



Big Horn Rural
Electric Company

HIGHLIGHTS

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BACK TO SCHOOL >>>

It's a new school year and kids of all ages are getting ready for a fresh year of learning!



Big Horn REA will be closed
Monday, September 1st

From kindergarten through college, students attend school to gain knowledge about a broad variety of subjects and learn new skills that will prepare them for the future.

Big Horn REA would like to say best wishes to all our mini-members (and parents) for a wonderful school year!

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September



- 1- Labor Day (Closed)
- 2- Bills sent out
- 11- Patriot Day (Open)
- 22- Autopay Day, First day of Fall
- 25- September Bill Due

October



- 1- Bills Sent Out
- 13- Columbus Day (Open)
- 21- Autopay Day
- 27- October Bill Due
- 31- Halloween

COOLING YOUR HOME

Cooling your home is a large part of your monthly energy use. Central air uses about 650 kWh of electricity a month. The cost for this comfort adds about \$73 to your electric bill per month. A window unit will add about \$34 per month. This varies from household to household, depending on location and insulation levels of your home, the efficiency of the unit and how long you run your AC.



You can increase the efficiency of your AC system by replacing filters monthly. Also, pull the shades to block direct sunlight and radiant heat, and seal air leaks to keep heat from entering your home.

Fans are a great way to stay cool but remember to turn them off when leaving the room. Fans cool people, not rooms!

PREPARE FOR STORMS AND POWER OUTAGES

Thunderstorms can quickly roll in during summer. Follow these tips to keep you and your home safe:

- Prepare for high winds by removing damaged tree limbs.
- Be storm aware.
- Unplug electronics.

Big Horn REA linemen work hard to prevent power outages, but summer storms are unavoidable and wind, lightning and falling trees may cause power interruptions. If the lights go out this summer, take action:

- Check fuses, circuit breakers and the neighbors
- Report outages to Big Horn REA. Operators and crews are available 24/7.
- Keep away from downed power lines, and trees and branches near power lines. Report these hazards.
- Crews respond to hazards, substations and major distribution lines first, followed by smaller tap lines and individual service lines.

Our goal is to restore power safely and quickly. Report outages and hazards to 800-564-2419.

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Delete deceptive emails. If you receive an email that appears to be from your electric utility but you are unsure about it, delete it. Never click on a link, open an attachment or send a reply to an untrusted source. When in doubt, contact your utility directly to report suspected email scams.

Source: Utilities United
Against Scams



»»» ENERGY EFFICIENCY: TIP OF THE MONTH

Replace your cooling system's filter regularly to maintain strong airflow and boost energy efficiency. A clean filter means your system doesn't have to work as hard, saving energy and lowering your utility bills. Factors like allergies and pets in the home can impact how often filters should be replaced. Check the filter every month and replace it as needed. Changing filters regularly also reduces wear and tear on your cooling system, helping extend the life of the unit.

Source: energy.gov

WHO OWNS WHAT?

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Big Horn REA is always prepared to respond swiftly to outages and restore power safely, but it's equally important for members to understand which parts of the electric system are their responsibility—and which are maintained by the co-op. Understanding these key differences can help speed up repairs and ensure everyone stays safe when the weather turns rough. Questions about your equipment? Contact us at 1-800-564-2419



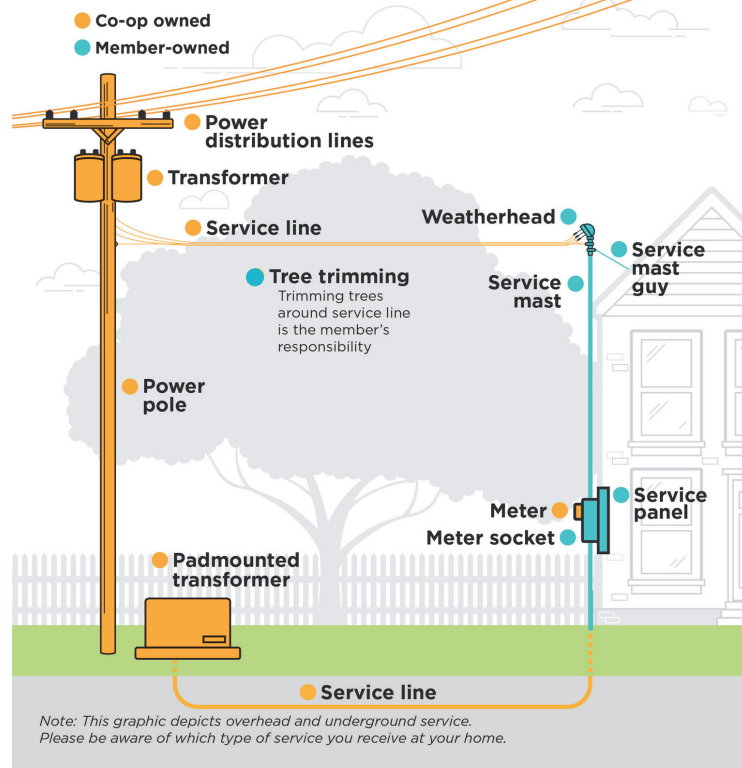
WE ARE UPDATING OUR SYSTEM

Big Horn REA is updating our system so we have the capability to email you with notifications - planned outages, current outages, upcoming events, etc. Help us provide you with excellent member services by updating your information in our member database. Your privacy is important to us. We will not share any provided information with others. Please complete the form below and return it to us along with your monthly payment. Thank you for your help!

Who Owns What?

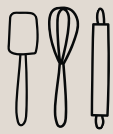
Electric Co-op Owned Equipment vs Member-Owned Equipment

This graphic depicts equipment owned by the co-op (in gold) and the member (in blue). If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, we are responsible for repairs. If a storm damages any member-owned equipment, the member is responsible for repairs. Members should hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to member-owned equipment.



INFORMATION UPDATE

Name of Account: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Physical Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email address: _____



Recipe

• made with love •



Name of the dish

No Peek Rice,
by Rusty Burden

Ingredients

- 1 cup long grain rice
- 1 can Campbell's beef consommé
- 1 can Campbell's French onion soup
- 1 stick unsalted butter, sliced

Directions

- Pre-heat oven to 425°F and spray a 9x9-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
- Add uncooked rice, French onion soup and beef consommé to the pan. Stir to combine.
- Top the rice and soup mixture with butter slices.
- Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 25 minutes.
- After 25 minutes, remove the foil and continue baking, uncovered, for 25 more minutes, or until rice is cooked through and tender.
- Fluff the rice and serve.



WANTED

We would love to hear from
our members!



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place on our grid or a
recipe created by you?

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to have your photo or
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answering service, who will contact the
appropriate person(s)



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