

Taylor Report



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The Chill is in the Air!

The following tips will save you money and energy while staying comfortable during the cool fall and cold winter months. Many of these tips can be used on a daily basis to increase your savings; others are simple and inexpensive actions you can take to ensure maximum savings through the winter.

- Seal air leaks around utility cut-throughs for pipes ("plumbing penetrations"), gaps around chimneys and recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.
- Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.
- Open curtains on the south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat the home, and close them at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.
- Be certain to plant deciduous trees on the south facing side of the home, especially in proximity to windows. They will let the light and warmth in the windows during the winter and will shade the windows in the summer.
- Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of window frames during the cold winter months. Make sure the plastic is sealed tightly to the frame to help reduce infiltration.

—Department of Energy.com



National Teen Driver Safety Week is October 20–26, 2024

Parenting teens can be challenging. While some battles aren't worth fighting, protecting your teen behind the wheel is.

4 SAFETY TIPS

TEEN DRIVERS NEED TO KNOW



1 THAT TEXT CAN WAIT

When texting while driving, the shortest amount of time a person takes his or her eyes off the road is five seconds. At 55 mph, that is like driving the length of a football field with your eyes closed.

2 DON'T GET OUT

If you are in a car accident involving a power line or padmount transformer ("green box"), stay inside the vehicle and call 9-1-1. Unless the car is on fire or giving off smoke, do not get out. If there is a fire, make a solid jump from the vehicle without touching it and hop with your feet together as far away as you can.

3 RESPECT WORK ZONES

One work zone crash occurs every 5.4 minutes. Remind teen drivers to consider anyone doing their job in or near the road as someone they know and love. Encourage them to move over and slow down for workers.

4 DON'T DRIVE DISTRACTED

Texting is not the only form of distracted driving. Driving and doing anything else is multitasking. Eight deaths occur EVERY DAY due to drivers who drive distracted.

Learn more: SafeElectricity.org



Taylor Electric's linemen recently practiced bucket truck rescue during a safety meeting in late August. In the case of a malfunction or emergency situation, the linemen must be prepared to get out of the bucket without an operating lift.

OCTOBER IS CO-OP MONTH

How much do you know about your cooperative?

Q: How many times would cooperatively-owned power lines circle the equator?

A: 108 times! Electric co-ops own 2.7 million miles of power lines.

Q: How much money do consumer-owned electric cooperatives return to their members annually?

A: \$1 billion in the form of capital credits

Q: How many people in the world live without electricity?

A: 746 million

Q: What percentage of the American landscape do electric co-ops power?

A: 56%

Q: How many people across America receive electricity from nearly 900 electric cooperatives?

A: 42 million

Q: How many people do America's electric co-ops employ?

A: 73,000

Q: Today a 30-ft. wooden utility pole can cost up to \$800. How much did a pole cost in 1940?

A: About \$8—\$27 if you include installation costs and labor.

Q: When was the first electric cooperative established?

A: 1914

BONUS: It was called Stony Run Light & Power Company and was the predecessor to Montevideo, Minn.-headquartered Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light & Power Association.

Q: Which state claimed the first power line to be energized using financing from the Rural Electrification Administration?

A: Texas

BONUS: It was on the lines of Bartlett Community Power & Light Company (now Bartlett, Texas-based Bartlett Electric Cooperative), in 1936.

Q: In the 1920s—before widespread rural electrification efforts commenced in the mid-1930s—how many American farms had electricity?

A: 2.6%

BONUS: By 1953, the number had increased to 88%.

Q: How many states have electric cooperatives?

A: 48

BONUS: Connecticut and Massachusetts are the only two states that do not have electric co-ops.



Board Report – August 2024

- Approved July disbursements totaling \$384,967. 15 new member applications, and July 2024 construction in the amount of \$64,373.
- Reviewed financial results for July with \$343,594 Operating Margins and \$415,536 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 18 outages in July, with an average YTD outage time per meter of 1.0298 hours.
- Three applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$2,526 to be paid out at the net present value of \$705.
- 24 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the August 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$9,406.
- Capital credit retirements for this fall cover DPC 1995-1997 and TEC 2000-2002 totaling about \$357,000. Amounts under \$200 will be a bill credit.
- Other topics covered included Cooperative Day of Service at Sackett's Lake, the fall member appreciation event, donations, and activities at DPC.

