

Taylor Report



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September is Preparedness Month

September marks the start of National Preparedness Month across the country. Knowing how to prepare for natural disasters, power outages, and a variety of other risks and emergencies can make a real difference and potentially save your life. Just as important as knowing how to prepare is knowing what to do during and immediately after an emergency.

One of the best ways to stay one step ahead of storms, power outages, and other emergencies is to plan ahead with an emergency preparedness kit. Assembling and maintaining an emergency kit before a disaster strikes is one of the easiest steps someone can take to reduce many of the risks associated with severe weather. In addition to having an emergency kit, it is also important to know what kind of disasters are most likely to occur where you live and add or remove items accordingly.

The exact contents of your emergency kit may vary according to the dangers and weather most relevant to your region, but Ready.gov recommends that every emergency kit contain these basic items:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA weather radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

Whether you are facing a power outage from a storm or any other emergency situation, being prepared can help keep you and your family safe. For more safety tips, visit SafeElectricity.org.

PREPAREDNESS MONTH WORD SEARCH

Did you know September is National Preparedness Month? There are several ways you and your family can be prepared for an emergency.

Read the tips below, then find and circle the bolded words in the puzzle.

(Use the word bank as a guide.)



PREPAREDNESS TIPS:

Keep a list of emergency **phone numbers** in a location that's easy to find.

Learn about different types of **emergency alerts** and understand what they mean.

Make an emergency **kit** that includes items like flashlights, batteries, water, non-perishable food and a First Aid Kit.

Designate a **safe area** in your home in the event of a severe storm. This should be an area in the center of the home, away from windows.

Make sure **smoke alarms** are installed on every floor of your home and outside bedrooms. Test alarms every month to ensure they're working properly.

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Join us for Breakfast and October Co-op Month

Date: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
Time: 6:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Where: Centennial Community Center, Stetsonville

- Packer Calendars are Back!
- Register to win an electric bill credit
- Try your luck at cornhole and win a prize

HEY KIDS...

Come with mom & dad and bring us your decorated pumpkin for a chance to win a \$25 gift card!

Age groups: 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12



ELECTRICAL SAFETY WITH HUEY'S HIDEAWAY!!

On Monday, August 5th, employees of Taylor Electric visited Huey's Hideaway Children's Museum to give an electrical presentation for children attending summer camp. The demonstration included Leadman Justin Fuchs and Linemen Tim Habermeyer and Jessie Knoll. The main focus was to show the youngsters the hazards associated with electricity. The kids watched a live demonstration on the dangers of coming into contact with energized electric wires. They asked a lot of great questions and had the chance to try on the linemen's safety gear.



(l to r) Linemen Tim Habermeyer, Jessie Knoll and Justin Fuchs answer questions from the kids about electricity.



The perfect sized group to learn about electricity. Each child received a safety hat!

Board Report – July 2024

- Approved June disbursements totaling \$372,376. 18 new member applications, and June 2024 construction in the amount of \$36,741.
- Reviewed financial results for June with \$239,068 Operating Margins and \$306,031 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 44 outages in June, with an average YTD outage time per meter of 1.0069 hours.
- Ten applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$15,999 to be paid out at the net present value of \$6,142.
- 26 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the July 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$9,179.
- Other topics covered included the Key Ratio Trend Analysis, early discussion on board policies, updating the outage policy, donations and activities at DPC.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Now is the time to schedule annual maintenance for your home's heating system. During fall months, HVAC technicians are typically less busy, making this an excellent time for maintenance and any necessary repairs before the winter months.

A qualified technician can clean filters, check for leaks and ensure all system components are working efficiently to keep your home cozy and warm when the temperatures begin to drop.



CONGRATULATIONS to Taylor Electric Employees, Justin and Sheena Fuchs, on the birth of their son, Rhett Clay Fuchs, who was born August 15th and weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and 20.5 inches long. Welcome to the cooperative world, Rhett!!

Capital Credits to be Applied this Month

For all active accounts, capital credit retirement that is under \$200.00 will be applied to your electric bill. For refunds over that amount, a check will be sent. For all inactive accounts, a capital credit check will be mailed to the last known address on file.