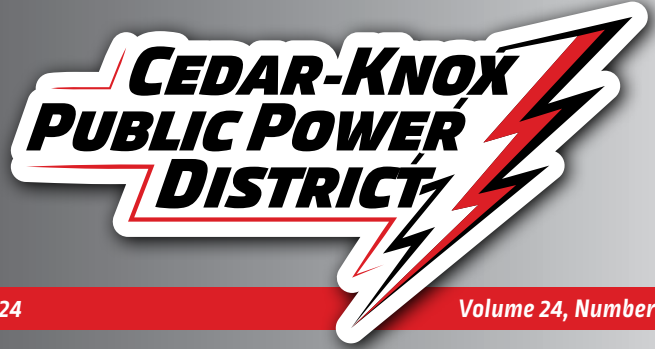


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MAIN ENTRANCE IS OPEN!!

The remodel and addition project at the Cedar-Knox Public Power office is mostly complete. We welcome customers to revert back to entering the building at the front entrance. We have updated our building and sign with the new logo as well. Thank you for your patience while the front office was temporarily moved – feel free to stop by and see us.



PLANNING TO DIG?

Before you start, be sure you've taken the important first step of calling **Nebraska 811**. It's a step that can save you time and money, and can help keep you safe – and it's the law!

Nebraska 811 is a statewide, one-call notification center that links people who plan to excavate or dig with the owners of any underground facilities located on their property. August 11 is National 811 Day, which highlights the importance of calling 811 before a digging project.

When you contact the center, you will identify the area where you plan to dig. Once that area has been identified, utilities with underground facilities in the area will be contacted. The utilities then have until your requested start date and time to mark their facilities.



PAPERLESS BILLING PROMOTION

Did you make the switch? Time is running out to receive a \$5 one-time credit for each account you switch to paperless billing. You will also be entered into a drawing for a \$50 bill credit.

Paperless billing stops the paper bills being sent in the mail; saving postage, paper and

envelopes. Once your bill is generated, an email is sent that your bill is ready to be viewed, speeding up information flow – no waiting!

We have other service options such as notifications and/or automatic pay that you may also want to add to save you time and

Each account that is newly signed up will receive a one-time \$5 bill credit **AND** a chance to win a \$50 bill credit.

money. Take advantage of this opportunity now - postage rates increased mid-July.

Fill out the form below or call into our office to request the switch – but hurry, this promotion ends **August 31st!!**

Fill out the form below or call into our office to request the switch.

* Customers already receiving paperless bills will automatically be entered into the drawing.

New customers wanting to switch to paperless billing must sign up before August 31, 2024 to be entered into the drawing.

PAPERLESS BILLING AUTHORIZATION

Please switch account(s) _____ to paperless billing. ****No physical copy will be sent in the mail.**

Signature

Printed Name

Email

Cell Phone Number

- Please sign me up for a notification text and/or email for **new bill** generation.
- Please sign me up for a notification text and/or email for **payment due** soon.
- Please send me information to set up **automatic payment** on this account(s).

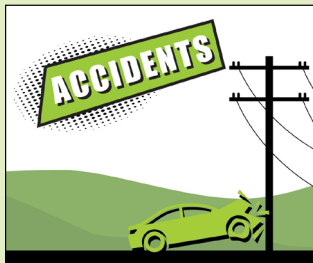
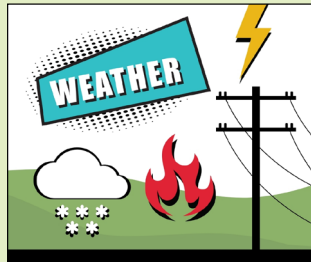
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WHAT CAUSES POWER OUTAGES?

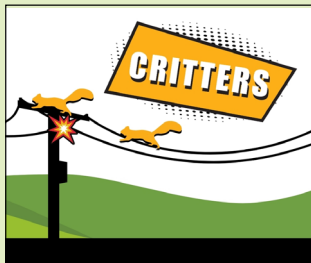
There's never a good time for a power outage, but you might be surprised to learn disruptions can occur from a variety of causes beyond the weather. Vehicle accidents, excavation work, small critters and scheduled repairs are also common causes of power outages.

Weather events are one of the leading causes of power outages. High winds, lightning strikes, snow, ice and wildfires can cause major damage to electrical equipment. Cedar-Knox crews are no strangers to Mother Nature's curveballs and are always ready to respond if the lights go out.



Have you ever experienced a power outage on a sunny day? It could've been caused by a vehicle accident. Every year, vehicles and farming machinery collide with utility poles, leaving nearby customers without power. Play it safe on the road... stay alert and avoid texting while driving.

Critter culprits! They cause outages more than you probably think. Squirrels, birds, snakes and other small animals can inadvertently contact power lines and other electrical equipment, causing short circuits and service disruptions. That's why we do our best to safeguard equipment and keep these curious little critters out of trouble.



To keep our local power grid reliable and in good shape, we periodically conduct maintenance and repairs to improve the system. Occasionally, we may need to shut off power in the affected work areas. Scheduled outages are typically short and help ensure our crew's safety while they work – and we try to let you know about these outages in advance.

BACK TO SCHOOL

August is Back-to-School Safety Month, so let's remember to play it safe as we begin a new school year.

- ▶ Slow down as you drive through residential areas and school zones
- ▶ Give school buses space to stop when you see red lights flashing on the stop arm
- ▶ Tell students to walk in front of the bus (never behind) when getting on and off the bus
- ▶ Remind teen drivers (and everyone) to not text and drive



Have a great school year kids! Cedar-Knox PPD also wishes Good Luck to all area schools as the fall sports and activities begin.

STAY COOL...



WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK

Is there anything you can do to reduce the impact of summer usage on your wallet? Absolutely, there is! Here are ways for you to help reduce your electrical usage and pay less:

- Your microwave uses about two-thirds less energy than your stove. Better yet, grill outside.
- Your dishwasher uses less water and energy than washing dishes by hand. Use the air-dry setting on your dishwasher to save even more.
- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home and higher when you are away. Using ceiling or room fans allows you to set the thermostat higher because air movement will make the room feel cooler.
- Do your laundry by using the cold water setting on your washer. Line-dry clothes whenever you can.
- When you need to use the clothes dryer, run full loads, use the moisture-sensing setting, and clean the lint trap after each use.
- Unplug electronic devices and chargers when they are not in use. Turn computers and printers off at the device or at the power strip.
- Unplug and recycle that spare refrigerator in the garage if you really do not need it.
- Replace air conditioner filters. Dirty filters restrict airflow and can cause the system to run longer.
- Install patio covers, awnings, and solar window screens to shade your home.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Placing heat sources, such as lamps, computers or TVs, near your thermostat can result in false temperature readings, increased energy use and inconsistent cooling/heating. Make sure your thermostat is installed in an area clear of obstructions, electronic devices, direct sunlight and drafts.

Ensuring your thermostat is free from these types of interferences optimizes energy efficiency, improves indoor comfort and reduces wear and tear on your cooling/heating system.

Source: energy.gov

