

Plan Ahead

It looks as if 2021 will be a very busy year with new construction projects along with our normal workplan items of updating and improving our infrastructure for improved customer reliability. With the proposed grain futures, we are seeing our highest demand for new irrigation services in years. CKPPD is faced with increased prices and lengthy lead time on materials due the challenges the last year has placed on things worldwide. We ask that you plan ahead and contact CKPPD as early as possible with any new services or service upgrades that you may be looking at. This will ensure we have enough material in stock and can schedule and complete your job in a timely fashion to best meet your expectations and needs. Thank you.

Remember to change your furnace filter

Why change your furnace filter?

By changing your furnace filter, it saves money and increases your furnace's lifespan. When your air filter is operating correctly, your HVAC system runs more efficiently. This saves energy and lowers your utility bill. If your filter is dirty, it can overwork your system leading to costly repairs and reduce your furnace's lifespan. Upfront costs of replacement filters over time are much lower than replacing the entire system sooner than needed.



How often should you change your furnace air filter?

You should always follow manufacturer recommendations on how often to replace the filter, but there are several things you should consider:

- **Type of Filter:** High-efficiency filters do not need to be replaced as often as filters with a low MERV rating
- **Time of Year:** Your filter will likely need to be changed more often during peak seasons (winter heating and summer cooling). During these times of increased system use, you should check your filter monthly and replace as needed
- **Household conditions:** If you have a pet or smoker in the home, you will likely need to change your filter more often. The more contaminants in the air (pet hair, dander, smoking byproducts, etc.) can lead to clogged filters

Besides changing your furnace filter regularly, you should have your HVAC system routinely tuned up by a licensed professional. Preventative maintenance is the best way to avoid problems and save money on future repairs. Cedar-Knox PPD offers a \$30 Cooling System Tune Up rebate for having your cooling system/heat pump inspected and tuned up by an HVAC contractor. There is a small application to be filled out and signed by both the homeowner and technician. The application can be printed from our website at www.cedarknoxppd.com. Then click on Energy Efficiency > Cooling System Tune-Up. For more information on this program, please contact us at 402-254-6291.



Update Your Contact Information

Has your phone number or address changed? Do you still have your landline? Do we have your email address on record?

We frequently need to be able to contact our customers in regards to planned outages, electric usage variations, and more. It is important to remember that your account information needs to be updated periodically so that we may be able to best serve you. Please contact us at (402) 254-6291 to update all of your contact information with us. Customer service is a top priority of ours and we appreciate help in keeping your information updated. Thank you.



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Get EnergyWise today!

Our EnergyWise programs offer incentives to homeowners, businesses and agricultural customers to help cover the cost of a variety of energy-efficient upgrades. All projects must be installed and operational during the calendar year to be eligible for the corresponding EnergyWise program year incentives.



For 2021, the high efficiency heat pump incentives for the homeowner are:

TYPE OF HEAT PUMP	INCENTIVE CRITERIA	INCENTIVE AMOUNT
Ductless Mini-Split	15+ SEER, 12.5 EER, 8.5 HSPF	\$400
Ductless Mini-Split	Variable Capacity (inverter driven) *	\$600
Ductless Mini-Split (multi heads, 3 ton or greater)	Variable Capacity (inverter driven) *	\$1,200
Air Source	15-15.9 SEER, 12.5 EER, 8.5 HSPF	\$400
Air Source	16-17.9 SEER, 12.5 EER, 8.5 HSPF	\$800
Air Source	18+ SEER, 12.5 EER, 8.5 HSPF	\$1,200
Air Source	Variable Capacity (inverter driven) *	\$1,200
Geothermal – water-to air or water-to water (1 or 2 stages)	Any EER	\$2,400
Geothermal – water-to air or water-to water (variable capacity)	35+ EER, 5.0+ COP in GLHP - partial load column of AHRI or Energy Star certificate	\$3,300

Smart Thermostats

According to a Nebraska energy burden study, the average Nebraska household spends more than \$2,400 on the energy needed to run their home. What if you could reduce your heating and cooling needs by up to ten percent while helping to automate your home? If you have a home Wi-Fi connection and a central air-conditioning or heat pump system, you may qualify for an incentive of up to \$100 for a qualifying smart thermostat.



Smart thermostat technology is most beneficial for households that have extended periods during the day when no one is home or turn their thermostat down during bedtime hours. It is also a great option for homes that have irregular occupancy through the week, month, or year.

SYSTEM TYPE	INCENTIVE AMOUNT
Primarily Electric Heat (professionally installed)	\$100
Primarily Electric Heat (customer installed)	\$75
Primarily Fossil-Fuel Heat (professionally installed)	\$50
Primarily Fossil-Fuel Heat (customer installed)	\$25

Other Programs Available:

- Attic Insulation
- Cooling System Tune-Up
- Commercial HVAC
- Prescriptive Lighting
- Heat Pump Water Heating
- Customer Lighting
- HVAC System Optimization
- Variable Frequency Drive
- Agricultural – Farrowing Heat Mats
- Corner Pivot
- Prescriptive Irrigation
- Electric Vehicle, Home Chargers, Wiring & Conduit

Watch for more information on each of these programs in the coming months. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 402-254-6291 or 800-891-5196.

Outages

We are fortunate that lengthy outages do not happen on a regular basis. You should always be prepared for the possibility that one could occur. Please refer to the graphic and have a storm kit ready just in case.

Some tips should you experience a power outage:

- Call us to report the power outage
- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed to preserve food
- Use generators outdoors and away from windows and doors; do not use them inside
- Do not use a gas stove to heat your home
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges
- If safe, go to an alternative location for heating or cooling
- If weather conditions allow, check on neighbors. This is especially important since cell phone and internet communications may be disrupted and they may be unable to call for help

STAYING SAFE DURING AN OUTAGE

We work hard to provide the most reliable service possible. Rest assured, if the power is out, we are on it!

The length of time it takes to restore your power depends on several factors, including the:



STAY SAFE UNTIL POWER IS RESTORED

- Stay far away and keep others away from downed power lines, which could be live and deadly.
- If you come across a downed line, immediately call 9-1-1 to report it.
- Never enter a flooded room; the water could be energized.
- If you are standing in water, do not turn on/off power or flip a switch.



Prepare for a storm by gathering these items:



THANK YOU for your patience during outages. When the lights go off, we are working safely and efficiently to restore power. The safety of our employees, as well as those we serve, is our TOP priority.