Stay back and stay safe
Giving co-op crews room to work keeps everyone safe

Working with electricity can be a dangerous job, especially for lineworkers. In fact, USA Today lists line repairers and installers among the most dangerous jobs in the U.S. That’s why for NWEC, safety is the number one priority. This is not empty talk. Over time, we have created a culture of putting our crews’ safety and that of the community above all else.

Our mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, our members. Yes, we strive to deliver affordable and reliable electricity to you, but equally important, we want our employees to return home safely to their loved ones. This requires ongoing focus, dedication, vigilance—and your help!

Distractions can be deadly.
While we appreciate your kindness and interest in the work of our crews, we ask that you stay back and let them focus on their task at hand. Even routine work has the potential to be dangerous, and it takes their full attention and that of their colleagues, who are also responsible for the team’s safety. Distractions can have deadly consequences.

If a lineworker is on or near your property during a power outage, for vegetation management or for routine maintenance, please allow them ample room to work. These small accommodations help protect our crews—and you.

If you have a dog, try to keep it indoors while lineworkers are on or near your property. While most dogs are friendly, some are defensive of their territory and can’t distinguish between a burglar and a utility worker. Our crews work best without a pet “supervising” the job.

We recognize that for your family’s safety, you want to make sure only authorized workers are on or near your property. You will recognize NWEC employees by their uniforms and the service trucks with our name and logo on them. You may also recognize our lineworkers because they live right here in our local community. (11796002)

Slow down and move over.
In addition to giving lineworkers some space while they are near your property, we also ask that you move over or slow down when approaching a utility vehicle on the side of the road. In fact, it’s not just courtesy—it’s Oklahoma Law.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, one work zone crash occurs every 5.4 minutes across the U.S., and 70 of those each day result in injuries. There is one fatality each week from these accidents. The lineworkers’ focus is on the work at hand, not on the road, so we need you to watch out for them.

Your co-op’s employees are looking out for you. Help them stay safe by returning the favor.
Do you rely on life-sustaining equipment?
NWEC maintains life-threatening condition list

NWEC maintains a life-threatening condition list for our members, who either themselves or a person living in the member’s home, has a life-threatening medical condition which requires special equipment for whom a power interruption may be dangerous and life-threatening. Qualifying life-sustaining equipment includes respirators, oxygen concentrators, ventilators, home dialysis and other equipment for human life-threatening medical conditions.

“Members with critical health issues should be prepared with back-up plans in case of an outage.”

For those who qualify, when possible and reasonable, NWEC makes an effort to notify these individuals in advance of a planned outage or known pending emergency situation such as an extended outage. This notification is made so you may make alternative arrangements to meet the power supply needs of the individual for whom the power interruption would be dangerous and life-threatening. Members with critical health issues should be prepared with back-up plans in case of an outage. (19461001)

If you believe your household qualifies for the life-threatening list, please give Dee Rader a call at 580.256.7425. She will ask for pertinent information and will send you a verification form for your physician to fill out. If you are already on the list, call Dee to make sure we have updated information.

Closed for holiday
NWEC will close on Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day.
If you have an emergency, call: 877.966.7693

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Play it safe by dialing 811

Fall is a great time to plant trees and shrubs. But remember, underground utilities can be a shovel thrust away from turning a landscape project into a disaster. Play it safe by dialing 811 to locate utility lines on your property.

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what’s below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

1. NOTIFY
Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.

2. WAIT
Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.

3. CONFIRM
Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.

4. RESPECT
Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.

5. DIG CAREFULLY
If you can’t avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.

Hidden account number contest

Last month’s numbers went unclaimed. They belonged to Darrell Herber and Robert Allen.

We have hidden two account numbers somewhere in the articles in this newsletter. The numbers will always be enclosed in parentheses and will look similar to this example (XXXXXX).

If you recognize your account number, all you have to do is give us a call on or before the 8th of the current month and we’ll give you a credit on your bill for the amount stated.

This month’s numbers are worth $50 each. Happy hunting!

Hot dog time at the county fair

County fair time is just around the corner. Thoughts of a county fair bring back memories to many people of fun times—sack races, showing a calf, winning a blue ribbon, visiting with friends, carnivals and the best tasting hot dogs in the world.

NWEC will help fairgoers recapture that feeling as we feed free hot dogs to those attending the Dewey, Ellis, and Harper County fairs.

Friday, September 6
Dewey Co. .............. 5-6 p.m.

Saturday, September 7
Ellis Co. .... 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Harper Co. .... 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Come join us at your local county fair and enjoy a free hot dog on us. We look forward to seeing you there!
Got capital credits?  We do!

When you sign up for service with NWEC, you become a member. One of the benefits of being a member is capital credits. When NWEC makes more money than it needs for operating costs, capital improvements and cash reserves, we return that money to you, our member, in the form of capital credits.

How Do Capital Credits Work?

Because your electric cooperative works to operate at cost, any excess revenues, referred to as margins, are returned to the members in the form of capital credits.

1. NWEC tracks your electric usage and payment throughout the year.

2. At the end of the year, NWEC completes financial matters and determines if there is excess revenues, called margins.

3. NWEC allocates the margins to members as capital credits based upon their electrical use during the year.

4. When NWEC’s financial condition permits, your board of directors decides to retire, or pay the capital credits.

5. NWEC notifies you of how and when you will receive your capital credits retirement.