

Light Notes

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Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative

Lancaster, Darlington and Gays Mills, Wisconsin

Electrifying Lightbulb, courtesy of Linda Hackett, Boscobel, WI

TIPS FOR A SAFE HUNT

Keep these tips from Safe Electricity in mind as you enjoy the great outdoors this hunting season.

1. Do not shoot at or near power lines, poles, or equipment. A stray bullet could damage equipment, interrupt electric service, and be deadly.
2. Know where power lines and equipment are located on the land where you hunt.
3. Be especially careful in wooded areas where power lines can be less visible.
4. Take notice of warning signs and keep clear of electrical equipment.
5. Do not place deer stands on utility poles, and don't climb poles. Energized lines and equipment on poles can conduct electricity to anyone who comes in contact with them.
6. Do not place decoys on power lines or other utility equipment. Any non-electrical equipment attached to a pole can pose an obstruction and serious hazards to our line crews.

REPORT ALL LINE HAZARDS
TO COOPERATIVE

800-236-2141



Ready Your Home FOR WINTER

Prepare your home for winter now to ensure safety, efficiency and comfort. Here's a checklist you can use.



INSPECT HEATING SYSTEM:

- Have your heating system professionally serviced.
- Replace air filters if needed.
- Ensure vents and radiators are unblocked for efficient heat distribution.

TEST AND MAINTAIN SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:

- Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Test detectors to ensure they function properly.

PREPARE PIPES AND WATER SUPPLY:

- Insulate exposed pipes to prevent freezing.
- Drain and shut off outdoor faucets and irrigation systems.
- Know the location of water shut-off valve in case of emergency.

PREPARE YOUR HOME'S EXTERIOR:

- Clear gutters and downspouts to prevent ice dams.
- Trim trees away from the house to avoid damage.
- Ensure downspouts extend away from the foundation.
- Service and store equipment such as lawnmowers and trimmers.
- Gather winter tools such as snow shovels and ice melt.

INCREASE HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY:

- Seal gaps at windows and doors with weatherstripping or caulk.
- Set ceiling fans to rotate clockwise to circulate warm air.
- Lower your thermostat a few degrees to save on heating costs.

Learn more at:



THE PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR POWER



Travis Klein

Lineworker

Years of Service - 8 years

Family - Jessica (Wife);
Elliot, Eden & Esme
(Children)

Hobbies - Hunting, fishing,
woodworking, spending
time with my family, and
traveling.

RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE NOTES



Zielie's Tree Service will be finishing up trimming the Eastman Substation, north circuit, in Crawford County during the month of November.

It is important for SREC to maintain its rights-of-way for the following reasons:

- Accessibility for field crews, vehicles and equipment
- Fire prevention
- Reliable electric service
- Quality service with the reduction of outages and blinks
- Safety for workers and the public
- Meeting state and federal code requirements

On a daily basis, SREC employees and contractors may be working throughout the area, and at times on your property, to operate and maintain the electric system and our rights-of-ways.

If you have questions, please contact us at 800-236-2141.



ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Your household may be eligible for the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), Weatherization Assistance Program, and HE+ Program services based on a number of factors. If your household gross income (before taxes and other deductions) is less than the amount shown on the chart below, you may be eligible.



HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ONE MONTH INCOME	ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$ 3,061.08	\$36,733
2	\$ 4,002.92	\$48,035
3	\$ 4,944.83	\$59,338
4	\$ 5,886.75	\$70,641
5	\$ 6,828.58	\$81,943
6	\$ 7,770.50	\$93,246
7	\$ 7,947.08	\$95,365
8	\$ 8,123.67	\$97,484

For more information or to locate your local agency call toll-free **1-866-HEATWIS (432-8947)** or visit <https://energyandhousing.wi.gov/>

Safety Tip

When decorating outside, look up and look out. Never throw holiday lights or other decorations into trees near power lines. Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house. Keep ladders, equipment and yourself at least 10 feet from power lines.



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