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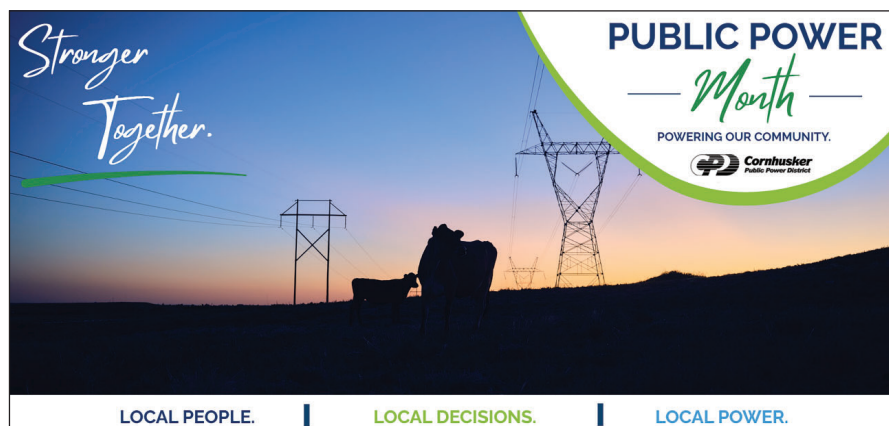
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COUNTIES SERVED

Platte, Colfax, Boone, Nance, Greeley,
Merrick and Wheeler Counties

CONNECTIONS

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Powered by local values

When you flip a switch, you expect the light to turn on; however, it does more than just light a room. It powers the dreams of a teenager studying for a test, the community gathering to support one another, and the critical processes that keep the local economy running. This is the heart of public power and the energy that continues to fuel Nebraska.

Yet, this seamless access to electricity was once a distant reality for many Nebraskans. During the early 20th century, many rural areas of Nebraska lacked access to electricity from private utilities, prompting the state to establish a public power system to serve all communities. In the 1930s, the Nebraska legislature passed legislation allowing the creation of public power districts, such as Cornhusker Public Power District, to bring electric service to rural areas not served by private utilities. Public power districts deliver more than

electricity; they add significant value to the quality of life within the communities they serve. Now, Nebraska is the only state in the country with a fully public power system.

Unlike investor-owned utilities, public power is owned and operated by public entities, including cooperatives, public power districts, and municipalities. Public power operates on a not-for-profit basis, allowing utilities to reinvest revenue in the electric system. Since public power is operated by public entities, it allows for local control that fits the community's needs.

Public power provides great value to the community, and we take pride in serving as your public power provider. This October, we celebrate Public Power Month and the value of local people, local decisions, and local power in the communities we serve.

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Local People

Public power begins with people. At Cornhusker Public Power District, we recognize the importance of service and being active in our local communities. Our employees and board members live and work throughout the area, providing a thorough understanding of the needs of those we serve. Having local people serve the PPD allows us to directly connect with our customers and learn about their needs.

Cornhusker PPD also strives to serve the community in other ways, such as teaching electrical safety, attending events, etc. This allows us to learn more about the area, connect with local community partners, and support our customers.

Local Decisions

Public power is built on local people making decisions that benefit the local community. Since PPDs are publicly owned and governed by locally elected board members, PPDs prioritize community and district needs over shareholder profits. This structure ensures our customers have a direct voice in how the utility operates and plans for the future.

Additionally, our Board of Directors regularly meets to discuss the future of the public power district. Not only do we hold monthly board meetings, but our directors also participate

in community meetings, conferences, and other trainings to ensure they have all the resources they need to fully serve our community.

Local power

Public power districts operate for the benefit of their customers, making every investment a direct contribution to service quality and the long-term prosperity of our community. PPDs continually invest in infrastructure, including substations, power lines, poles, transformers, and technology, to ensure safe and dependable electric service. These investments help maintain reliability today while preparing for the future needs of our homes, farms, businesses, and industries.

Local power also plays a vital role in supporting economic growth as well. Access to reliable electricity is a key factor for businesses, as it helps create opportunities for growth, new investments, and provides local jobs.

This Public Power Month, we celebrate the importance of public power and the value of keeping it local. From the lights in our homes to the critical infrastructure that drives our local economy, public power is the steady and reliable source for our communities. Thank you for trusting us to power what matters most to you.

FARM SAFETY

Make sure EVERYONE is trained on safe practices around power transmission. This includes you, your employees, seasonal workers, family members, and anyone else accessing your farm.

Keep in mind:

- Bigger equipment allows farmers to cover more ground in less time; however, this can be a hazard when electrical infrastructures are nearby.
- Inexperienced, fatigued, or distracted operators are more likely to come in contact with a power line or pole.
- Sources of electricity include power lines, electrical boxes, and damaged (non-grounded) guy wires.

If your equipment does hit a power line, pole, or guy wire, do not leave the cab. Call 9-1-1, warn others to stay away, and wait for someone from Cornhusker PPD to cut the power.

POWER SOURCES





This fall, refresh your cybersecurity habits

As the leaves begin to change and we settle into the routines of fall, it's a good time to take stock of a few things around the house—preparing for cooler weather, checking our heating systems and getting ready for the months ahead. It's also a good time to refresh our cybersecurity habits.

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, but protecting your personal information is something that deserves attention all year long.

At Cornhusker Public Power District, cybersecurity is a critical part of providing safe, reliable electric service. While much of our focus is on protecting the physical systems operating the electric grid, we also work to protect the systems and information helping us serve you—including online accounts, payment systems, customer portals, and outage communications.

Unfortunately, scammers are becoming more sophisticated, too. Artificial intelligence (AI) is making it easier for cyber criminals to create convincing emails, text messages, websites and even voice messages that can look and sound legitimate. The FBI has warned generative AI can make fraudulent schemes more believable by eliminating many of the errors that once helped us identify a scam.

A scammer may impersonate Cornhusker Public Power District and claim your account is past due, your service is about to be disconnected or you need to make an immediate payment. The message might even include our logo, use professional-looking language or direct you to a website that appears legitimate. With AI helping scammers create more convincing communications, simply looking for spelling mistakes or other obvious warning signs may no longer be enough. And these scams are not a small problem.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, consumers reported losing \$3.5 billion to imposter scams in 2025,

making these types of scams the most commonly reported type of fraud. Nearly one in three fraud reports involved an imposter scam.

So, what should you do if you receive an unexpected message claiming to be from Cornhusker Public Power District?

If a message creates a sense of urgency or threatens immediate disconnection, take a moment to verify it. Don't click the link or call the phone number provided in the message. Instead, contact Cornhusker Public Power District directly using our trusted methods. You can reach us by phone at 402 564 2821 or through our website cornhusker-power.com.

You can also take steps to protect your online accounts before a scam occurs. Start with your password. Longer is generally better than simply adding more special characters. Choose a long, unique passphrase that is difficult for others to guess, and don't reuse the same password across multiple accounts.

If the accounts you access online offer multifactor authentication (MFA), consider using it. MFA adds an extra layer of protection by requiring an additional way to verify your identity, such as a code sent to your phone or an authentication app.

Most importantly, remember you don't have to make a payment simply because someone tells you that you do. We want you to have an opportunity to verify any unexpected request.

Cornhusker Public Power District is committed to protecting the systems helping us deliver your electricity and serving our customers. You can help by protecting your own account, slowing down when something seems urgent and contacting us directly when you're unsure.

Source: NRECA

SAVE ENERGY THIS *Fall and Winter*

Follow these simple DIY tips to reduce energy use and keep you warm this season:

- Seal gaps around windows and doors with caulk or weatherstripping.
- Close curtains and blinds at night to keep the cold out.
- Open window coverings on sunny days to let the sun in.
- Clean or replace furnace filters.
- Run ceiling fans clockwise to push warm air down.
- Check insulation in your attic, attic hatch and crawl space.
- Use a smart thermostat to lower temperatures when asleep or away.
- Close the fireplace flue when not in use.
- Schedule a home energy audit to find and fix energy wasters.
- Turn off lights when not in use.
- Wash clothes in cold water and do full loads of laundry.
- Unplug electronics when you are not home.

For more tips, visit:

Safe
Electricity.org®



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AVOID LATE FEES

Never miss a payment. Sign up for e-bill by scanning the QR code. Bills are due on the 20th of each month, regardless of when you receive your bill in the mail.

