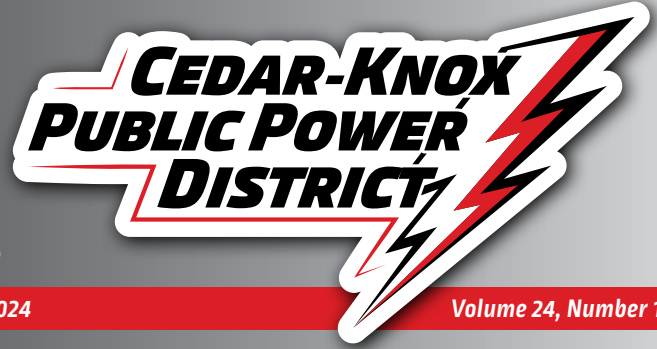


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PUBLIC POWER MONTH

Could you imagine going an entire day without the use of electricity? Have you ever tried it? In the span of about 100 years, we have seen electricity evolve from a big city luxury to a nationwide necessity. It keeps us safe and comfortable, and it connects us to our friends and family.

We take electricity for granted in Nebraska and the entire United States for that matter. The folks who can remember what it was like before their family had electricity are becoming fewer every year. It is easy to forget how dependent we have become on electricity in our everyday lives. We flip the switch and automatically expect our homes and offices to be filled with light.

It doesn't hurt to be reminded occasionally about the importance of electricity, as well as the contributions it makes to our towns, our state and the nation.

Public Power month honors the nation's more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities, like Cedar-Knox PPD, that provides electricity to your home, farm, or business.

Public power serves the interests of the local communities. The not-for-profit rates hold down household and business costs; Cedar-Knox and Nebraska have some of the lowest electric rates in the country. Lower electricity rates attract and keep businesses that provide jobs. They are also good for our household budgets.

We encourage our customers to take part in celebrating Public Power month.

When it comes to service, you know we are just down the street or a phone call away if you have problems. And you know our track record of doing everything we can to keep the power on and restoring it in the case of weather-related outages, such as blizzards and tornados.

Interest in local communities, low rates, pride in service; all great reasons to celebrate Public Power. Please take a moment this month to appreciate all electricity does in your daily life.

TIME TO VOTE

Remember to vote in the upcoming election on November 5th. Every CKPPD customer living within the boundaries of the District has the right to vote for representation on our Board.

Cedar-Knox has three Board Districts. As depicted by the map (right), Subdivision 1 is mostly northern Cedar County; Subdivision 2 is primarily southern Cedar County and Subdivision 3 is the territory we serve in Knox County.

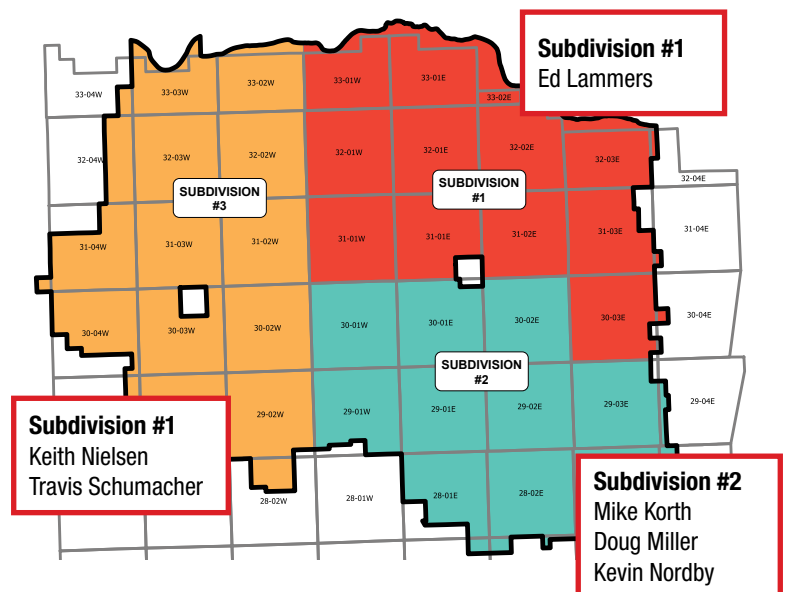
In order to run for the board, candidates must meet statutory requirements governing public power districts. "A candidate for director shall be a registered voter residing within the chartered territory or subdivision as defined in the charter of the district...." Candidates should also be able to attend the monthly board meetings, generally held the second Wednesday of the month and are encouraged to attend various other meetings and trainings throughout the year. Candidates run for a 6-year term on the Board.

The Board's primary responsibilities are to set the overall direction of the District. This includes the hiring of the General Manager, approving the budget and yearly audit, and acting as trustees on behalf of the people they are elected to represent, among many other duties. The board provides oversight to ensure the strategic goals and objectives of Cedar-Knox PPD are being accomplished.

As a registered voter, you are able to vote for the Director of the Subdivision in which your primary residence is located in. Listed

below are the candidates running for election this year. Only one candidate will be elected from each subdivision.

Be sure your voice is heard and make sure you vote in this year's election for the Cedar-Knox PPD Board and other local city, county, state, and national races and ballot initiatives. Voting is one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard. **Exercise your right!**



HOME GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS

Have you considered purchasing a generator? Generators can provide necessary power when an outage occurs. Several decisions should be made prior to buying one. See the safety tips to the right to make a smart purchase and learn the optimal way to operate one. As always, feel free to call our office to address any questions or concerns you have.



- 1. Understand your power needs**
If you intend to power your home with a generator, you need to understand your specific appliance or utility needs and choose a generator powerful enough to meet them. Before purchasing a generator for your home, be sure to discuss with a professional what size generator would be best for your home.
- 2. Seek professional installation**
It's always a good idea to seek out a professional who can examine your generator setup, make sure it's installed properly, in good working condition and doesn't pose any safety risks.
- 3. Read the manual**
Reading your generator's manual is one of the easiest ways that you can practice good generator safety. It can help you quickly identify any

potential problems and verify that it is operating correctly.

- 4. Isolate your generator**
If you intend to power your home with a generator, then make sure to install a transfer switch.
- 5. Do not backfeed**
If you don't use a transfer switch or simply plug your generator into a wall outlet, you will likely backfeed power. When you do this, you run a high chance of breaking your generator, starting a fire, or sending power back down the utility lines that could potentially harm the workers who are attempting to repair them.
- 6. Do not run indoors or in partially enclosed spaces**
Standby generators should always be installed outdoors in well ventilated areas to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

FILTER REPLACEMENT

Now is a good time to check and change filters in heating and cooling (HVAC) systems. Some may have not been replaced since the start of the cooling season or even longer. But how important could a new filter be if your HVAC system still seems to provide adequate heating and cooling? Consider the following potential impacts:

Inefficient Heating and Cooling

Dirty filters reduce airflow and the system's ability to condition the air in your home. According to the Department of Energy, a furnace or air conditioner with a clogged filter can use 15 percent more energy than one operating with a clean one.

Higher Cost of Utility Bills

Every year, energy efficiency professionals start hearing concerns about the high cost of utilities after homeowners and renters receive their first bills after an extended cold period. An inefficient HVAC system only makes these bills higher.

Uneven Temperatures Inside

Diminished air flows due to a dirty filter often results in a room or rooms not receiving the same amount of heated air as others.

Short cycling or equipment failure

Reduced air flow due to a dirty filter can cause your heat exchanger to overheat and shut off before your thermostat's setpoint is reached and the HVAC system will continue to cycle on and off. If this happens too often, the system can fail, and the furnace won't fire up at all.

Unhealthy Air

A clean filter helps remove contaminants such as dust, mites, pollen, pet dander, and more to create a healthier home.

Changing your filter once a year is probably not often enough. However, if you're not currently changing your filter at all, it's a start. Some heating and cooling experts recommend replacing your filter every month, and some filters are designed to last multiple months. Only through observation and following manufacturers' recommendations can you best gauge optimal replacement frequency.

Not sure which filter to select? Visit with your HVAC technician or retail expert to assure your selection provides the best filtration possible without negatively impacting your system's performance.



LOOK UP & LOOK OUT SAFETY PROMOTION

Did you see us at the Wynot & Wausa schools? Employees & board members from Cedar-Knox PPD handed out popcorn at recent volleyball games. CKPPD was there promoting our safety message to **LOOK UP & LOOK OUT** around powerlines. It was great to see many of our customers and we want to continue to remind everyone to slow down as it only takes a moment to make an electrical contact at home or in the field. Continue to watch for us at more local events!

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