



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

August is here already. I was just writing about school getting over for the year and in a few weeks it will be starting back up again. Time seems to go so fast that we just get one thing over with and it is time to start again. August 1st is Spiderman Day and the 3rd is Watermelon Day, then on the 4th is Chocolate Chip Day. The 5th is International Beer Day followed closely on the 6th by International Hangover Day which is also Root Beer Float Day. Sisters Day is on the 7th and Fried Chicken and Waffles Day is on the 8th, Paul Bunyan Day is the 10th and Presidential Joke Day is the 11th. The 12th is Vinyl Record Day which you could maybe find the next day as it is Garage Sale Day, on the 15th is Relaxation Day and the 18th is Fajita Day. Every Nebraskan knows that the 19th is Kool Aid Day and on the 20th it is World Mosquito Day and Honey Bee Day. The 24th is Waffle Iron Day and on the 28th it is Go Topless Day and ending the month with Toasted Marshmallow Day.

We are still working on our work plan projects, doing maintenance and adding new services, we will try to keep up on these as long as we can keep getting material and supplies, it is getting harder and there are longer wait times as we go, as well as a lot more costly. We are in the middle of doing a rate study right now and waiting for some answers from our financial people. Be careful with your daily activities and have a good rest of your summer. As always let us know if you have any problems or see something that could become a problem.

Avoid Distractions While Driving

August is Back to School Safety Month. As a new school year begins with young drivers and school buses back on the road, it is a good time to remember the dangers of distracted driving. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, one of every 10 fatal crashes in the U.S. involves distracted driving, resulting in more than 3,000 deaths annually. Texting is by far one of the most dangerous distractions. Sending or reading one text takes your eyes off the road for an average of five seconds. Remember: that one text can wait, and waiting just might save a life.

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.

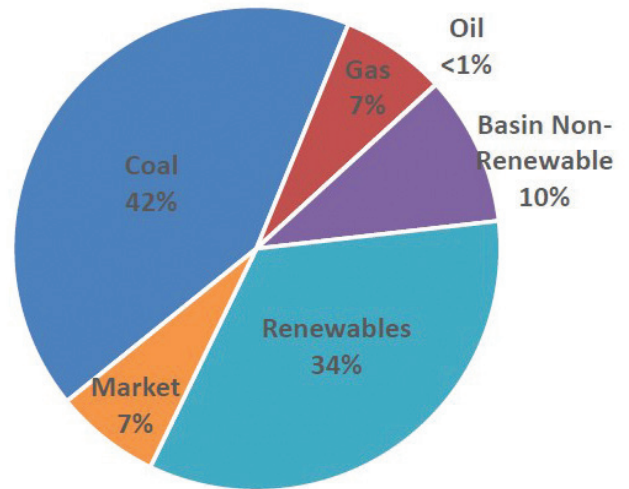
Please contact our office for information on requirements and credit amounts at 586-1824.

Electricity Sources - Where Does Your Power Come From

Electricity powers our lifestyle every day, it's a great value, especially when compared to other common services and expenses. Think about the cost of a gallon of gasoline 20 years ago, consider the cost of groceries or a cup of coffee from a few years back. In comparison, the cost of electricity has remained largely flat, unlike most other consumer goods.

Chimney Rock PPD works hard to provide the reliable service you expect and deserve as a valued customer. Recently we have had several customers inquire about where our electricity comes from. Our power is produced by Basin Electric out of North Dakota and is purchased through Tri-State Generation and Transmission from Denver, Colorado. Basin Electric works to provide a combination of various energy sources to meet their energy needs. Basin Electric's resource portfolio is fuelled by a diverse energy supply. They work to provide responsible, affordable, and reliable energy.

Energy for Member Supply



Safe Electricity is looking for good recruits like you to become Junior Safety Agents!

Here is the problem: electricity and water make a dangerous combination. Safe Electricity wants you to learn how to stay safe from electrical dangers and help keep others safe as well.

Complete the sentences below. Then, put the underlined letters in the decoder. When you have finished all the sentences, the clues will come together to form a secret message!

- This is the place to go if you need to get clean. However, electronics should never be near or in the .
- Water and never mix.
- Never play outside in thunder .
- Never use an electronic or appliance in a or wet area.
- Never splash, spray, or squirt onto an electronic.
- When you get out of the pool or tub, before handling electronics.
- "When roars, go indoors."
- Only electric go in outlets. Not water, toys, or other knick knacks.
- Do not let sniff, lick, or play with electronics and their cords.
- The kitchen is full of treats but also has electrical dangers. Ask an for help with kitchen activities.
- Stay far from electronics if you are wet.
- Wash your hands in the but keep electronics far away.
- safety tips with friends to help keep everyone safe.
- Never play in waters.
- After a storm, stay far away from damaged poles.

DECODER: _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _

Congratulations! You are a Junior Safety Agent! Share what you know about electrical safety to keep your friends and family safe. Learn more at:

Safe Electricity.org

ANSWER KEY:
1. BATHUB, 2. ELECTRICITY, 3. STORMS, 4. DAMP, 5. WATER, 6. DRY OFF, 7. THUNDER, 8. PLUGS, 9. PETS, 10. ADULT, 11. AWMY, 12. SINK, 13. SHARK, 14. FLOOD, 15. POWER, DECODER: BE SMART, STAY SAFE

Keeping Your Upstairs Cool

If your home has a second story, nobody has to prove to you that heat rises. For many, the answer is to crank up the air conditioning even more, but that typically just turns your living room into an ice box. The real key to upstairs comfort is limiting heat gain and circulating the air.

Ceiling fans make upstairs rooms feel cooler by circulating the air and providing a cooling sensation on your skin. Just be sure to turn them off when you leave to avoid wasting energy. The fan on a furnace can also be ran to circulate the cool air from the basement to the upstairs.

Invest in thermal blocking drapes and close them whenever there is direct sunlight. This will limit the heat, keeping your entire house cooler.

Because we are so used to air conditioning, it is easy to forget that sometimes it is actually cooler outside. On cool nights, open your windows and let that air in, if it is still too warm upstairs, hire a qualified professional to check you attic for air leaks and ensure that it is properly insulated.

811 - Call-Before-You-Dig

811 is the national call-before-you-dig phone number. Anyone who plans to dig should call 811 or go to the Nebraska 811 website a few business days before digging to request that the approximate location of buried utilities be marked with paint or flags so that you don't unintentionally dig into an underground utility line.

Hitting a buried line while digging can disrupt utility service, cost money to repair, or cause serious injury or death. Always contact your 811 center, wait the required time for utilities to respond to your request, and ensure that all utilities have responded to your request before putting a shovel in the ground.



Basic Homemade Bread

1 package active dry yeast
3 tablespoons plus 1/2 teaspoon sugar
2-1/4 cups warm water
1 tablespoon salt
6-1/4 to 6-3/4 cups bread flour
2 tablespoons canola oil

In a large bowl, dissolve yeast and 1/2 teaspoon sugar in warm water; let stand until bubbles form on surface. Whisk together remaining 3 tablespoons sugar, salt and 3 cups flour. Stir oil into yeast mixture; pour into flour mixture and beat until smooth. Stir in enough remaining flour, 1/2 cup at a time, to form a soft dough. Turn out to a floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, 8-10 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease the top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubles, 1-1/2 hours. Bake at 375 degrees until loaf is golden brown, 30-35 minutes. Remove from pans to wire racks to cool.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Replace standard power strips with advanced power strips to save energy. Advanced power strips look like ordinary power strips, but they have built-in features that are designed to reduce the amount of energy used by standby electronics that consume energy even when they're not in use (also known as phantom load).

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) estimates that the average home loses \$200 annually to energy wasted by phantom load.



SHARE the ROAD with Farmers

Be safe.
Be courteous.

Farm season means sharing the road with large farm equipment. Farmers must move slowly in large equipment, but public roads are often the only available routes.

When you find yourself following or meeting large farm equipment on the road, do the following to keep everyone safe:

- 1 Be alert and cautious, and give large farm equipment and other slow-moving vehicles space.
- 2 Do not pass if you are in a "No Passing Zone," or in any area where it is not safe to do so, such as intersections, bridges and railroad crossings, among others.
- 3 Be careful when you do get the chance to pass. Oftentimes, farmers will move their equipment over when it is safe to do so.
- 4 Do not tailgate.
- 5 Make sure the tractor is not trying to make a left turn before you pass on the left.



Share the road with care. Farmers are just trying to get to and from their job, too.

Source: Texas Table Top
(Texas Farm Bureau)

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August is BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY MONTH

Stay alert!

Slow down and be alert in residential areas and near schools. Be especially watchful of kids in rural areas without sidewalks.



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August Board Meeting:
August 8th - 9:00 am

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