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SPRING ENERGY TIPS—AVOIDING HEAT BUILDUP

Here are just a few simple things you can do to improve the energy efficiency and comfort of your home as warmer temperatures arrive.

To avoid heat buildup in your home, plan ahead by landscaping your lot to shade your house. If you replace your roof, use a light-colored material to help it reflect heat. Insulate your house to at least the recommended levels to help keep out the heat, and consider using a radiant barrier.

On hot days, whenever outdoor temperatures are higher than the temperature inside your house, close tightly all the windows and exterior doors. Also install window shades or other window treatments and close the shades. Shades will help block out not only direct sunlight, but also radiated heat from the outdoors, and insulated shades will reduce the conduction of heat into your home through your windows.

Ventilation is the least expensive and most energy-efficient way to cool buildings. Ventilation works best when combined with methods to avoid heat buildup in your home. In some cases, natural ventilation will suffice for cooling, although it usually needs to be supplemented with spot ventilation, ceiling fans, and window fans. For large homes, homeowners might want to investigate whole house fans.

On warmer spring days, keep the heat out by using microwave ovens or an outdoor grill instead of indoor ovens.

Keep your air conditioner serviced. Easy maintenance such as routinely replacing or cleaning air filters can lower your cooling system's energy consumption by up to 15 percent. Also, the first day of spring could serve as a reminder to check your air conditioner's evaporator coil, which should be cleaned annually to ensure the system is performing at optimal levels.

Using low-cost caulk to seal cracks and openings in your home keeps warm air out—and cash in your wallet!

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Your Cooperative will read meters this month.

Take a break!



The meter reading booklets will be mailed out next month. If we miss you, let us know!

Remember to obtain an electrical permit

We need to remind those of you who are building homes or moving a trailer home—as well as those of you who are putting in a new stock well or irrigation well service—to remember to obtain an electrical permit. Until our office receives a copy of your permit, we are not allowed to energize the service.

BE PREPARED FOR SPRING STORMS!

With April moisture often coming in the form of wet, heavy snow, members need to be prepared for storm outages.

- Disconnect appliances and turn off lights.
- Report your outage right away to Mid-Yellowstone Electric—even if you think your neighbor has already called.
- If you or a family member require life-support equipment such as a respirator, make sure your cooperative knows about these needs, and have a backup source of power (generator) ready if the power does go out.



SPRINGTIME ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS

Springtime is a great time for yard work and many other outdoor activities. Here are some tips to help keep you safe when you are working outdoors.

- Always keep power cords and electrical equipment away from water or other wet areas.
- Look up and look out for overhead power lines. Be sure you're aware of any nearby lines before you climb a ladder.
- Čall before you dig.
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 - Keep materials, tools and all parts of your body at least 15 feet away from any overhead power lines at all times, including during the installation of antennas or satellite dishes.
- Never fly kites or model airplanes near power lines or radio or TV antennas. If your kite does get tangled with overhead lines, don't try to get it down yourself. Call the Coop for assistance. Never use any metallic material in your kite.
- Before you trim tree limbs and shrubs, watch out for power lines that could be hidden by foliage. Contact the Coop If there are concerns about tree limbs growing into or around overhead power lines on your property.
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