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IN CASE OF AN OUTAGE

If your electricity is off for more than a few minutes, please call 620-672-5538. The office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. After hours, calls will be answered by dispatch and forwarded to our on-call personnel.

Lineworkers Are Ready When It Matters Most

At Ninnescah Electric we have the unique privilege of seeing firsthand what it truly takes to keep the lights on for our members. In April, we take time to pause and recognize the brave men and women who make that possible every single day — our lineworkers.

When storms impact our communities and outages occur, many people experience the inconvenience, but our lineworkers see a call to action. Our crews are always ready when it matters most — leaving family dinners, working through the night, and heading into challenging conditions to restore power as safely and quickly as possible. That readiness is not accidental. It comes from rigorous training, deep experience and a shared commitment to serving others.

What makes lineworkers especially remarkable is that they aren't just

restoring power to a system — they're restoring power to their own communities. They live here. They raise their families here. They understand that electricity is more than a convenience; it's essential to daily life and to local businesses, schools, farms and emergency services. Powering the places we call home is personal to lineworkers.

Electric cooperatives like Ninnescah Electric were built on the principle of neighbors helping neighbors, and our lineworkers embody that spirit every day. They are the first to respond and the last to leave, often working long hours behind the scenes. At times, serving our neighbors means going beyond our own service territory through a process known as mutual aid. During major outage events, Ninnescah Electric crews stand ready to assist neighboring co-ops — sometimes close to home,

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and sometimes across state lines — to help restore power. This spirit of mutual aid strengthens all cooperatives and ultimately benefits the members we serve.

We understand that any time the lights go out can be frustrating, bringing everyday life to a halt. We are incredibly grateful to our members for your patience and encouragement during these times. Linework is demanding, physical, and at times, dangerous. Our crews approach each job with a focus on safety and teamwork. They take pride in their craft and in the trust our members place in them.

On April 13, 2026, we will celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day, but one day is hardly enough. Every day, we thank lineworkers for their service and dedication, which are the backbone of our cooperative.

TO OUR LINWORKERS: Thank you for your hard work, your readiness and your unwavering commitment to the communities we serve. We are proud to stand behind you and grateful for all that you do.

Help Us Locate These Former Members

Below is a list of members who have retired capital credits owed to them, but for whom we no longer have valid mailing addresses. If you recognize a name on this list, please alert the member (or member's heirs) so they can begin working with the cooperative to claim the capital credits. Please have them contact our office at 620-672-5538.

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| Agnew, Barbara L | Ingvalson, Ricky D | Rice, Madlyn L |
| Alexander, Melvin T | Ibarra, Jesus M | Roberts, Howard J |
| Bowers, Norma | Knoche, Gregg W | Rickard, Christoph L |
| Brown, Clifford E | Latham, H N | Roberts, L J Jr |
| Belcher, Dean | Lee, Rick A | Reyes, Manuel |
| Burke, Greg P | Lampe, Fern A | Rugan, Robert R |
| Blackwelder, Kraig A | Laird, Robin | Rcc Atlantic Inc |
| Bogeys Bar & Grill Llc | Melson, Rahnee K | Shrack Sandhill Properties |
| Chaco Energy Co | Mathes, Ron | Swigert, Gary W |
| Christensen, Bruce D | Miller, Bobbie G | Sill, Owen W |
| Corbet, Ralph H | Mccaskey, Jeff S | Strecker, Martin |
| Cowen, Carolyn L | Mccomb, Richard A | Smith, Darrin S |
| Campbell, Zelora | Mcgregor, Charles | Salsbury, Mike |
| Chapman, Monica M | Morrill, George A | Shively, Bill |
| Christensen, Kay E | Miller, Jamie P | Taylor, Michael L |
| Dodson, Sharon | Mayes, Justin D | Thomas, Robby N |
| Devoe, William E | Nicholas, Garry | Thompson, Brandon |
| Darnell, Mark D | Newsom, Dean L | Thomas, Tom D |
| Davis, Richard J | Nalley, Jeff | Voss, Cathy A |
| Dwight Ellis Trust | Nelson, Joel | Ward, Herschel |
| Green, Mike | Norton, Jiri Michael | Wade, Christopher S |
| Huitt, Ellis Wjr | Newell, Matthew W | Ward, Steven R |
| Hullman, Lu Ann | Olson, Larry O | White, Ruby R C |
| Henning, Walter N | Price, Glenys M | Young, Mary L |
| Hawthorne, Don | Patterson, John W | Zirkle, Louis R |



GROW YOUR SAVINGS:

Landscaping That Cuts Energy Costs

When most people think about saving energy, they picture insulation upgrades, efficient windows and appliance swaps. But your yard can play a major role, too. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, a well-planned landscape can reduce air-conditioning costs by up to 25% and pay for itself in less than eight years.

Because landscaping results vary by region, keep in mind that the U.S. has plant hardiness climate zones ranging from zone 1 (coldest) to zone 13 (warmest). In Kansas alone, you will find four different plant hardiness zones. Find your zone at www.planthardiness.ars.usda.gov and plant strategically for your zone.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT TREES: DECIDUOUS OR EVERGREEN

- ▶ **DECIDUOUS TREES** (those that lose their leaves in the winter) block sunlight in the summer and allow light in during the colder months, helping to regulate indoor temperatures year-round.
- ▶ **EVERGREEN TREES** provide consistent shade and can serve as windbreaks, which is especially helpful in cool climates.

TIP: In hot climates, choose native or drought-tolerant species. They require less water and are typically more resilient. Avoid native eastern red cedars, as they aggressively spread into grasslands, where they serve as fire fuel.

PLACEMENT MATTERS

- ▶ **WEST AND NORTHWEST SIDES:** Plant

trees to block strong mid- to late-afternoon sun.

- ▶ **EAST AND WEST WINDOWS:** Use deciduous trees to block summer sun but still allow winter light.
- ▶ **SOUTH SIDE:** Tall trees planted at a distance equal to two to five times their mature height can shade your home without blocking winter sun.
- ▶ **WEST SIDE:** Shorter trees and shrubs help shield against intense, low-angle afternoon sun.
- ▶ **PATIOS AND DRIVEWAYS:** Shade these areas to reduce reflected heat.
- ▶ **HOME PERIMETER:** Bushes can absorb sunlight and reduce heat transfer, but avoid dense plantings in humid climates, where airflow is important to prevent excess moisture.

TIP: Be mindful near solar panels.

Avoid planting tall trees on the south side of panels to prevent shade during peak sun hours.

PLAN FOR A TREE'S MATURE HEIGHT

- ▶ Avoid planting trees that will grow taller than 15 feet near power lines.
- ▶ For taller species, plant at least 20 feet away — 45 feet is even better — to prevent safety hazards and avoid future pruning.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

Before you plant anything, call 811 to check for underground utilities. This free service marks public lines, like electricity, water and gas, so you avoid costly and dangerous mistakes. Call several business days before you plan to dig.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

As spring arrives, take advantage of milder temperatures to save energy at home. Open windows on pleasant days to bring in fresh air instead of running your HVAC system. It's also a great time to replace dirty air filters, which helps your system run more efficiently and improves indoor air quality. As daylight increases, turn off unnecessary lights and rely on natural sunlight when possible. Small seasonal adjustments like these can reduce energy use, lower monthly bills, and help keep your home comfortable as winter transitions into spring. SOURCE: NRECA

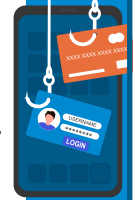


TIPS TO AVOID UTILITY SCAMS



Scammers and cyber criminals look for weak points to exploit before software companies can fix them. Update software programs on your computer, tablet and mobile phone as soon as possible when a newer version becomes available. Software updates often contain critical patches and protections against security threats. Turn on automatic updates to ensure your security software, internet browser, operating system and mobile apps stay current.

SOURCE: WWW.CONSUMER.FTC.GOV



SAFETY TIP

Power poles aren't bulletin boards. Nails, staples, signs and decorations can injure lineworkers or damage their protective gear and equipment when they climb poles to keep the power on. Keep poles clear to help protect the people who power our community.



SOURCE: WWW.SAFELECTRICITY.ORG

DO NOT LET A CONTROLLED BURN REACH A POWER POLE.

The pole could slowly burn from the inside out leaving behind a serious electrical hazard.

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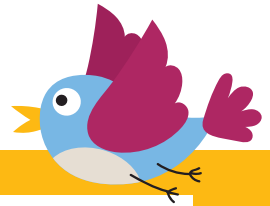
Spring Savings Word Search



Are you ready to spring into energy savings? When we actively try to reduce our energy use at home, we save on bills and help our community. Read the efficiency tips below, then search for (and circle) the bolded words in the puzzle.

SPRING ENERGY TIPS:

- ▶ **UNPLUG** chargers, gaming systems and other devices. Electronics can consume **ENERGY** when they're plugged in, even if you're not using them.
- ▶ Open curtains and blinds during the day to use **NATURAL LIGHT** instead of lamps and other home lighting.
- ▶ Dress for the weather. When it's chilly, grab a **JACKET** instead of turning up the **THERMOSTAT**. When it's warm, instead of turning on the A/C, open **WINDOWS** or turn on fans to circulate air.
- ▶ Turn off **LIGHTS** when you're leaving the room for more than five minutes.



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