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FALL RIVER FLASHES

Committed to safely and economically provide reliable energy and other services which bring value to its membership.



OFFICES TO BE CLOSED ON COLUMBUS DAY

Fall River Electric Cooperative offices will be closed Monday, October 14, 2024, in recognition of Columbus Day. A U.S. national holiday since 1937, Columbus Day commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the New World on October 12, 1492. The Italian-born explorer had set sail two months earlier. He intended to chart a western sea route to China, India, and the fabled islands of Asia; instead, he landed in the Bahamas. By his third journey, he realized that he had not reached Asia but instead had stumbled upon a continent previously unknown to Europeans.

As with all holidays, Fall River crews are on stand-by in case of a power outage during the Columbus Day weekend, please call 800.632.5726 and a crew will be dispatched immediately.



WINTER PROPANE PRICE GUARANTEE

As a Fall River Propane customer, you can avoid higher wintertime propane prices with the CAP program that guarantees your winter season price will never go up. Enroll in the CAP program and your winter propane price is locked in!

Call 833.682.3671 to learn more and enroll in CAP for this coming winter season.



September Is National Preparedness Month

Wildfires in the west, flash flooding in the Grand Canyon, scorching temperatures throughout the country, and tornados in the country's mid-section—they all add up to natural disasters that are becoming all too commonplace. **Are YOU ready if a natural disaster strikes near your home?**



In any event where you need to get to safety quickly, you need a basic emergency supply kit that is easy to access. **Here are the items your kit should include, according to *Ready.gov*:**

- **Water.** Plan for one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation.
- **Food.** Pack at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- **Battery-powered or hand crank radio** and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, as well as extra batteries for both.
- **Flashlight** and extra batteries.
- **First aid kit.**
- **Whistle to signal for help.**
- **Moist towelettes,** garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- **Manual can opener** for food.
- **Cell phone with chargers,** inverter, or solar charger.

Do not wait, communicate. Make your emergency communications plan today!

One key part of planning for an emergency is ensuring that both you and your family know what to do when the situation occurs. Communication is key!

Here are a few simple steps to start your family emergency communication plan:

- 1. Understand how to receive emergency alerts and warnings.** Make sure all household members can get alerts about an emergency from local officials. Check with your local emergency management agency to see what is available in your area.
 - 2. Discuss the family/household plans for disasters that may affect your area and plan where to go.** Plan together in advance so that everyone in the household understands where to go during a different type of disaster, like a wildfire, flood, or winter storm.
 - 3. Collect information.** Create a paper copy of the contact information for your family that includes:
 - phones (work, cell, office)
 - emails
 - social media links
 - medical facilities, doctors, service providers
 - school
- And, make sure each of your family members has a copy of this contact list.
- 4. Identify information and pick an emergency meeting place.** Things to consider for the location:
 - Decide on a safe, familiar place where your family can go for protection or to reunite.
 - Make sure these locations are accessible for household members with disabilities or access and functional needs.
 - If you have pets or service animals, think about animal-friendly locations.

Now is the time to make a plan for your family's safety! For more preparedness tips visit [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov).

Record Number Of Lineman Scholarships Awarded

Each year, Fall River Electric Cooperative accepts applications for a \$2,400 lineman scholarship for a member or child of a member to attend lineman college to pursue a lineman career. This year the Fall River Electric board awarded a record-setting three scholarships for lineman school.

Scholarship recipients pictured left to right include: Brek Warnke of Ashton, Leland Dexter of Island Park, and Porter Washburn of Wilford (St. Anthony). Congratulations!





Where Service Matters

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TAKE SAFETY HOME: Preventing and Recognizing Abuse

Anyone can be a victim of family violence. Family violence is an umbrella term for child maltreatment, child neglect, teen dating abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse. You can play a role in breaking the cycle of family violence by following the **three Rs**:

Recognize the signs and behaviors of abuse, which can be physical, emotional, verbal, sexual, financial, or digital, as well as restricting resources.

Respond by being an active bystander. If someone discloses abuse, start by believing them. In an emergency, it is appropriate to call 911.

Refer to the resources that can help victims. Child abuse or neglect can be reported to www.childhelp.org. If a teen or young adult is in an unhealthy or abusive relationship, contact www.loveisrespect.org. For domestic violence, visit www.thehotline.org.



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Fall Is Harvest Safety Time

Fall is in the air, and that means our agricultural community is hard at work harvesting their season's bounty and farm safety week is coming up September 16-20! During harvest season, many farmers reap the benefits of advancement in agricultural technology. Yet despite these advances, safety risks remain. To help farmers and their workers stay out of harm's way this harvest season, Safe Electricity shares these tips:

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near power lines.
- Always keep equipment at least ten feet from power lines—in all directions.
- Look up and use care when moving any equipment, such as extended augers or raising the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- Inspect the height of farm equipment to determine clearance.
- Always set extensions to the lowest setting when moving loads to prevent contact with overhead power lines.

- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
- If a power line is sagging or low, contact Fall River Electric at 800.632.5726.

If your equipment does make contact with a power line, do not leave the cab. Immediately call 911, warn others to stay away, and wait for a Fall River Electric crew to cut the power.

The only reason to exit equipment that has come into contact with overhead lines is if the equipment is on fire, which is rare. However, if this is the case, jump off the equipment with your feet together and without touching the ground and machinery at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.

For more information on electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.

