

Taylor Report



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Working outdoors safely in the winter

Here's how to protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia this winter.

When the temperature drops, so does your body's ability to stay safe. Those who work outside and who enjoy outdoor sports like hunting, fishing or hiking — face added risks and must take extra steps to guard against frostbite and hypothermia.

Follow these tips and have a plan to stay safe when working outdoors:

- Watch the weather. Monitor the temperature and wind chill. Take frequent breaks indoors to help prevent cold stress.
- Stay warm and dry. Dress in loose, warm layers. Wear a moisture-wicking base, an insulating mid-layer, and a protective outer layer (flame-resistant/arc-rated if required for your work). Use warm socks and waterproof boots. Remove any wet clothing as quickly as possible.
- Protect your head and face. Use a hat, hood, or hard-hat liner. When required for your job, choose FR/AR-rated liners or balaclavas. Avoid bulky hats or loose scarves.
- Fuel your body. Drink warm fluids, stay hydrated and eat high-energy foods.
- Know the warning signs. Watch for frostbite (numbness, skin color changes) and hypothermia (shivering, confusion, slurred speech).
- Be prepared on the road. Keep a winter emergency kit in your vehicle with blankets, traction aids, and extra PPE.

Recognizing frostbite

Frostbite happens when skin and tissue lose circulation and freeze, commonly affecting fingers, toes, ears and nose.

Symptoms of frostbite

- Numbness or tingling in the affected area
- Skin that turns red, white or bluish gray
- Cold, hard or waxy-looking skin
- Stiff muscles and joints

Treating frostbite

- If possible, move indoors to a warm place.
- Warm the affected area with warm (not hot) water, or place hands under armpits.
- Avoid rubbing or massaging frostbitten skin, as this may cause further damage.
- Seek medical attention for severe frostbite or skin with blisters.

Recognizing hypothermia

Hypothermia occurs when body temperature drops dangerously low.

Symptoms of hypothermia

- Shivering
- Confusion or slurred speech
- Drowsiness or exhaustion
- Slow, shallow breathing

Treating hypothermia

- If possible, move indoors to a warm place.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately, especially if the person is unconscious.
- Provide warm fluids, avoiding caffeine and alcohol.
- Remove any wet clothing and warm the torso with layers of blankets or clothing.
- Wrap the body and head, leaving the face uncovered.
- If layers are not available, add body heat.

Cold weather brings unique challenges, from icy roads to freezing winds that make outdoor work even more hazardous. Lineworkers and other outdoor professionals face these risks daily to keep essential services running. When temperatures drop, look out for one another and take steps to stay safe. Prevention matters — limit your time in the elements, wear proper protective clothing, and stay alert. Working smart in the cold helps ensure everyone makes it home safely.

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Snowmageddon, Snowpocalypse, SnOMG!

Whether it's a big snow storm or an everyday snowfall — there's a risk of death by shoveling. Sudden exertion after being sedentary for several months can put a big strain on the heart. Pushing a heavy snow blower can also cause injury.

Shoveling heavy, wet snow can cause back injuries and heart attacks. So don't push yourself!

- ❄ Dress warmly, covering your head, fingers and toes.
- ❄ Take it slow and stretch before you begin.
- ❄ Stay hydrated and don't shovel after eating or while smoking.
- ❄ Shovel only fresh, powdery snow; it's lighter.

- ❄ Push small amounts of snow rather than lifting.
- ❄ Take frequent breaks and do not work to the point of exhaustion.

Know the signs of a heart attack, including chest discomfort, an uncomfortable feeling of fullness and shortness of breath. Stop immediately and call 911 if you're experiencing symptoms; every minute counts.

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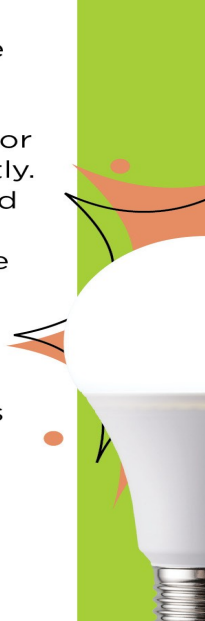
Safety Meeting Day at TEC

On Tuesday, January 6th, all TEC employees attended a safety training session focused on hazard recognition and bloodborne pathogen awareness. Employees completed training to stay prepared and safe on the job. Job Training and Safety Manager, Chris Burnis, led hands-on instruction covering proper procedures in the event of an accident where blood cleanup is required.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Mid-winter is a great time to ensure you're making the most of your home heating system. Replace or clean filters to keep your furnace or heat pump running efficiently. Listen for strange noises and check for uneven heating—these signs indicate that the system may need servicing. Ensure vents and radiators aren't blocked by furniture or rugs as proper airflow helps your system work less and saves energy. A little maintenance along the way can prevent costly repairs and keep your home cozy through winter.



Board Report - Dec. 2025

- Approved November disbursements totaling \$471,769. 16 new member applications, and November 2025 construction in the amount of \$97,943.
- Reviewed financial results for November with \$548,626 Operating Margins and \$644,819 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 5 outages in November, with an average YTD outage time per meter of 0.2786 hours.
- Seven applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$9,276 to be paid out at the net present value of \$4,151.
- 42 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the December 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$18,551.
- Other topics covered included upcoming meetings, continued bylaw review, and updated remote disconnect policy.

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