

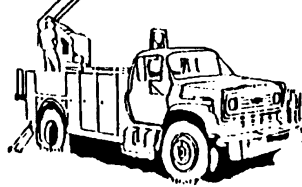
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**MID-YELLOWSTONE
ELECTRIC
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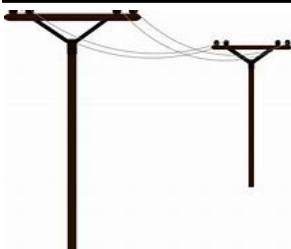
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ALONG THESE LINES . . .



DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE

If you are planning to have your cooperative install a new electric service, don't wait until the last minute to let us know. Transformers may need to be ordered for your project which could require several months lead time.

Transformers are very expensive. Irrigation projects require transformers that do not use common residential voltages; and, we cannot stock all the sizes and voltages that you may require. Before we order these special transformers for your project, you will need to execute your contract for service, pay the required construction cost, and execute an easement for the power line. You or your electrician will need to file an application for electrical permit.

Large projects may need a year or more lead time. An irrigation project of several hundred horsepower or more is considered a large project. Power lines or even a substation may need to be upgraded. The delivery on new substation transformers may take more than a year. Substation transformers are very expensive—perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars. Large projects may need to pay large sums of money to be able to incorporate them into the electrical grid.

Also, April and May are busy months for your Cooperative. If at all possible, plan your projects to avoid electric line construction during those two months. In addition, April and May are hit-and-miss with regard to weather. If April and May are rainy and/or snowy, construction will be delayed accordingly. To be safe, new irrigation pumping projects should be constructed during the fall prior to the year you would like to irrigate.

EVERYTHING TAKES TIME—DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

REMINDER: Nominating Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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Top Ten Energy Saving Tips

1. Replace any light bulb, especially ones that burn more than one hour per day, with a light-emitting diode (LED) bulb.
2. Seal from the inside. Air sealing is an inexpensive way to lower energy costs and improve comfort. Seal gaps and holes in walls, floors, and ceilings with caulk or foam sealant. Look for cracks around windows and where wires and pipes pass through.
3. Plug electronic devices such as cable boxes, printers and TVs into power strips to turn off during vacations or long periods without use. Smart power strips make it an easy task to save money.
4. Close shades and drapes during the day to help keep your home cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.
5. Change your central HVAC system filter when dirty by the manufacturers recommendations. Dirty filters can impact your home comfort and increase your electricity bill.
6. A one degree increase in heating setpoint or reduction in cooling setpoint can increase energy use by 3-5%.
7. Have your duct work checked for leaks. Leaks at the return, air handler and supply can be a major source of high bills. Mobile homes check at the grill, cross over duct and down flow air handler, for leaks.
8. Set both the upper and lower water heater thermostats no higher than 120 F.
9. An electric space heater can cost more than \$100 per month to operate. Minimize their use, except for limited or temporary spot heating. Turn space heaters off when leaving the room.
10. Ensure refrigerator door seals are tight. Eliminate unnecessary refrigerators.

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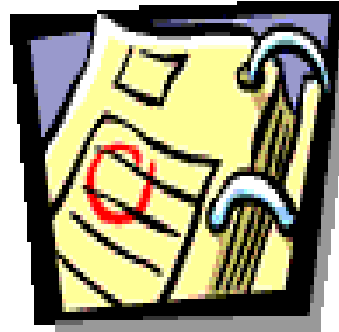


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If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Mark your
calendars
now —



Mid-Yellowstone's
81st
Annual Meeting
on March 17th...

Look **under** your
transformers...

When you give us a call and tell us you are out of power, there are several things we usually ask you to check before we send a crew out. First of all, we ask you to check your own breakers. The problem may be right there. If not, we ask you to check with your neighbors to see if they are also without power. That information is very helpful to us.

If the problem seems to be just at your location, the other place we might want you to check is under your transformer(s). **Many times we find a dead coon or other animal on the ground below the transformer, sometimes even still on the transformer!**

Knowing where the problem is saves our linemen a lot of precious time and you a lot of inconvenience.