much for your taste, consider a more natural approach. Many Christmas tree farms, and even retailers give away greenery clippings from recently trimmed trees. With a little twine, extra ornaments and sparkly ribbon, you can create beautiful garlands and wreaths to hang over your front door or windows. To add extra twinkle at night, you can install solar-powered spotlights to illuminate your new greenery. Solar spotlights can vary in price, but you should be able to purchase a quality set of four for about \$30—and because they run on natural energy from the sun, there's no additional cost to your energy bill.

Regardless of how you decorate your home for the holidays, there are plenty of ways to save energy throughout the season.



Peppermint Swirl Fudge

- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1 package (10 to 12 ounces) white baking chips
- 1 can (16 ounces) vanilla frosting
- 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 8 drops red food coloring
- 2 tablespoons crushed peppermint candies

Line a 9 inch square pan with foil and grease the foil with butter, set aside.

In a small saucepan, melt chips; stir until smooth. Remove from the heat. Stir in frosting and extract. Spread into prepared pan. Randomly place drops of food coloring over fudge; cut through fudge with a knife to swirl. Sprinkle with candies. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until set.

Using foil, lift fudge out of pan. Gently peel off foil; cut fudge into 1 inch squares. Store in airtight container.

Merry Christmas

In a manger long ago, a child was born who showed the world the path to peace and a love of mankind. Today, it still begins with a single, loving action that ripples into the collective spirit.

*To our customers and friends, we wish you the
Merriest Christmas and blessings for the New Year.
Merry Christmas from the directors and employees at
Chimney Rock PPD*

Shauna Abbott, Jacob Ashmore, Tina Douglas, Joel Duffield, Larry Fiscus, Bryce Hargens, Alvin Harimon, Corey Henkel, Ron Hubbard, DJ Kearns, Richard Kildow, Kande Laeger, Justin McAllister, Travis Petersen, Dalton Propp, Stan Propp, Tanner Rafferty, Kevin Stuart, and Brandon Wyckoff.



Our Office Will be Closed:

*December 24th and 27th for Christmas
and
December 31st at 11:30 a.m. and January 2nd
for New Year's*

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December Board Meeting:

December 13th - 9:00 am

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