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FALL ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE: PROTECT YOUR HOME, BUSINESS, AND IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT BEFORE WINTER



As fall temperatures begin to drop, now is the perfect time to inspect your electrical equipment and prepare for winter. Whether you're protecting your home, commercial facility, or irrigation equipment, preventative maintenance can help prevent unexpected failures, costly repairs, and unnecessary downtime.

Electrical panels, outdoor disconnects, meter bases, junction boxes, commercial control panels, and irrigation enclosures are designed to protect important wiring and components. However, missing hole plugs, damaged seals, loose covers, and open conduit entries can allow moisture, mice, insects, and even snakes to get inside. As temperatures drop, rodents look for shelter, and electrical enclosures can become an inviting place to nest.

Mice can chew through wire insulation, damage connections, and build nests inside equipment. Moisture can cause corrosion, short circuits, and electrical failures. What begins as a small opening or worn seal can lead to significant damage, with troubleshooting, wiring repairs, or equipment replacement costing hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

Irrigation equipment deserves special attention before winter shutdown. As systems are taken out of service after harvest, electrical enclosures may sit idle for months, exposed to moisture, temperature changes, and rodent activity. Damage can go unnoticed until spring startup, when equipment is needed most. Inspecting control panels and pump enclosures before winter can help prevent unexpected repair bills and delays during the busy planting and irrigation season.

Homeowners and commercial property owners should also inspect outdoor electrical equipment for missing plugs, damaged gaskets, loose covers, corrosion, and signs of water intrusion or pests. Rain, snow, ice, and fluctuating temperatures can put additional stress on outdoor enclosures throughout the winter. Making sure these enclosures are properly protected helps extend equipment life and reduce the risk of unexpected problems.

Before winter arrives, check around conduit and cable entries, inspect covers and seals, and look for nesting materials, droppings, or signs of moisture. Seal unused openings with appropriate fittings or plugs to maintain the enclosure's intended protection rating. For safety, have a qualified electrical professional handle repairs or inspections that involve exposed wiring or energized equipment.

Don't wait until winter or spring startup to discover a problem that could have been prevented. A routine inspection now can help protect your residential, commercial, and agricultural equipment, reduce the risk of costly repairs, and ensure your systems are ready when you need them.

A little preventative maintenance today can save time, money, and frustration tomorrow.



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FALL ENERGY SAVINGS WORD SEARCH

Fall is a great time to put energy efficiency into action. Read the following energy-saving tips, then find the bolded words in the puzzle below.

- Turn off the lights when you **leave** the room.
- **Unplug** chargers when you're finished using them.
- On chilly days, open **curtains** to let sunlight help warm your home.
- Wear a sweater instead of turning up the **heat**.
- Turn off the TV and other **electronics** when you're done using them.
- Tell an adult if you see a dripping faucet or a drafty **window**.



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Our offices will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

As we enter this season of thankfulness, we are reminded to appreciate the people and things big and small that make a difference in our lives. Thank you for your continued trust in our service and employees. Wishing all our customers a happy and meaningful season of Thanksgiving.

IMPORTANT: METER CHANGE NOTICE

A contractor, **Second Sight Systems** hired by our meter software vendor, will begin replacing certain meters due to a component recall issue beginning early November. **The issue does not affect meter accuracy, billing data, or your account.** This replacement is a preventive measure to ensure continued reliable service. No action is required on your part other than providing access to the meter if needed. Second Sight Systems will be in white vehicles and have their logo visible. They will attempt to notify you of the brief interruption in service before the meter change out. We apologize for the inconvenience - if you have questions, please contact our office by calling (402) 254-6291.



Congratulations on Your Marriage!

Please join us in congratulating our Apprentice Lineman, Zach Miller and Joelie Schreiber, on their recent marriage. We wish them a lifetime filled with love, laughter, and happiness. Best wishes on your new journey together!