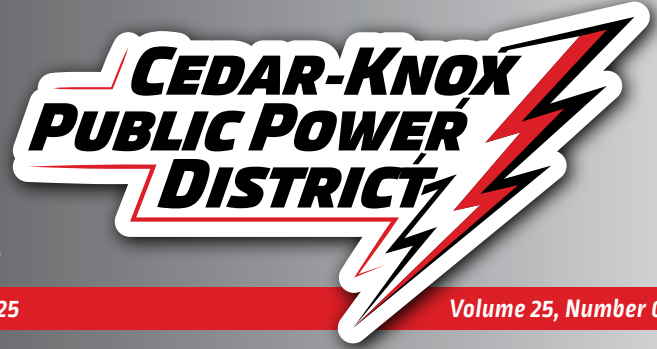


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2025 IRRIGATION RATES

The 2025 Cedar-Knox PPD billing rates were approved at the January board meeting with an overall 3.5% increase. The new irrigation rates for 2025 are listed below. The initial horsepower charge will be billed on May 1st based on the measured horsepower of each system. If changes have been made recently, please call into our office so that special analysis can be made to the account. Featured below are the specific rates per control option. While reviewing this information, please take time to evaluate a rate change on your systems.

2025 IRRIGATION RATES	HP CHARGE (per HP)	KWH CHARGES
No Control	\$46.50	\$0.07370
Every Other Day Control	\$32.50	\$0.06148
Every Day Control	\$26.50	\$0.04415
Paid Disconnect	\$10.50	No usage available

In 2024, CKPPD had 11 controllable days, but only curtailed irrigation load on 7 of those days. The specific control days are shown to the right. As you can see, we did not control the 7 days in a row. For most recent years, this is the norm (i.e. spread over multiple weeks). That being said, please consider the load control program – such as switching to Every Day Control.

The official irrigation letter detailing numerous aspects of the load control program will be sent in late March. To get a jump on the season, please call on the phone or stop in-person and the office staff can assist you.

July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

5 Tips To GO GREEN for St. Patrick's Day

- 1. Replace your HVAC filter.**
These typically need replacing every three months, though factors like pets, climate and system age can affect the timing.
- 2. Install a smart thermostat.**
A smart thermostat offers convenience, savings and efficiency by adjusting the temperature based on your schedule — reducing usage when no one is home.
- 3. Cut energy use during peak hours.**
In spring, peak electricity hours are usually in the evening. Spread usage out by doing laundry and dishes earlier in the day or later at night.
- 4. Upgrade to energy-efficient appliances.**
Look for appliances that are ENERGY STAR-certified, using 10 to 15% less energy and water than standard models, according to Energy.gov.
- 5. Save energy through small acts.**
Turn off lights when you leave the room, switch to energy-saving LED bulbs, and unplug electronics that aren't in use.

Learn more at: [SafeElectricity.org](https://www.SafeElectricity.org)

9 March SUNDAY 2025

Spring Forward
DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY

Stacy Knutson has been a devoted employee of Cedar-Knox PPD for 10 years. She is the friendly face at the front desk and the familiar voice answering the phone. Stacy calculates and reviews the monthly billings along with maintaining account and customer information. Stacy and her husband, Todd, live in Hartington. They have two daughters: Maya and Tessa (and son-in-law Reece). We appreciate Stacy's lighthearted ways and compassion to the customers of CKPPD!



10 Years

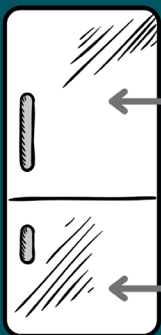
KEEP FOOD SAFE WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT

Weather, animals, or fallen trees can cause an unexpected power outage. Any time the power goes out can be frustrating, and we hope that outages for our customers remain infrequent and short-lived. Below are some food safety tips for when outages do happen.

- 1 It's a good idea to have an emergency supply kit on hand before an outage occurs. A few items such as bottled water, cereal, or powdered milk can help buy time and avoid the need to look for food or drinks.
- 2 A cooler filled with ice could be used for perishable items, if you have advanced warning of the outage.

Keep Food Safe During and After a Power Outage

Refrigerated or frozen foods may not be safe to eat after a power outage. Use these tips to minimize food loss and reduce risk of illness.



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Refrigerated food will last four hours. After four hours, place refrigerated foods in a cooler with ice.

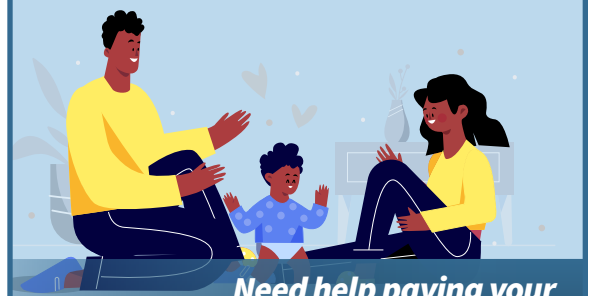
24 OR 48

Food in a half-full freezer will last 24 hours. Food in a full freezer will last 48 hours.

Food Safety Tips

1. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
2. Throw out any food with an unusual odor, color or texture.
3. Throw out perishable food in your refrigerator after four hours without power or a cold source (like a cooler with ice).

When in doubt, throw it out!



Need help paying your **HEATING BILLS?**

WHAT IS LIHEAP?

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps individuals and families maintain safe and healthy indoor temperatures by helping people pay home heating bills, preventing energy shutoffs, and making homes more energy efficient.

LIHEAP can help you and your family stay warm this winter. Apply for support today!

LIHEAP eligibility is based on household size, income, and other received benefits.

To see if you're eligible & apply



Visit: www.energyhelp.us



Call: National Energy Assistance Referral Hotline
(866) 674-6327



Email: energyassistance@ncat.org



LIHEAP
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

- 3 During an outage, do not open the refrigerator or freezer unless absolutely necessary. Opening the appliance will let the cold air out, causing the internal temperature to increase.
- 4 After the outage, be sure to evaluate the time the food was exposed to higher temperatures. To help decide to discard or not, be sure to smell and inspect the items.

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