



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

March is here and only 20 days until spring is officially here. As we celebrate March arriving with National Pig Day on the 1st and National Crown Roast of Pork on the 7th, along with National Oreo Cookie Day on the 6th. World Day of Prayer and Employee Appreciation Day are on the 3rd and Barbie Day is on the 9th. Johnny Appleseed Day follows on the 11th and another round of changing our clocks for Daylight Savings Time arrives at 2:00 am on the 12th. On the 14th is National Potato Chip Day followed by Buzzard Day on the 15th. Saint Patrick's Day is on the 17th then the 20th is Extraterrestrial Abduction Day and the first day of spring which leads to National Goof Off Day on the 22nd. National Cheesecake Day and National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day are on the 24th and on the 26th is the day that many people seem to have taken advantage of according to the stuff in this letter as it is Make Up Your Own Holiday Day. We close out the month with Turkey Neck Soup Day the 30th and National Crayon Day on the 31st.

After all of these weird days it is time to get out in the fields and back to field work. Please be careful of poles, wires, and any other hazards as you are moving and working in the fields. As always let us know if there are any problems or potential problems that you see. Have a good March and be careful.

Bryce Hargens Earns Journeyman Lineman Title

Congratulations to our newest Journeyman, Bryce Hargens. Bryce attended lineman school at Western Nebraska Community College in Alliance, NE.



He was hired at Chimney Rock PPD after completing his internship here. Bryce has completed the Merchant Job Training and Safety Program along with a total of 8,000 hours of work experience. He has extensive experience with climbing gear, digger derricks, and aerial lifts. He also has knowledge of safety regulations and guidelines.

Energy Efficiency Credits

Energy Efficiency Credits are available on electric motors, electric heating, electric hot water heaters, 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 - \$50/unit
- *Heat pumps-\$150-\$500/ton
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- *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp
- *Old refrig and freezer going to be recycled
- *Clothes Dryers - \$30-\$90
- *Induction Cooktops 30" or larger, must be replacing gas
- *LED lights - lesser of 1/2 cost of lights or \$8 per lamp, 500 Lumens or greater
- *Electric trimmer, chainsaw, or pruner, electric blower or lawn-mower - 25% of cost, up to \$150
- *Whole House Fans - \$100
- *Smart Thermostats - \$25

Receipts are generally required. Chimney Rock also contributes to some of the credit.

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

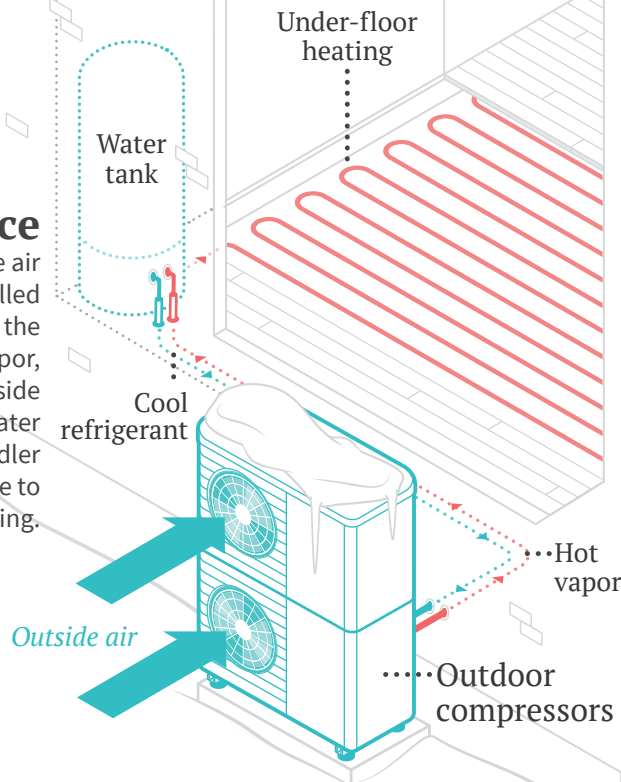
Let us help pay for your new electric appliances and motors.

Heat Pumps

Widening consumer understanding of beneficial electrification is creating a groundswell of interest in everything from electric vehicles to induction stoves. Among the appliances getting particular attention are heat pumps, which can efficiently condition a space by transferring heat or cold from the air or ground. They're not a new technology, but recent advances have made them even more efficient, versatile and easier to install. Here's a look at the three primary heat pump types and how they're used.

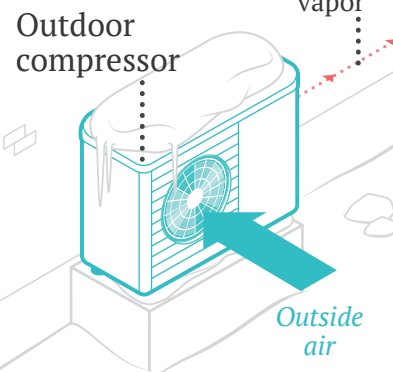
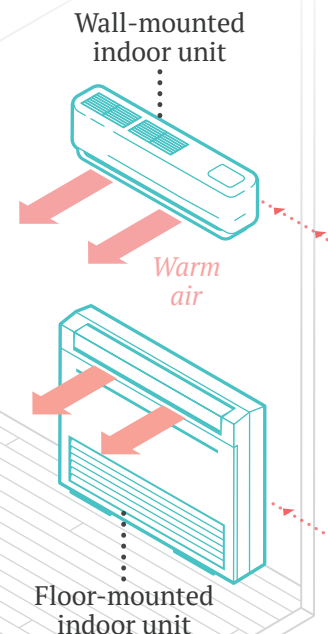
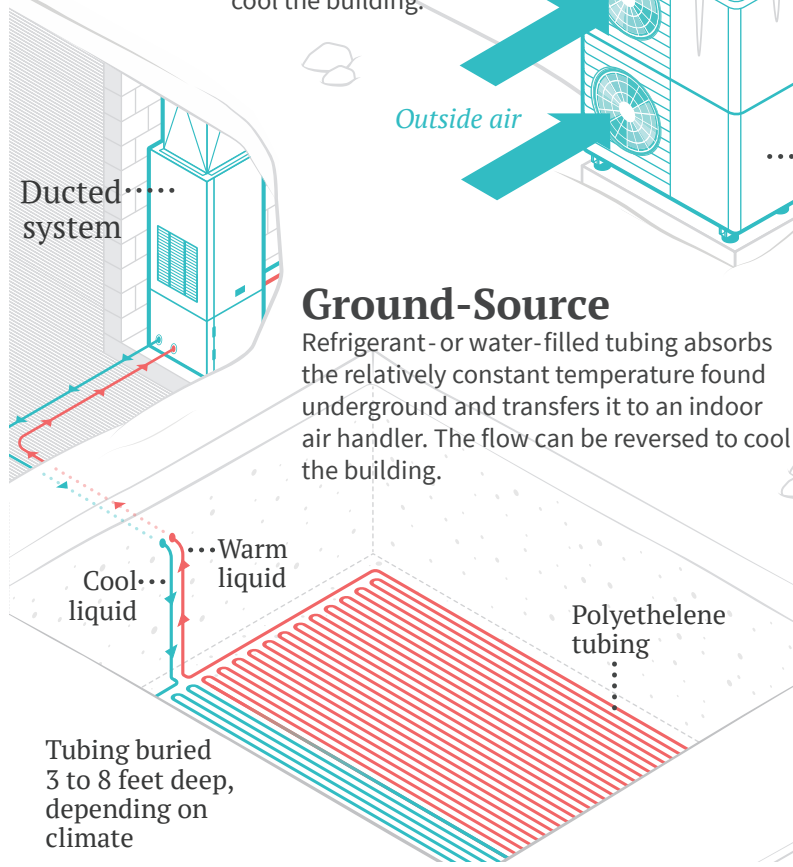
Air-Source

Heat is extracted from the air using a fan and refrigerant-filled coils. A compressor turns the refrigerant into warm vapor, which is pumped to coils inside the building for use in a water tank or air handler. Air-handler systems can run in reverse to cool the building.



Ground-Source

Refrigerant- or water-filled tubing absorbs the relatively constant temperature found underground and transfers it to an indoor air handler. The flow can be reversed to cool the building.



Mini-Split

Air-source heat pump system that works with small indoor condenser units to heat or cool. Good for homes that don't already have ductwork.

Play It Safe Around Power Lines

Digging holes, climbing trees, flying kites — outdoor play often creates beautiful childhood memories. Before hitting the great outdoors, discuss electrical safety with your children.

Flying fun

While flying kites, model airplanes, remote-control flying toys and drones, stay in large, open areas (such as parks or fields), far away from power lines. If an item gets caught in a power line, teach children to never try to retrieve it. Instead, an adult should call their electric utility for help.

General outdoor safety tips

Other important safety guidelines for kids and adults alike include:

- Never throw objects at power lines.
- Stay far away from downed, damaged or low-hanging power lines. An adult should call 9-1-1 to report a downed or damaged line.
- Be cautious after a severe storm that caused a power outage. Downed power lines could be hidden under water, snow, or storm debris. Wait to go outside until power has been restored.
- Do not climb trees that have overhead power lines near or running through them.

Poolside

When spending time by the pool, look overhead when using pool skimmers or other long objects to be sure you are not getting close to an overhead power line. If you are swimming and feel a prickly or tingling sensation, do not stay in the pool. There could be a stray electric current from a downed power line or a damaged electrical device. Also, never play in a flooded street or ditch; a downed power line could be hidden by the water and fallen debris.



**NEBRASKA RURAL ELECTRIC
YOUTH ENERGY
LEADERSHIP CAMP**

July 9-13, 2023
High School Grades 9-11
Camp Comeca, Cozad, NE

If you are interested in applying for this all expense paid camp, contact our office.



Burrito Bake

1 lb ground beef
1 can (16 ounce) refried beans
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 envelope taco seasoning
1 tube refrigerated crescent rolls
1 to 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
1 to 2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
Optional toppings:
Chopped green pepper
Shredded lettuce
Chopped tomatoes
Sliced ripe olives

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large skillet, cook and crumble beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Add beans, onion, and taco seasoning.

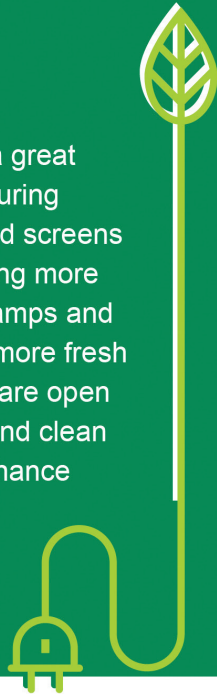
Unroll crescent roll dough. Press onto bottom and up the sides of a greased 13x9 inch baking dish; seal seams and perforations.

Spread beef mixture over crust; sprinkle with cheeses. Bake uncovered, until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Sprinkle with toppings.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Washing windows and screens is a great way to practice energy efficiency during spring cleaning. Clean windows and screens make your home brighter by allowing more sunlight in, reducing the need for lamps and fixtures. Clean screens also allow more fresh air in the home when the windows are open to recycle indoor air. Natural light and clean air are energy savers, and they enhance overall health and productivity.

Source: energy.gov



Is Your Heating System Not So Hot?

Your home is your refuge from those freezing winter winds. If your heating system has left your feeling a little cold, don't despair. There are simple actions you can take to warm things up. Here are a few things to check to increase comfort and efficiency.

Clogged filter - Dirty filters make your system work harder to get heated air into your living space and can cause damage to system components. Change your filter at the beginning of the heating season and regularly thereafter according to manufacturer's guidelines.

Malfunctioning thermostat - Make sure your thermostat is set to the "Heat" position. Replace older thermostats with new programmable units. Advanced thermostats provide cool features such as remote control and self-programming.

Air leaks - Air escaping from your home makes your heating system work harder and you less comfortable. Check for gaps around exterior doors and windows as well as wiring or piping holes in your attic or basement walls. Seal any gaps you find with caulk, weather stripping or expandable foam.

Closed or blocked vents - Are some rooms too cold or even too hot? Make sure all supply and return air vents are open and not covered by furniture or rugs. Closed or covered vents restrict airflow, reducing comfort and heating system efficiency.

Looking to save more? Hire a qualified auditor to perform an energy assessment of your home. You will receive recommendations on measures you can take to improve the efficiency to your home and make it more comfortable.

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March Board Meeting:
March 13th - 9:00 am

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