



Manager Memos -by Curtis Kayton

Harvest Season

Harvest season is budget season for Chimney Rock PPD, and exciting things are happening! We are planning upgrades to our Bayard Substation, upgrading conductor size on selected circuits, and onboarding an advanced metering data software program. The software analytics will predict outage and nuisance blink locations, low voltage areas and provide aggregated meter usage in real-time. Bringing these analytics in-house will enable us to reduce losses, increase reliability, and eliminate obsolescence in a systematic, optimized way. We are also anticipating the long-awaited arrival of two new trucks that have been carried over from past budgets in 2024.

That is the exciting news. However, not so exciting is that our Wholesale Power Supplier Tri-State Generation and Transmission Cooperative is increasing our wholesale rate by almost 8% or nearly \$400,000 beginning January 1, 2024. Higher costs driven by inflation, supply chain pressures, and fuel volatility have prompted this action. The last increase was in 2017, so in today's business environment getting six years out of a wholesale rate is not a bad track record. Unfortunately, CRPPD cannot absorb this entire amount and we need a little extra for added costs of operating. How these added expenses will be recovered from each rate class is still being modeled so be watching your bill stuffers in November and December for the final percentages that again will become effective January 1st.

As harvest season winds down, everyone at CRPPD will kindly remind everyone to be aware of your surroundings and remember to Look up and Live!

As always, if you have questions please stop in or call.

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 required.

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.

Have a Safe Holiday Season

Sparkling lights and dazzling decorations are hallmarks of the season. Make sure your decorating is done with safety in mind. Before decorating, check each light strand for broken sockets, frayed cords, or faulty plugs. Always be sure to unplug the lights when replacing a bulb. Don't string together more light strands than recommended by the manufacturer.

Outdoors, use only lights, cords, animated displays and decorations rated for outdoor use. Cords should be plugged into outlets equipped with GFCIs. Use a portable GFCI if your outdoor outlets don't have them. Take extra care not to throw strings of lights over tree branches that are near power lines and service connections.

Here are some additional tips for safe holiday decorating:

- Place fresh-cut trees away from heat sources—such as heat registers, fireplaces, and radiators — and water the tree frequently.
- Match plugs with outlets. Don't force a 3-pronged plug into a 2-pronged outlet or extension cord or remove the third prong.
- Keep electric cords out of high-traffic areas. Do not run them through doorways, hide them under carpets, or staple, nail, or tack them to the wall.
- Always unplug lights before going to bed or leaving your home.
- Make sure extension cords are in good condition and are UL-approved and rated to carry the electrical load you will connect to them.
- Don't let children or pets play with light strands.



Overloaded circuits are a major cause of fire. Flickering or dimming lights, sparks from appliances or outlets, and wall plates, plugs, or cords that are warm to the touch are warning signs that demand immediate action. If you spot an electrical danger, make sure to unplug the malfunctioning appliance or device immediately and replace with one that works properly.

Be safe in the kitchen as well, since 49% of home fires and injuries are caused by cooking equipment, according to the National Fire Protection Agency. Follow these tips to avoid shocks or fires:

- Inspect all small appliances and electric cords to make sure they are in good repair before using. Don't use appliances with cracked or frayed cords.
- When purchasing new kitchen appliances, look for UL-Listed appliances with automatic shut-off features.
- Never plug more than one high-wattage appliance into a single outlet.
- Keep cooking areas free from items that could catch on fire; also clean up any greasy spills as they happen if you can safely do so.
- Stay focused and attentive to baking, brewing, and simmering foods.

Honoring Our Veterans



Chimney Rock PPD has three employees who have served in the military. Thank you to all who have served our country.

Lineman Jacob Ashmore - served in the Marines from 2010-2016

Lineman Dalton Propp - served in the Air Force from 2013-2020

General Manager Curtis Kayton - served in the Navy from 1989-1994

Prep Your Home For Winter

Don't wait until the first cold winter day to find out that your furnace doesn't work. Spend a little time getting ready now to prepare for the season change.

Check your HVAC system. It's a good time to replace your air filter if it's dirty. Also, call a pro for a seasonal maintenance checkup to make sure your furnace or heat pump is in good working order.

Program your thermostat for savings. Install a smart thermostat and set it so that you don't heat the house as much when you're asleep or away. This step alone can save up to 10% on heating costs.

Check insulation and air sealing. Air seal windows and doors to reduce drafts and make sure insulation is working up to its full potential. Add more insulation if needed. Proper insulation and air sealing in the attic can not only make your home more efficient but prevent ice dams on the roof.

Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and change batteries if needed.

Change ceiling fans. Switch ceiling fans to rotate clockwise and set them to run slowly while you're home. This distributes warm air more evenly so that your furnace doesn't have to work as hard to keep you comfortable.

Check fireplace. Check your fireplace and chimney to make sure they're clean and that the flue is in working order



Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon milk
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
- 1 tablespoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a baking sheet.

Combine pumpkin, sugar, oil, and egg in large bowl. Dissolve baking soda into milk in a small bowl and stir in.

Stir together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt in a separate bowl. Add flour mixture to pumpkin mixture and mix well. Add chocolate chips, walnuts, and vanilla; stir just to combine.

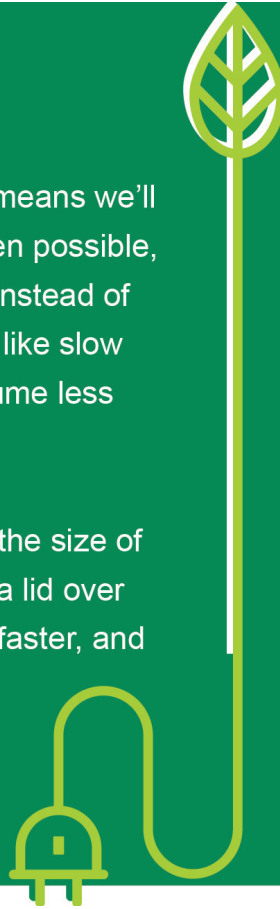
Drop by spoonful on the prepared cookie sheet and bake until lightly brown, about 10 minutes.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

The holiday season is upon us, and that means we'll be using more energy in the kitchen. When possible, cook with smaller countertop appliances instead of the stovetop or oven. Smaller appliances like slow cookers, air fryers and Instant Pots consume less energy.

When using the oven or stovetop, match the size of the pot to the heating element and place a lid over the pot while cooking. The food will cook faster, and you'll use less energy.

Source: Dept. of Energy



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