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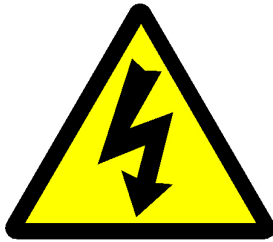
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## Stay safe this fall

Electricity serves an important function on farms and homes. It has proven to be a valuable servant to perform such tasks as, lighting, heating, crop processing, irrigation pumping, as well as many other tasks. Because it is so commonly used, we tend to take it for granted and many times fail to recognize the potential danger that may be present with electricity. It is common complacency that often leads to electrical accidents.



Please stay safe this fall with harvest and all year round.



Cedar-Knox PPD sent two campers and one counselor this year to the Youth Energy Camp in Halsey. Pictured from left to right are Nathan Leise, Hartington camper, Dusty Neuhalphen CKPPD counselor, and Anamarie York, Coleridge camper. As usual, it was a great experience for all, and we encourage high school students to check it out next year.

## October - Celebrate Public Power Month

What can you get for less than a dime these days; maybe a piece of bubble gum? When it comes to electricity in Nebraska, a residential customer can buy a kilowatt for less than .07 cents on average. It is true, even with high fuel costs and operational expenses on the rise, Nebraskans enjoy some of the lowest rates in America.

Electricity costs are low in Nebraska because of our states public power structure. Nebraska's utilities are not-for-profit and provide services that are safe, reliable, and locally controlled.

As public power employees, our loyalty is to you, not a stockholder. Our employees make up those we serve; neighbors, family and friends. Cedar-Knox PPD is grateful for this opportunity to serve you.

## Our Energy, is Our Future

Energy Conservation and Going Green are topics you are hearing a lot about these days.

You can be sure, these topics will not go away anytime soon. We have many significant challenges ahead of us, and Cedar-Knox PPD is working together with partners such as Nebraska Rural Electric, (NREA) National Rural Electric, (NRECA) Nebraska PPD and Nebraska Generation and Transmission (NE G&T) to bring you affordable electric rates. Because of our relationship with these organizations, Nebraskans enjoy some of the lowest rates in the nation. NREA and NRECA assist us through safety training, political lobbying and current information that keeps us up-to-date on state and local levels.

These partners help us operate as efficiently and effectively as we can to provide you with the best service and lowest

rates possible. But in the years to come, they will also be instrumental in making sure we are heard in the political debate on climate change, renewable energies, nuclear power, carbon dioxide emission reduction, carbon tax and cap trade program – all which will affect your cost of electricity.

There is a Grassroots effort "Our Energy, Our Future" which encourage Americans to have a dialogue about these issues with your Congress and others. We are encouraging you to contact your elected officials to ask tough questions about these topics. Visit the website [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop), there you will find a list of questions and a way to contact your legislator.

Start the dialogue and we will start the plan that we need, to develop and address our need for energy in the future at an affordable cost.

# ENERGY WISE

## Use less. Spend less. Do more.

Cedar-Knox PPD has joined forces with Nebraska PPD to promote the programs listed below to make us more "Energy Wise"

- High Efficiency Heat Pump Incentive
- Incentive to "Change a Light" (CFL)
- Irrigation Efficiency Program (Contact us for details)
- Refrigerator/Freezer Recycling

Please consider any of these programs to being more energy efficient. One at a time, we can make a difference.

## High efficiency heat pumps incentive

Cedar-Knox PPD is partnering with Nebraska PPD and is now offering incentive payments for high-efficiency heat pumps for residential customers as of September 1, 2008. Your local HVAC dealer has been made aware of this program also. If you are thinking of installing a heat pump or have done so, since September 1st, please talk to your dealer or contact us with your questions about this program.

Minimum requirements stipulate that to be approved, the heat pump must be Energy Star qualified. While the seasonal energy efficiency rating (SEER) must be 14 SEER or greater and determines the level of rebate, all qualifying heat pumps must also have an 8.2 heating seasonal efficiency factor (HSPF).

HEAT PUMP	REBATE
14 SEER	\$200
15 SEER	\$250
16 SEER & higher	\$300
Water Source of Geothermal HP	\$400

Cedar-Knox PPD will document homeowner information and pay them an incentive either through a check or billing credit. We have brochures at our office and would be happy to give you one if you are interested.

## 2008 IRRIGATION LOAD CONTROL STATISTICS

- About 750 irrigation systems for 2008 season
- Controlled 14 days for 103 total hours (depending on the type of control you utilize, your total control hours will be different)
- Control Days by Month – July was 6 days for 42 ½ hours, while in August we controlled 8 days for 60 ½ hours
- This was the first year of Sunday control, we only controlled one Sunday (August 3rd) for 3 ½ hours
- We controlled until 11:00 p.m. one time, until 10:30 p.m. one time, and until 10:00 p.m. three times. The earlier release times are appreciated by all!!

## Reminder:

If you are unable to pay your bill by the due date, be sure to call our office with payment arrangements. By doing so, you can avoid unnecessary collection attempts and associated charges. We are willing to work with you – just give us a call at 254-6291 or 800-891-5196.

**Call before you dig, it is as easy as dialing 811 to reach Diggers Hotline.**

## Refrigerator/freezer recycling drive

Chances are, that old refrigerator or freezer in your garage or basement is running up your electric bill. That is because they can use three-times as much energy as the newer more efficient models.

If you want to get rid of that energy eater, you are in luck. Jaco Environmental Inc. is kicking off a recycling program in our area, which is sponsored by the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant. You can contact them, by calling 1-866-444-9160 or visit their website at [www.appliancerecycling.com](http://www.appliancerecycling.com). They will schedule a free pick up of your refrigerator or freezer, you will pick up \$35.00 and save money on your future electric bill. You will also have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping the environment by recycling and disposing of that old appliance properly.

Cedar-Knox PPD is supporting this effort, but you should contact Jaco Environmental with any questions or to schedule a pick up.

## Incentive to "Change a Light"

Cedar-Knox Public Power will partner with Nebraska Public Power to offer you coupons for \$1 off single packs and \$3 off multi-packs of Compact Fluorescent Bulbs. These coupons will be available at participating retailers in your area starting October 1, 2008 and be available through December 31, 2008. Customers will be limited to five coupons per visit. Participating retailers will be listed on the NPPD website at [www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com) or look for the display at the store where you shop.

### Reasons to "Change a Light"

- Use 70-75% less energy than their common light bulb equivalents.
- Last 10 times longer than an incandescent bulb.
- Can save an average of \$30 or more per bulb, over their lifetime.
- Help the environment by saving energy.

Cedar Knox has informational brochures available at our office, so please stop by.

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