


#ThankALineworker

This month we celebrate the hard-working men and women who keep the power on for our communities near and far. Rain or shine, day or night, line workers climb to great heights to ensure our homes and businesses stay lit. National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) has designated the second Monday of April each year, April 10th this year, as the day to honor line workers. We are fortunate enough here in Nebraska to have elected officials who praise the work we do as well and have designated April 18, 2023 as Lineworker Appreciation Day in Nebraska. Today, and every day, let's celebrate the men and women who have dedicated their lives to ensure we have safe, reliable electricity. From climbing poles to restoring power during storms, line workers are the backbone of our energy infrastructure. Be sure to thank our local lineworkers when you see them!!

LINeworker APPRECIATION DAY

We salute you for all you do to keep the lights on.

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Safe Electricity.org

You play a role in work zone safety.







WORK WITH US


2023 National Work Zone Awareness Week


Work Zone Awareness Week: April 17th – 21st

National Work Zone Awareness Week is an annual spring campaign, held at the start of the construction season. The 2023 theme is: "You play a role in work zone safety." Drivers are encouraged to prevent the often-tragic consequences of work zone crashes by slowing down, eliminating distractions (cell phone use, eating etc.), following directions on road signs and flaggers as they approach work zones. Help keep all types of workers (including ours!!) safe.




HELP KEEP ELECTRIC LINE WORKERS SAFE






Be patient when the power goes out. Workers need to work efficiently and **safely** to restore power.





ZONE IN ON SAFETY






Respect **roadside** work crews.

Don't drive distracted. Reduce your speed. Change lanes.


1 work zone crash occurs every **5.4 minutes** 

70 work zone crashes result in **injuries each day** 


12 work zone crashes result in at least **1 fatality each week** 


Never plug a generator into a wall outlet in your home or garage. The power that back feeds into the electric line **could electrocute a utility worker or neighbor.**



DON'T post signs on utility poles.

Foreign objects can **tear utility workers' protective clothing**, which is the first line of protection from an **electric shock.** 

Electric line workers **RANK 15** on the list of **25 MOST DANGEROUS JOBS** in America. Help keep them safe!



HERE ARE GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU PLANT NEAR TRANSFORMERS:

1. Call 811 or request a locate online at www.ne1call.com. CKPPD will locate and mark underground utility services for you.
2. Maintain a 3 – foot clearance to the sides and back of the transformer. Equipment inside the box generates heat and needs air circulation to keep cool and run efficiently. Overheating could cause an outage.
3. Maintain a 10 – foot clearance in front of the transformer. Fences, shrubs and trees planted too close to the pad mount transformer can slow restoration and create a serious safety hazard. If these items are in the way, crews may have to remove them to gain access. To avoid that situation, take time to plan before landscaping near electrical equipment. Consider the mature size and spread of a shrub or tree which varies by species.



NOTICE

WE NEED ROOM TO WORK SAFELY ON THIS DEVICE.

PLEASE KEEP SHRUBS AND STRUCTURES 10 FEET AWAY FROM THE SIDE WITH DOORS AND 3 FEET FROM OTHER SIDES.

OBSTRUCTIONS MAY BE DAMAGED OR REMOVED DURING SERVICE RESTORATION OR MAINTENANCE.

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IRRIGATION SEASON IS ON THE HORIZON

Customers with irrigation accounts will soon be billed the Horsepower Capacity Charge on May 1, 2023. If you are thinking of changing your load control rate option, please call or stop by the office by **April 28th**. After that date, customers can only go to a more expensive rate option for an additional fee.

2023 IRRIGATION RATES

No Control \$44.00 x per Measured Horsepower
Energy charge per kwh \$0.07191

Every Other Day Control \$30.00 x per Measured Horsepower
Energy charge per kwh \$0.06191

Every Day Control \$24.25 x per Measured Horsepower
Energy charge per kwh \$0.04548

Irrigation customers are reminded to notify Cedar-Knox PPD of any changes that have been made to your irrigation system during the past season. CKPPD personnel will review the changes to determine if a new usage pattern can be identified resulting in a change for your billing. Changes could include:

- Different or added pivots
- Added wells
- Different sizing of wells
- Re-nozzling of system
- Adding automatic restart

Spring checks of our load control equipment will begin soon. If you replaced your panel that the load control radio is attached to or unhooked your radio, please call the office to let us know. Thank you.

YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP

Reminder: The deadline to apply for Youth Energy Leadership Camp is April 28th. Camp is held July 9-13 and we would love to sponsor local 9th, 10th, and 11th graders to attend. For more information, call 402-254-6291.

SIGN UP TODAY!!!

ALWAYS CALL 811

before digging, building, planting or installing at **any** depth.

APRIL IS NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH