



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Curtis Kayton

Dear Consumer,

True-to-form that mild winter weather comes at a hefty cost. So far, the snow accumulations in the west haven't been as severe as they were in the east. However, the temperatures have reminded us that winter has plenty of muscle to flex!

Management and staff are embarking on our 2024 workplans. We are starting the year off with a full makeover of our Bayard Substation replacing the station transformer, circuit breakers, automation, lightning protection, and new metering. This substation will be our flagship and will be able to carry more load and even more reliably for decades to come.

We are also integrating a new Meter Data Management System that will enable staff to see our loads individually or aggregated in real-time. This software will be commissioned in early April and will be integral to monitoring our system's voltage, power quality, interruptions, and utilization of the assets we serve you with.

Following that up will be a makeover of our billing statements. The new format will breakdown the components of our bill so you can easily see how we calculate them.

As always, we stand ready to respond to your needs and if you have questions feel free to stop in or call.

Attention Irrigators

Spring is right around the corner and plans for farming are being made. Irrigation facility fees will bill out the end of April. If you are farming new land or are no longer farming land that has an irrigation service on it, please let our office know as soon as possible so changes on billing information can be made.

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.

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.

Stay Safe During Power Outages

Severe storms are devastating to homes, properties, and lives. These storms can also take down power lines—creating a dangerous situation for all of us, including the line crews working hard to get your power turned back on.

How long it takes to get your power restored depends on the extent of the storm's destruction, the number of outages, and the point when it is safe for utility personnel to get to the damaged areas. There are many steps in the assessment and restoration process—clearing downed power lines; ensuring public health and safety facilities are operational; checking power stations and transformers; repairing transmission lines, substations, and distribution lines, and getting power restored to customers within the damaged areas.

*Just because power lines are damaged does not mean they are dead. Every downed power line is potentially energized and dangerous until utility crews arrive on the scene to ensure power has been cut off. Downed power lines, stray wires, and debris in contact with them all have the potential to deliver a fatal shock. Stay far away and keep other away from downed power lines.

*Never enter a flooded basement if electrical outlets are submerged. The water could be energized.

*Do not turn power off if you must stand in water to do so. Call your electric utility and have them turn off power at the meter.

*Before entering storm-damaged buildings, make sure electricity and gas are turned off,

*Do not use water damaged electric appliances, electronics and other items before having them inspected and properly restored. Electric motors in appliances should be cleaned and reconditioned before use. It may be necessary to replace some appliances and electronics.

*If you clean-up outdoors after a storm, do not use electric equipment in wet conditions.

*If you are driving and come across a downed power line, stay away and keep others away. Do not drive over it, as snagging the line could pull a pole and other equipment to the ground. Contact emergency personnel or your utility company, to address the downed power line.

*If you come in contact with a downed power line, do not leave the car. Wait for utility and emergency professionals to make sure the power line is de-energized before exiting the car.

During an outage, turn off electrical appliances and unplug major electronics, including computers and televisions. Power sometimes comes back in surges, which can damage electronics. Your circuits could overload when power returns if all your electrical items are on. Leave one light on to indicate that power is back on. Wait a few minutes and then turn on other appliances and equipment - one at a time.

If you use a standby generator, take proper safety precautions. Always read and follow manufacturer's operating instructions. There should be nothing plugged into the generator when you turn it on. This prevents a surge from damaging your generator and appliances. Operate generators in well-ventilated, outdoor, dry areas. Never attach a temporary generator to a circuit breaker, fuse, or outlet; plug items into the generator once it's operating. Permanent generators should be wired into a house by a qualified electrician and include a transfer switch to prevent feeding electricity back into overhead lines, which can be deadly to lineworkers.

To help get you through, have a storm kit prepared. Keep the kit in a cool, dry place, and make sure all members of the family know where it is.

STORM SAFETY KIT

	Bottles of water	
	Nonperishable food	
	Portable phone charger	
	Flashlights	
	Batteries	
	Can opener	
	First-aid supplies	
	Hand sanitizer	
	Prescriptions	
	Pain reliever	
	Warm clothing	
	Blankets	
	Battery-operated radio	
	Toys, books and games	
	Important documents	
	Money	
	Baby supplies	
	Pet supplies	

CRPPD Director Elections

There are to be two directors elected to the Chimney Rock Public Power District's Board of Directors in the November 2024 General Election. The incumbent directors are Larry Fiscus and Stan Propp.

If you would like to run for Chimney Rock's Board of Directors you need to follow these guidelines:

- 1) You must have service with Chimney Rock Public Power.
- 2) Incumbent directors are required to file as candidates by July 15th. All other candidates are required to file for office by August 1st.
- 3) A filing fee of \$10 is required, payable to the Secretary of State. File nomination papers, voter registration certificate and completed Statement of Financial Interest with the Secretary of State prior to your filing deadline; you must make sure there is enough time allowed for mailing the filings to the Secretary of State. The Statement of Financial Interest must also be filed with the County Clerk or Election Commission.

Bayard Substation Upgrade Underway

Chimney Rock Public Power is currently in the process of a major upgrade in our Bayard Substation. Over the years, center pivots have added significant load to our system. In 2020, we upgraded our Minatare Substation and now the time has come for this upgrade. This project will allow us to double the capacity previously available. The project was started in mid-December and is planned to be completed this spring.



Easy Salisbury Steak

- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup crushed saltines
- 1 large egg white, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 tablespoon prepared horseradish
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 jar (12 oz) beef gravy
- 1-1/2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons water
- Hot cooked noodles

In a large bowl, combine the onion, saltines, egg white, milk, horseradish, salt if desired and pepper. Crumble beef over mixture, shape into 4 oval patties.

In a large skillet over medium heat, cook patties until no pink remains and a thermometer reads 160 degrees, 5-6 minutes per side.

Remove patties and keep warm. Add the gravy, mushrooms and water to skillet; cook until heated through, 3-5 minutes. Serve with patties and noodles.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

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| ✓ WATER AND FOOD | BATTERIES ✓ |
| ✓ BLANKETS | PHONE ✓ |
| ✓ CLOTHING | CAMERA ✓ |
| ✓ PRESCRIPTIONS | MONEY ✓ |
| ✓ TOILETRIES | IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS ✓ |
| ✓ FLASHLIGHTS | BOOKS & GAMES ✓ |
| ✓ RADIO AND CLOCK | PET SUPPLIES ✓ |

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Area rugs are an easy, cost-effective solution to cold floors. Adding area rugs to hard-surface flooring can add warmth to any room and keep your feet cozy on cold winter days.

Choose rugs made from wool or other natural fibers and plush or high-pile textures for the most insulation. Place rugs in areas where you need additional warmth, like the foot of a bed or under a coffee table. Area rugs can enhance the aesthetic of your home and keep you cozier.



What to do before using a PORTABLE GENERATOR



Prepare

Install battery operated carbon monoxide (CO) alarms throughout your home; ensure they are working properly.

Position

Place a portable generator at least 20 feet from windows and doors; do not use one in a garage or carport.



Read

Carefully review and then follow all manufacturer's instructions.

Protect

If it is wet outside, keep it dry by placing it on a tarp. Position it under a portable canopy (not a carport).



Refuel Safely

Turn off your portable generator and let it cool down before refueling.

Inspect and Maintain

Inspect a portable generator before each use and make sure it is properly maintained.



Using a portable generator can be useful during an outage; however, use one correctly to prevent CO poisoning and to stay safe.

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