



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

September is here and school is going strong, football, volleyball, girls golf, softball, and cross country are all going to meets and games, not to mention all of the other activities in the school. All of our busy schedules are getting busier with all of these things happening. Along with all of this it is also National Cherry Popover Day on the 1st, and V-J (Victory over Japan) Day on the 2nd. International Bacon Day is on the 3rd then Labor Day comes around on the 5th and National Salami Day on the 7th then on to Teddy Bear Day on the 9th. The 9-11 Remembrance Day is on the 11th along with Grandparents Day, on the 12th is Chocolate Milkshake Day and Uncle Sam Day. September 14th is a favorite as it is National Crab Fest Day and National Cream Filled Donut Day, on the 16th is Play-Doh Day and the 17th National Apple Dumpling Day, on the 18th is Wife Appreciation Day (especially if the day before she made some apple dumplings). I don't know how this one works but on the 20th is National Punch Day, then on the 22nd fall begins as it is the Autumn equinox. The 24th is National Hunting and Fishing Day, the 26th is Johnny Appleseed Day and the 30th is National Mud Pack Day. I guess if you want to make a day for something just decide what it is you like and call it that day!

We have operated through the summer fairly well and are looking towards the fall to get some more projects from our work plan started, if we can get materials. Some things are as much as a year out and no one seems to know when it will get any better. Even at being that far out for delivery we aren't guaranteed we will get them at the quoted price or if it will keep increasing. We will keep doing all we can to keep reliable power flowing and keep improving our system. As always remember to let us know if you have a problem or see something that could become a problem. Have a great September!!

See you at the Pioneer Days Parade on September 10th in Bayard. Parade starts at 11:00 a.m. followed by entertainment and food vendors at the Library Park.

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 lawnmower - 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.

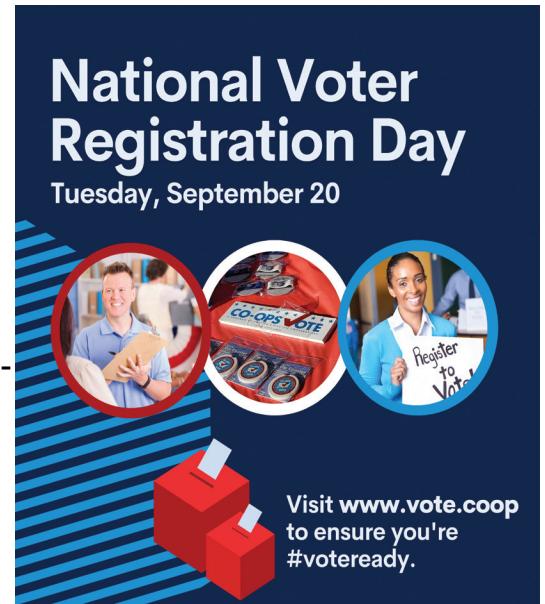
Five Easy Ways to Exercise Your Civic Duty

America's electric cooperatives and public power districts, including Chimney Rock Public Power, understand the value of building relationships with elected officials at all levels of government. There are many important policy issues that directly impact electric utilities and ultimately, you, the consumer we proudly serve. Strengthening our relationships with elected leaders positions us to advocate for our local community.

Chimney Rock PPD is part of a larger network of electric co-ops and public power districts. Through our non-partisan grassroots program known as "Co-ops Vote," we're working to enhance the political strength and boost voter turnout. There's power in numbers, and when we all show up at the polls, we can voice the issues that matter most to our community.

National Voter Registration Day is September 20, and midterm elections are right around the corner. If you're looking to get involved or simply make sure you're ready to vote, here are five easy ways you can exercise your civic duty.

1. Don't assume your voter registration status is up to date. Visit www.vote.coop, then click "Election Resources" to verify your status.
2. Get informed. In addition to ensuring your registration is up to date, learning about local policy issues and candidates is one of the best ways you can prepare to vote.
3. Get active on social media. Follow @coopsvote on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and let others know you're a #coopvoter and #VoteReady; encourage your friends and family to do the same.
4. Help others prepare to vote. Work a National Voter Registration Day event (visit www.nationalvoterregistrationday.org/events), volunteer to be a poll worker during midterm elections or offer to drive others to their polling places.
5. Vote! It's the easiest—and most important—way you can exercise your civic duty.



Voting is a form of personal empowerment that gives you the opportunity to voice your opinion on the issues that matter most to you. Make a plan to vote and help others in our community get #VoteReady.

We encourage everyone, regardless of political beliefs, to vote, stand up for our local community and make a collective impact.

Harvest Safety Tips

- *Know where overhead power lines are, and have a plan to stay far from them.
- *Use a spotter. When raising any equipment such as augers or grain trucks. It can be difficult to tell how close you are to overhead lines.
- *Know what to do if you come in contact with a power line. Do not leave the vehicle until utility workers have cutoff power to the line and confirmed that it is safe to exit.
- *Always lower portable augers or elevators to their lowest possible level, before moving or transporting them.

Electric Vehicle Coming to CRPPD in September

Have you considered purchasing an electric vehicle? Would you like to take a test drive before making that decision? If you are interested, Chimney Rock PPD has an opportunity for you. Working with our power provider, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, we are able to offer test drives of a Tesla. The Tesla will be available from September 1st through September 21st. If you are curious about the features, reliability and performance of an electric vehicle, now is the time to take advantage of this free opportunity. Please call our office if you would like to schedule a test drive.

The Tesla will also be in the Pioneer Days Parade on September 10th in Bayard. It will be parked at the Swimming Pool Park prior to the parade, everyone is invited to stop by and take a look at it.



Simple Taco Soup

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 1 envelope taco seasoning
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 can (16 ounces) mild chili beans, undrained
- 1 can (15-1/4 ounces) whole corn, drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) stewed tomatoes
- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chiles
- 1 envelope ranch salad dressing mix

In a Dutch oven, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink, breaking it into crumbles; drain. Add taco seasoning and mix well. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally.

Serving suggestion: Serve with corn chips, either in the bowl with the soup or dip them in the soup.

GENERATE SAFETY

Before use, learn about the potential **dangers** associated with portable generators, such as their production of carbon monoxide (CO). CO is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless **poisonous gas** that is often called the "silent killer" because it is virtually undetectable without the use of technology like CO alarms. Follow these tips to generate **power AND safety** when using a generator.

BY THE NUMBERS

AFRICAN AMERICANS accounted for **23%** of fatalities, which is nearly **DOUBLE** their proportion of the U.S. population.

Storms account for many of the fatalities associated with generator use, with **ICE/SNOW** storms are accounting for **46%**. **HURRICANES** accounted for **29%**.

67% of the fatalities occurred when a generator was placed in the living area or **BASEMENT** of the home.

26% of fatalities occurred when a generator was used inside an attached **GARAGE** or shed.

BETWEEN 1992 AND 2012, **NEARLY 80%** OF THE **931 CO DEATHS** WERE ASSOCIATED WITH **GENERATORS**.

Generator-Related CO Deaths:

- 50%** During Cold Months (November-February)
- 20%** Other Months
- 30%** During "Transition Months" (March/April, September/October)

TIPS FOR THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND USE OF GENERATORS

<p>NEVER operate a generator INSIDE your home or in other enclosed or partially-enclosed spaces, including GARAGES.</p>	<p>Make sure your generator is properly grounded and used with a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI).</p>	<p>Install battery-operated CO ALARMS or plug-in CO alarms with a battery backup inside the home.</p>
<p>A generator is a TEMPORARY power source and should NEVER be used as a permanent solution.</p>	<p>Use only extension cords that have a THREE-PRONGED plug and are rated for the intended load.</p>	<p>Do NOT OVERLOAD the generator.</p>
<p>NEVER connect generators directly to household wiring without first installing a TRANSFER SWITCH. This prevents backfeeding which could electrocute utility workers making repairs.</p>	<p>Your home generator should be installed by a QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN and bear the mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as UL, Intertek or CSA.</p>	<p>The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends generators be positioned at least 20 FEET from doors, windows and vents to prevent CO from entering the home.</p>

ESFI For more information about portable generators and carbon monoxide safety visit www.esfi.org

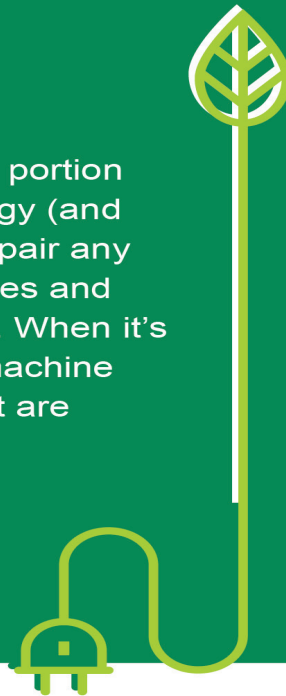
*Data from "Incidents, Deaths, and In-Depth Investigations Associated with Non-Fire Carbon Monoxide from Engine-Driven Generators and Other Engine-Driven Tools, 1999-2012"; U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, August 2013.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

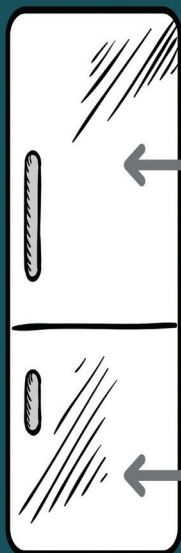
Water heating accounts for a large portion of home energy bills. To save energy (and money!) used for water heating, repair any leaky faucets, install low-flow fixtures and insulate accessible hot water lines. When it's time to purchase a new washing machine or dishwasher, look for models that are ENERGY STAR®-certified.

Source: Dept. of Energy



Keep Food Safe During and After a Power Outage

Refrigerated or frozen foods may not be safe to eat after a power outage. Use these tips to minimize food loss and reduce risk of illness.



Refrigerated food will last four hours. After four hours, place refrigerated foods in a cooler with ice.

24 OR 48

Food in a half-full freezer will last 24 hours. Food in a full freezer will last 48 hours.

Food Safety Tips

1. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
2. Throw out any food with an unusual odor, color or texture.
3. Throw out perishable food in your refrigerator after four hours without power or a cold source (like a cooler with ice).

When in doubt, throw it out!



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September Board Meeting:
September 12th - 9:00 am

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