

CONNECTIONS

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Spooky energy savings

This spooky season, we're sharing a few energy-saving tricks so you can treat yourself to lower energy bills. Here are four simple ways to summon the spirit of energy efficiency.

Conjure instant savings with a smart thermostat.

One of the easiest ways to save energy is through thermostat control, since home heating and cooling account for a large portion of monthly energy use. Smart thermostats can help you manage heating and cooling costs by learning your daily routine and adjusting the temperature settings accordingly. You can control a smart thermostat from anywhere (through your smart phone), preventing unnecessary energy consumption while you're away. Cornhusker Public Power District offers rebates for qualifying smart thermostats, which can be found on our website: cornhusker-power.com.

Get rid of goosebumps by eliminating ghostly drafts. The winter chill is just around the corner, so now is the time to seal air leaks around your home. Apply caulk and

weatherstripping around drafty windows and doors to make your home more comfortable and lower energy use.

Illuminate your lair with energy-efficient lighting.

LED bulbs use 75% less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent light bulbs. Make the switch to reduce the energy used for lighting. Remember to use LEDs when it's time to decorate for the upcoming holiday season. LED light strings offer an average of 88% energy savings compared to traditional incandescent light strings.

Stir up savings with countertop cauldrons.

Cooler weather summons our favorite soup recipes. Small countertop appliances like slow cookers use less energy than cooking meals on the stovetop. Grab your book of spells (or recipes) and start stirring up savings in the kitchen.

When we look around our homes, there are many opportunities to save energy. So this spooky season, investigate your space and unlock a different kind of magic – the kind that brings real energy savings.

Source: NRECA

Celebrating 80 years with an open house celebration

Cornhusker Public Power District celebrated 80 years of operation by holding an open house at three locations. Customers visited the Columbus Warehouse on September 6, the Fullerton Service Center on September 7, and the Albion Service Center on September 8.

A free hot dog and brat lunch was served to customers in appreciation for their continued support. Throughout the day customers had the opportunity to visit with staff members, play plinko to win a prize and sign up for a giveaway.

Hotline demonstrations were held at all three locations demonstrating to customers how dangerous electricity can be. Attendees were able to walk around all three facilities and view the different types of equipment Cornhusker Public Power District has.

Board members and employees of Cornhusker Public Power District want to extend their appreciation to all of our customers. Because we are public power, we are owned by YOU, our customers! We are grateful for the support over the past 80 years, and we look forward to continuing to serve our customers with safe, affordable and reliable electricity.



Crew Foreman Jay Wemhoff (right) discusses the equipment his crew uses with guests.



The Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce Commodores visited Cornhusker Public Power District with a ribbon cutting commemorating 80 years at the Columbus open house.



Guests signed up for giveaways, played for prizes and looked at the pictures on display at the Columbus open house.



Guests go through the food line at the open house in Albion.



Line technicians Riley Reeder (front left) and Cameron Menke (right) demonstrate what 7,200 volts does to a hot dog during the hotline demonstration at the Albion Service Center.



Guests enjoyed the meal at the Fullerton Service Center.



Line technician Riley Reeder (left) demonstrates what happens when an object comes in contact with an overhead powerline during a hot line demonstration at the Fullerton open house.



PUBLIC POWER GROWS

COMMUNITIES

October is Public Power Month and Cornhusker Public Power District is joining public power districts across the state of Nebraska to celebrate.

As your local public power utility, our services are shaped to meet your specific needs. Our priority is to provide affordable, reliable energy to our local communities.

Public power districts help grow communities by promoting economic empowerment, fostering community engagement and supporting the unique needs of the customer.

Public Power Districts are all about cooperation, not competition. Districts work together to share lessons learned, successful strategies and better ways to serve our customers. We are better when we work and grow together!

Public power districts serve as fertile ground for growing tomorrow's leaders through a variety of youth engagement programs. Whether it's through school electrical safety demonstrations, community events, or Youth Energy Leadership Camp, we are committed to providing opportunities for local youth to learn and thrive in our community and beyond.

Cornhusker Public Power Districts loves growing with you, our customers, and we are proud to serve you.

Promoted

Becker promoted to Lead Meter/Substation Technician

Adam Becker was promoted to Lead Meter/Substation Technician on August 4, 2023.

Becker was hired as meter/apparatus technician for Cornhusker Public Power District in May 2010.

He graduated from Northeast Community College in 2010 with a degree in Electrical Construction/Control and Electromechanical Technology.



Adam Becker

ATTENTION irrigation customers Protect your load control boxes from livestock

Harvest is in full swing, and soon many farmers will be wrapping up corn harvest and releasing their cattle to graze on the cornstalks. If there is a Cornhusker Public Power District irrigation load control box in your field, please take the proper steps to protect the box from the cattle to avoid any damage or service interruptions.

If an irrigation load control box is exposed, cattle can continuously rub against or ram into the box causing extensive damage. This could lead to replacement of the box, instead of repairs.

Farmers may consider installing sturdy and appropriate fencing around the area the irrigation box is located. The type of fencing may vary depending on the situation, but options include barbed wire, electric fencing, or sturdy wooden fencing. Ensure the fencing is in good repair and regularly inspect it for any damage or wear that could allow cattle to breach it.

Gates may also be used to control access to the area the box is located. Ensure gates are properly installed and can be locked or secured with chains and padlocks.

The customer is responsible for any damage done to Cornhusker Public Power District's irrigation load control boxes. We encourage our irrigation customers to take the proper steps to protect the load control boxes to prevent any damage.

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