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Irrigation Pump Reminder

It's that time of year again, the crews will be out hooking up irrigation pumps in the coming weeks, weather permitting. If you need to transfer your pump, please call our office to complete the transfer before you are billed for services.



Have You Thanked a Lineman Today?

April 11, 2022 is National Lineman Appreciation Day

You've likely noticed NorVal's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our community. It's no secret that a lineman's job is tough - it's not a glamorous job, but it is essential to the life of our community. Without the exceptional dedication and commitment of these hardworking people, we simply would not have the reliable electricity that we need for everyday life. So, as we celebrate Lineman Appreciation Day on April 11, we wanted to take the day to recognize and thank these individuals in our community that keep our power going everyday without fail.

#THANKALINEMAN



LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY We thank lineworkers for their courage and commitment to powering our community.

Celebrate Earth Day

If you want to celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd, start by making your home more energy efficient. Below are three efficiency tips from energy expert Brian Sloboda of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

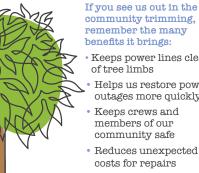
Look around your home for no-cost ways to be efficient. Close the curtains in the summer and open them in the winter. Turn off your computers overnight. Also turn off video game consoles when they're not being used. Better yet, keep them off and send the kids outside to play baseball.

Look for small steps you can take and DIY. Caulk around drafty windows. Check the attic for the correct amount of insulation. Switch to LED light bulbs. Plant a deciduous tree on the sunny side of your house; in a few years the leaves will cool your home against the sun in summer, then fall off to warm it in the winter. Old cable TV boxes use a lot of energy. If yours is not ENERGY STAR-rated, call your cable provider and ask for a new one. If you have a major appliance - like a refrigerator, washing machine or dryer - that's more than 10 years old, don't repair it. The energy efficiency of a newer model will likely pay for itself with energy savings in a few years. Before buying any appliance, look for the ENERGY STAR label, and learn to read it and compare products.

Call NorVal about energy-saving programs—They may be able to offer advice, appliance rebates or a home energy checkup. You might be surprised to find out what's really driving up your energy costs. 🕷

Trees, Too. We

We know everyone in our community enjoys the beauty and shade trees provide. But trees and power lines can be a dangerous mix without regular trimming during the growing season.



community trimming, remember the many benefits it brings:

- Keeps power lines clear of tree limbs
- Helps us restore power outages more quickly
- Keeps crews and members of our community safe
- Reduces unexpected costs for repairs

Trimming improves service reliability for you, the members we serve.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When streaming content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop.

Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25% to 30% less energy than standard equipment.

Source: Dept. of Energy

Nick's Notes By Nick Dulaney, Line Superintendent

We got a hint of spring at the end of February, but the moisture has been a nice sight to see. It has been pretty slow the last few weeks, but as soon as the weather warms up and the ground thaws, we will be focusing on the water projects in the Wolf Point, Lustre, and Volt areas.

The crews are still out trimming trees and clearing the right of way. As we gear up for the 2022 construction season, we are working hard to finish all the necessary permitting and easements. With construction on our minds, we have material starting to show up little by little. But we want our members to be reminded that lead times on things like transformers and special equipment are getting longer and longer. Some of these lead times are up to 3 years. If you have a project in mind, please give either our staking engineer, Joe, or myself a call to get on the list for equipment and any other necessary supplies. We can both be reached by calling the main office phone number (406) 228-9351.



Call before you dig.