



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

Happy October to you all and I hope your summer went well as we head into fall. Most of you are already into the harvest season and I want to remind you to be safe and to watch out for any power lines or poles, if you do need assistance with a problem please call our office.

The first week of October is Customer Service Week and we at Chimney Rock strive to give the best service available every day and any time there is a problem. Also, on the 1st is International Coffee Day which is the perfect time as it is also National Homemade Cookie Day, on the 4th is National Golf Day which may be a little late in Nebraska but you never know about the weather here. The 5th is Do Something Nice Day and World Teachers' Day (it would be nice to do something nice for a teacher). On the 9th is Fire Prevention Day and on the 12th is Old Farmer's Day (something we all appreciate) the 14th is National Dessert Day, but we have to wait until the 21st for National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day. The 24th is Mother-in-Law Day then on the 29th is Frankenstein Friday and National Frankenstein Day and on the 31st is National Carve a Pumpkin Day and Halloween. Have a good harvest and October, be safe and enjoy the great fall weather as all too soon the cold and snow will be here.

Farmers: Increase Your Safety Yield During Harvest

During harvest we would like to remind our farmers that along with more obvious farming risks, accidents related to power and electricity are also possible. Take the following steps to decrease the chances of an electrical-related incident:

- Always use a spotter when operating large machinery near lines.
- Use care when raising augers or the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- Keep equipment at least 10 feet from lines — at all times, in all directions.
- Inspect the height of the farm equipment to determine clearance.
- Always lower extensions to the lowest setting when moving loads.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
- If a power line is sagging or low, call your local utility right away.
- If your equipment does hit a power line, do not leave the cab. Immediately call 9-1-1, warn others to stay away, and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.

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 and submitted within 120 days.

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

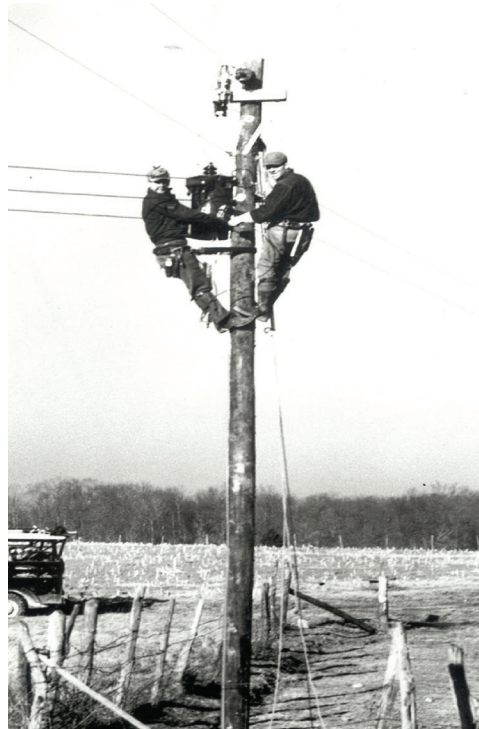
*Electric trimmer, chainsaw, or pruner, electric blower or lawn-mower - 25% of cost, up to \$100

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.



**We were local
before it
was cool!**

Public power districts
exist to meet a community
need. We're proud to be
homegrown.

Public Power Week - October 3-9, 2021

In the early twentieth century, electricity was a scarce commodity. Investor-owned utilities found that it was not economically feasible to provide electric service to rural areas. Recognizing that, Nebraska's U.S. Senator, George Norris, led the way to pass the Rural Electrification Act (REA). This legislation enabled the creation of publicly owned power generation and delivery systems for the common good.

Public power utilities are:

- * Nebraska is the only state in America totally served by a consumer-owned public power system delivering electricity as a non-profit service.
- * In Nebraska, public power offers reliable, efficient, friendly service.
- * Community-owned
- * Locally controlled

Chimney Rock Public Power District is proud to have served consumers in northwest Morrill County, western Scotts Bluff County, and a small portion of northeast Banner, southwest corner of Box Butte, and southeast Sioux Counties since June, 1935.

The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities. The association represents public power before the federal government to protect the interest of the more than 49 million people that public power utilities serve, and the 96,000 people they employ.

Nebraskans can rest assured their public power systems will continue to focus on the best interest of the entire state by providing low-cost, dependable power.

Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

Trees beautify our neighborhoods, and when planted in the right spot, can even help lower energy bills. But the wrong tree in the wrong place can be a hazard... especially to power lines.

For more tips on smart tree planting in your community, contact your local electric cooperative or visit www.ArborDay.org.

LARGE TREES

Height/spread of more than 40 feet, such as:

- Maple
- Birch
- Oak
- Sweetgum
- Spruce
- Linden
- Pine

MEDIUM TREES

Height/spread of 25 to 40 feet, such as:

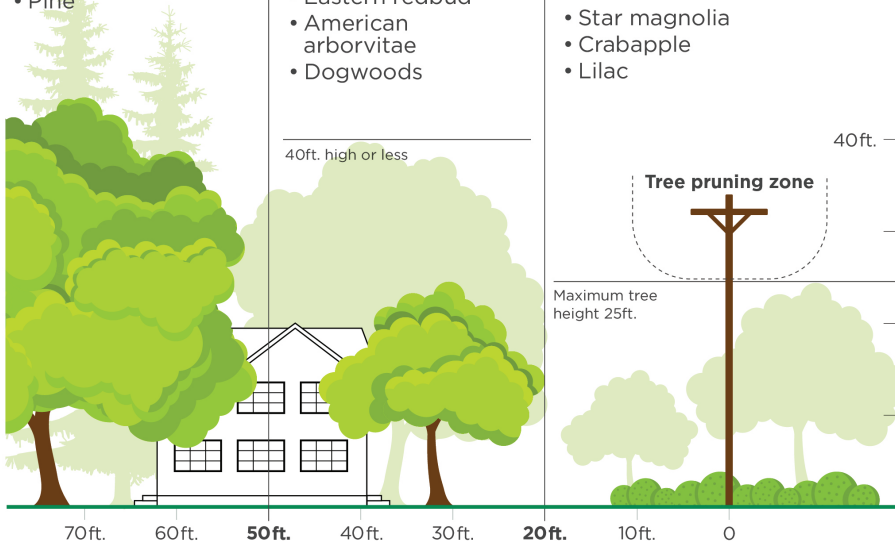
- Washington hawthorn
- Goldenraintree
- Eastern redbud
- American arborvitae
- Dogwoods

SMALL TREES

Avoid planting within 20 feet of power lines. When planting within 20 feet is unavoidable, use only shrubs and small trees.

Height/spread of no more than 25 feet such as:

- Star magnolia
- Crabapple
- Lilac



Be safe! Always call 811 before you dig to locate any buried utility lines.

Source: The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

Summer is fading, fall is in the air, and harvest is underway. Soon it will be time to fence the corn stalks for livestock and winter will be closing in. Just a reminder for the folks out there that are

running livestock on corn stalks, please be sure to fence out the electric poles-especially the meter pole!

Cattle seem to like rubbing on meter sockets and disconnects, causing damage to equipment and danger to livestock and people.



Pumpkin Crunch

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 can (15 oz) pure pumpkin puree
- 1 can (12 oz) evaporated milk
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 cups chopped pecans
- 1 cup butter, melted

Heat oven to 350 degrees and grease bottom of 9x13 pan. Mix pumpkin, milk, eggs, sugar, cinnamon and salt, and pour in bottom of prepared dish.

Sprinkle package of cake mix over pumpkin mixture. Do not mix or stir, you want this in layers. Top with pecans, then add melted butter.

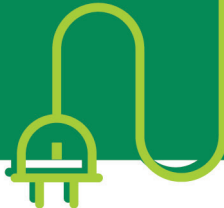
Bake it for 50-55 minutes. Serve warm with whipped topping, refrigerate what is left over.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Old, uninsulated and improperly installed exterior doors can waste energy and money.

Shut the door on wasted energy by weather stripping and sealing all exterior doors. If you have an old exterior door, consider replacing it with a newer, energy efficient model.

Source: energy.gov



ARE HOME ELECTRONICS AND APPLIANCES DRAINING YOUR ENERGY?

If you collect your spare change in a jar, all those coins add up over time, usually to a larger amount than you expect.

Small amounts of consumed energy throughout your home add up as well, so plug "energy vampires" into a smart power strip that detects dormant devices or unplug items when not in use, especially those with illuminated controls.

TOP NINE ENERGY VAMPIRES



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October Board Meeting:
October 11th - 9:00 am

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