



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

Well, another year has slipped by, and it is already January of 2023. I can't believe how fast last year flew by and that on January 1 it is National Hangover Day and New Year's Day, then on the 2nd is National Cream Puff Day and Festival of Sleep Day on the 3rd along with National Fruit Cake Toss Day. On the 6th is National Bean Day and the 9th is National Static Electricity Day leading to National Cut Your Energy Cost Day on the 10th. National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is on the 11th, on the 13th is Make Your Dreams Come True Day, the 15th is Strawberry Ice Cream Day, and the 16th is Appreciate a Dragon Day. On the 17th it is Official Ditch Your New Year's Resolutions Day, on the 19th is National Popcorn Day followed on the 20th by National Cheese Lovers Day and it gets better on the 22nd as it is National Blonde Brownie Day and the 23rd is National Pie Day. The 26th is kind of a mixed day as it is National Green Juice Day but also National Peanut Brittle Day, on the 27th it is International Holocaust Remembrance Day and National Chocolate Cake Day. The 31st is Plan Your Vacation Day.

With winter coming on and more snow and bad weather around the corner please remember our phones are answered day and night if you have any issues or see something that could become a problem. As we move into the new year, we are constantly evaluating our service and reliability of our lines, with the supply issues and cost of materials we are now doing some research into whether we will need to raise our rates later in the year. Our last increase was in 2016 and we have tried to keep things at a minimum and are waiting to see what our power supplier will be doing. We at C.R.P.P.D. wish you a very good new year, stay safe and enjoy 2023!



Energy Efficiency Credits

Energy Efficiency Credits are available on electric motors, electric heating, electric hot water heaters, some Energy Star appliances and LED lights. Must be new installations only and submitted within 90 days. Certain standards of efficiency must be met to qualify depending on the type of electric equipment installed.

Some of the credits include:

- *Electric water heaters - \$30/unit
- *Heat pumps-\$300/ton
15 SEER Minimum
- *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp
- *Energy Star Appliances
clothes dryers - \$30
Induction Cooktops-\$100
Recycle of frig/freezer-\$60
- *LED lights - lesser of 1/2 cost of lights or \$8 per lamp, 500 Lumens or greater
- *Electric outdoor power tool - 25% of cost
- *Whole House Fans - \$100
- *Smart Thermostats - \$25
- *Split System A/C - \$100
- *Evaporative Cooler - \$200
- *Commercial LED Lighting
- *Polemount Lighting

Receipts are required.

Chimney Rock also contributes to some of the credit.

Please contact our office for information on requirements and credit amounts at 586-1824.

Winter Storms: Staying Safe and Warm

Extreme winter weather can lead to closed roads and power outages. Are you prepared? Extreme winter weather can immobilize an entire region. Even areas that normally experience mild winters can suddenly be hit with heavy snowfall or intense cold. Winter storms can result in closed streets and highways, power outages, and flooding. Take action now to ensure the safety and comfort of your family in the event of extreme winter weather.

Before a storm

- * Have snow removal equipment on hand, as well as rock salt to melt ice and sand to improve traction.
- * Regular fuel sources may be cut off, so make sure an alternative is available to heat your home. For example, store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
- * Keep fire extinguishers on hand and make sure everyone knows how to use them. Fires pose an additional risk when alternate heating sources are in use.
- * Locate your main water supply and valves; make sure you know how to shut them off in case a pipe bursts.
- * Repair roof leaks and keep gutters clean. Trim any tree branches that could fall during a storm.
- * Winterize by caulking and weatherstripping doors and windows, sealing the attic area and installing storm windows. This will help to keep your family safe and comfortable during a storm.

During the storm

- * Listen to your radio, television, or weather radio for weather reports and emergency information.
- * Eat regularly and drink ample fluids, but avoid caffeine and alcohol.
- * To conserve fuel, keep your residence cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.
- * Stay dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent the loss of body heat.
- * Watch for signs of frostbite; these include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers and toes. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- * Drive only when necessary. If you must drive, travel on main roads during daylight hours. Keep others informed of your whereabouts.

After the storm

- * Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack, a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch before going outside.
- * Help neighbors who may require special assistance including infants, the elderly and people with disabilities.
- * If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation and open all faucets; pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they are most exposed to the cold. Do not try to thaw them with a blow torch or other open flame.
- * Follow forecasts and be prepared when venturing outside. Major winter storms are often followed by extremely cold conditions.

Scholarships Offered

Chimney Rock PPD in conjunction with Basin Electric and Tri-State Generation and Transmission are offering a \$1,000 and two \$500 college scholarships. Applicants for the scholarships must be U.S. citizens and dependants of Chimney Rock consumers.

Applicants also must be students enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate or graduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.

Scholarship information will include SAT/ACT scores and overall grade-point average, work experience, participation in school and community activities, a personal statement of career goals, applicant appraisal and an essay question.

Applications for the 2023-24 school year will be accepted until February 15, 2023. For more information contact your school's guidance counselor or call Chimney Rock PPD.

Rocky Mountain Electric League Foundation Scholarship

Students of Chimney Rock PPD customers pursuing an electric industry career are eligible to apply for this scholarship. There are several scholarships awarded in amounts up to \$3,000. The scholarship deadline is February 24, 2023. For more information on eligibility requirements and for the application information log on to www.rmef.org, click on RMEL Foundation and scholarships.

Budget Billing Set Up Time

Customers currently on budget billing will have their accounts "settled up" with the January billing. The accounts will bill the actual amount due on the account.

This is a good time to set up new budget accounts. New budgets will start with the February billing. If you would like more information on budget billing or would like to set up your account on budget just give our office a call.

Rate Changes Effective January 2023

Chimney Rock PPD will be making some rate changes for billable work performed on behalf of the customer. Starting January 1, 2023, the new billable rate will be \$75 per hour and \$125 per hour for after hour work. A pole set charge is now \$125.

Trip charges relating to collections will be \$125 (this includes a trip made to tag a door in order to collect a past due amount). A reconnect fee will be \$125 during business hours and \$175 for an after hour reconnect.



Crisp Chicken Wings

4 lbs chicken wings
Extra-virgin olive oil
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
1 big, fat tablespoon Thai red curry paste
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 lime, halved
Chopped cilantro leaves, for garnish

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Rinse the wings under cool water and pat dry. Put them in a bowl, drizzle with olive oil and season well with salt and pepper. Toss to coat with seasoning. Spread the wings out on a baking sheet and roast about 25 minutes until the skin gets crisp and brown, and the meat is tender.

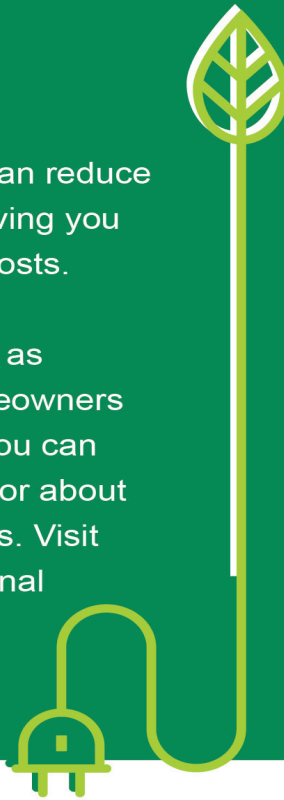
Blend the butter, red curry paste, honey and soy sauce into blender. Season with salt and puree. Scrape into a big bowl. When the wings come out of the oven add them to the bowl of curry butter. Squeeze the juice of the lime over the wings. Give it a toss, garnish with cilantro.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Insulating your electric water heater can reduce standby heat loss by 25% to 45%, saving you 7% to 16% on annual water heating costs.

The Dept. of Energy rates this project as medium difficulty, meaning most homeowners can tackle this project on their own. You can purchase pre-cut jackets or blankets for about \$20 at most home improvement stores. Visit energy.gov for project tips and additional considerations.

Source: energy.gov



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January Board Meeting:
January 9th - 9:00 am

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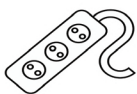
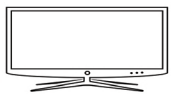
Flipping the Switch WORD SCRAMBLE



Do you know you can save energy every day in your home? By turning off appliances that are not in use, you have the power to save energy! For example, while the sun is shining, windows can allow sunlight into your house without having to turn on a lamp or a light switch.

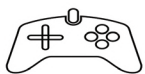
Unscramble the letters to reveal the names of common appliances and electronics that you should turn off when not in use. Use the pictures below for clues.

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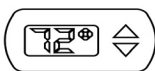
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2. HTATOSMERT _____



3. HG TIL HCTWIS _____

4. ONSILEETVI _____



5. EWROP PRTIS _____

6. MGAE NOESCLO _____

Answer Key: 1. CEILING FAN 2. THERMOSTAT 3. LIGHT SWITCH 4. TELEVISION 5. POWER STRIP 6. GAME CONSOLE