



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

October already, where has the year gone? Harvest is either over or just getting a good start depending on the crop. You can have a big cup of coffee to celebrate either one on the 1st as it is International Coffee Day and that will get your brain going for the 2nd because it is Name Your Car Day. On the 4th is National Golf Day and the 5th is World Teachers' Day (that should be every day). On the 8th is National Motorcycle Ride Day and the 9th is Moldy Cheese Day (why?). The 10th is Columbus Day and the 12th is Old Farmers Day on the 13th is International Skeptic Day (I don't know if I believe that) but I do like the 14th being National Dessert Day and the 17th being Bosses Day. The 18th is Meatloaf Appreciation Day and Evaluate Your Life Day is the 19th. Another favorite is National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day on the 21st and Make a Difference Day on the 22nd. Mother-in-Law Day is the 23rd and Howl at the Moon Night is on the 25th. The 29th is National Frankenstein Day the 30th is Mischief Night capped off on the 31st with Halloween.

We are still working on our work plan projects to upgrade and keep our system as reliable as possible. As I mentioned in previous months, we are still having issues in getting materials and the price of things we can get is going through the roof. We are still in the process of going through a rate study and should have some information by the end of November (the last one was in 2016). At the September board meeting the Board of Directors did approve a small increase in the base charge (the monthly amount used to cover all of the equipment used for the service). As per usual don't hesitate to call our office if you have a problem or see something that could be a problem. Be careful as you go through harvest and don't forget to look up for power lines and poles. Have a good October and we will be back next month.

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 90 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 - \$50/unit
- *Heat pumps-\$150-\$500/ton
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- *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp
- *Energy Star Appliances (refrig, freezer, clotheswasher and clothes dryers)\$30-\$90
- *Induction Cooktops 30" or larger, must be replacing gas
- *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 \$150
- *Whole House Fans - \$100
- *Smart Thermostats - \$25

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.

Ways to Save Energy and Keep Safe

Energy Saving Tips for Winter

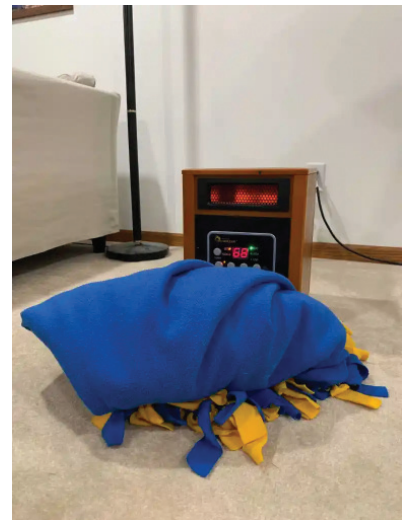
When it's cold outside, here are some simple ways you can keep energy use and costs down on the inside:

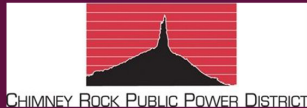
- * Have your furnace cleaned and checked.
- * Clean or replace your furnace filters every two or three months. A dirty or plugged filter reduces the amount of heated air supplied to your home or apartment, increasing your heating costs.
- * Set your thermostat at 68 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and 60 degrees at night or when you are away from home more than four hours. If you have a heat pump, set your thermostat back no more than 3 to 4 degrees.
- * Make sure air registers are not obstructed by furniture, carpeting or drapes.
- * Open shades and drapes on sunny sides of your home or apartment during daytime hours. Close them at night.
- * Close storm windows. Keep windows tightly latched. Cover windows with plastic insulating film to reduce drafts.
- * For comfort in cool temperatures, warm clothes can be the best insulation of all. A light, long-sleeved sweater equals almost 2 degrees in added warmth; a heavy sweater adds 4 degrees. This should allow you to keep a lower thermostat setting, saving heating energy.
- * Keep fireplace damper closed unless in use. An open damper can be compared to keeping a 48-inch window wide open during the winter. Close the damper as soon as you are certain the fire is completely out.
- * If using a portable space heater, turn down the central heating thermostat to offset the energy being consumed by the space heater.

Keep Safe this Winter

Be aware of potential fire hazards that are lurking in your home:

- * Always place your space heater on a steady surface and away from curtains, tablecloths or other flapping fabrics. Use a space heater with an automatic shut-off switch.
- * Shut off and unplug space heaters before you leave.
- * Get your fireplace, chimney, furnace and water heater inspected and cleaned by a professional once a year - ideally before the winter season begins.





October is Public Power Month

From booming suburbs to scenic
countrysides, public power plays a vital
role in shaping our local communities.



George Norris, a U.S. Senator and Congressman from Nebraska, believed government should serve the needs of the ordinary citizens and electricity was a right of the people. Norris helped create the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Rural Electrification Act, Nebraska's Unicameral, and the state's public power system. He understood that local ownership led to electricity that was more reliable and less expensive compared to electricity produced and delivered by shareholder-owned utilities seeking to profit from the service. His commitment to improving the lives of American's working men and women is evident today in every farm light, production line, and business. Today, Nebraska's public power utilities monitor more than 27,000 miles of lines, that's enough to span from New York to Los Angeles, ten times.

Nebraska is the only state in the nation that is solely served by public power.

What are the advantages of Public Power?

- * Customers have a voice
- * It's affordable
- * Focus on reliability
- * We help customers use energy wisely
- * We are not for profit and serve only our customers
- * We reinvest in our utility and the community



Homemade Apple Cider

- 1 orange
- 10 medium apples (use a variety such as Granny Smith, Red Delicious, or Honeycrisp)
- 3 cinnamon sticks (or 1 Tablespoon ground cinnamon)
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- Granulated sugar

Peel the orange and place the segments in a 4-quart or larger slow cooker. Rinse the apples, cut into quarters, and place in the slow cooker. Add the cinnamon sticks, ground cloves, and sugar. Add just enough water to cover the fruit.

Cook on low heat for 6-7 hours. (Or high heat for 3.)

After 6-7 hours, the fruit will be very soft. Use a large spoon to mash the fruit and release its liquids. Allow the cider to cook on low for 1 more hour.

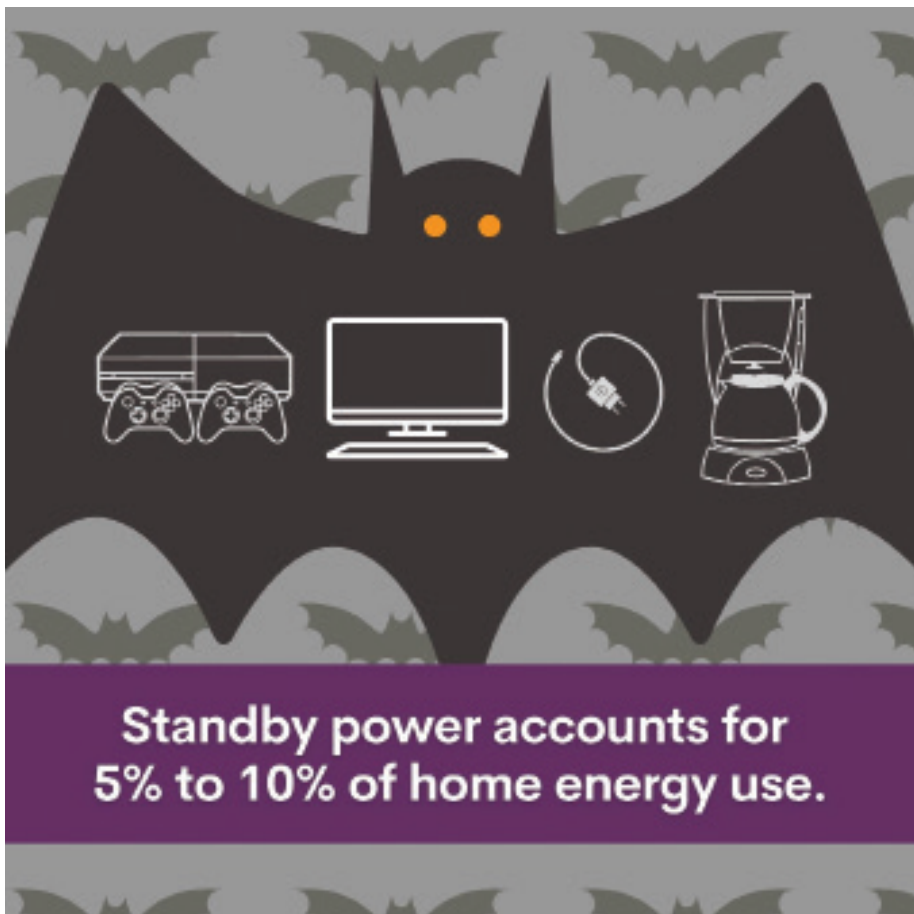
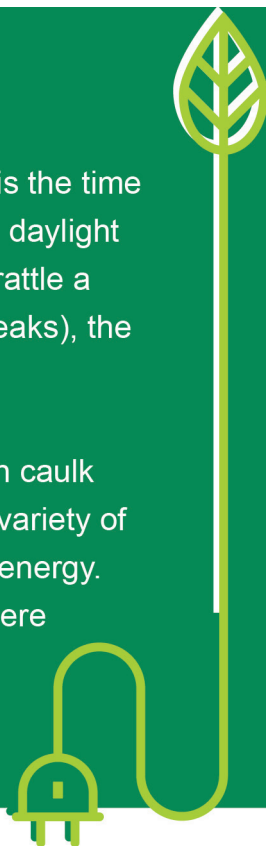
Very slowly strain the chunky liquid through a fine mesh sieve into a large pot or pitcher. Discard the solids. Strain the cider one more time to rid any other solids. Serve the cider warm.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

With winter weather on the way, now is the time to seal drafty windows. If you can see daylight around a window frame or if you can rattle a window (movement means possible leaks), the window likely needs to be sealed.

Most window leaks can be sealed with caulk or weatherstripping, which come in a variety of compounds and materials. Visit www.energy.gov/energysaver to learn how and where to seal air leaks.

Source: energy.gov



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October Board Meeting:
October 10th - 9:00 am

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