



Manager Memos -by Curtis Kayton

Spring is Coming, are you ready?

A long time ago I heard this saying: “life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer you get to the end that faster it goes.” I used to chuckle when I heard this, now it’s just a sobering reminder.

The ground is warming, and planting season will be here soon. This is a good time to perform your inspections on your irrigation panels for mice or livestock damage, or discover burnt wires, blown fuses, or any other inoperable component. Be sure to call us to coordinate with your electrician if they need to deenergize your service to make repairs safely.

For our residential customers: it is also a great time to have your Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) unit serviced to make sure it is in good working order.

If you do not have a heat pump and are considering upgrading your HVAC unit you really should consider an energy efficient heat pump. They will pair with natural gas/propane as a heating source or electric resistive heat strips. Not only will heat pumps heat and cool your home more efficiently during weather extremes, but in the off-season months of spring and fall as well.

Finally, when considering making investments in energy efficiency whether they are new appliances, LED lighting, or weatherization measures like weather stripping and insulation we encourage you to contact us and inquire about our rebate programs that are available to help defray the cost of those investments that are designed to help us, help you. For more information, please visit our website at: www.crppd.com/rebates

As always, we stand ready to respond to your needs and if you have questions feel free to stop in or call.

Energy Efficiency Credits

Energy Efficiency Credits are available on electric motors, electric heating, electric hot water heaters, 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 - new construction or conversion from gas to electric
- *Heat pumps-\$150-\$500/ton
15 SEER Minimum
- *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp
- *Old refrig and freezer going to be recycled
- *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 required.

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.

Lineworkers Appreciation Day

Lineworkers are ranked as one of the 10 most dangerous jobs in the country. The lineworkers at Chimney Rock PPD work rain or shine, in often challenging conditions to ensure you have reliable electricity. We are celebrating Lineworkers Appreciation Day on April 8th.

A lot of people know linework is dangerous because they work near high-voltage electricity. Move just the wrong way or lose focus for a split second, and it could be deadly. They have to be aware of their surroundings and the safety of the person next to them. They often work on energized power lines. Working with an element of that kind of danger requires concentration, and there is no margin for error. The environment compounds the pressure, because when you need power most is usually when the weather is the worst. Linemen are often working in storms with rain, wind, extreme heat and cold, in the dark, or on the side of the road next to fast moving traffic. It's a dangerous job, but that's what they are trained to do.

There are some sacrifices to being a lineworker. Often they are the first on the scene of an emergency, seeing things that are devastating like car accidents, structure fires and damage from severe storms. They get calls at all hours and in the middle of the night. Often times they are missing out on their kids' games or family dinners. One thing is for sure you can be assured that they are doing their best to get the lights back on as quickly and safely as possible - so your life can get back to normal.



CRPPD Line Crew:

Back Row Left to Right - Jacob Ashmore, Justin McAllister, Bryce Hargens and Dalton Propp

Front Row Left to Right - Ron Hubbard, Tanner Rafferty, Joel Duffield, DJ Kearns and Brandon Wyckoff



JULY 22 - 26, 2024

JOIN US AT YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP

POWERED BY NEBRASKA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
AND YOUR LOCAL ELECTRIC UTILITY



Black Pepper Beef and Cabbage

- 2 Tbs vegetable oil
- 4 cloves garlic-chopped
- 1/2 lb ground beef
- 1/2 small head cabbage-shredded
- 1 red bell pepper, cut in strips
- 2 Tbs soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 pinch salt

Heat a wok or large skillet over medium high heat, and add oil. Sauté garlic for about 5 seconds, then add ground beef. Stir-fry until beef is evenly brown, drain excess fat. Stir in cabbage and bell pepper, cook until vegetables are tender and beef is fully cooked. Stir in soy sauce. Mix together cornstarch and water, and stir in. Season with pepper; add salt to taste. Cook stirring until sauce has thickened. Serve hot.

LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Learn important leadership skills through small group and career development activities.

MAKE NEW FRIENDSHIPS

Youth Energy Leadership Camp is a great way to make lifelong friendships with students across Nebraska.

BE A LINEWORKER

Learn what it's like to be an electric lineworker by climbing poles, riding in a bucket truck and more!

WIN A FREE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Three campers will be selected to serve as Nebraska's Ambassadors to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Rural Electric Youth Tour in 2025.

APPLY TODAY!

To be eligible for this year's camp you must:

- currently be in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade
- be sponsored by a Nebraska Rural Electric Association member-system

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ELECTRIC UTILITY

Chimney Rock Public Power
308-586-1824

Youth Energy Leadership Camp will be held July 22-26, 2024 at Camp Comeca, Cozad, Nebraska. Camp is open to students who are Chimney Rock PPD consumers and currently in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade. The camp is free and is a great way to incorporate leadership skills with lineworker skills, plus possibly win a trip to Washington D.C.

If you or someone you know are interested in attending this camp, please contact our office by June 1st.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

A well-designed landscape can add beauty to your home and reduce home heating and cooling costs. Plant deciduous trees with high, spreading crowns to the south of your home to block sunlight in the summer and reduce the need for air conditioning. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in the winter, allowing sunlight to warm your home.

Plant evergreen trees and shrubs with low crowns to block winter winds. Dense evergreen trees and shrubs planted to the north and northwest are the most common type of windbreak and can help lower energy used for home heating.

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April Board Meeting

April 17th - 9:00 am

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