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CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRICAL

Winter is Just Beginning

Be Prepared

No matter what the woolly caterpillars and persimmon seeds might try to tell us about what kind of winter to expect, there really isn't any way to know for sure. But it's always a good idea to be prepared no matter what Mother Nature sends our way.

Review the following checklist for ideas on preparing you and your family for a power outage, in case we have another one.

Heat - Plan for another source of heat in the event of a winter outage. If you have a fireplace or wood stove, keep adequate kindling and firewood near the house. Another option

is a non-electric space heater.

Warm Clothing and Blankets - Plenty of blankets are important. Remember, layering blankets and/or clothing will keep you warmer than using one heavy blanket. Air trapped between the layers provides insulation to help retain body heat.

Lighting - Have alternative sources of light on hand. Always have flashlights and fresh batteries on hand. Store candles, oil lamps and oil in easy-to-reach places.

Refrigeration/Food Storage - Food will keep about one day in a refrigerator if the door is not

opened. If the freezer is fully loaded and the door is not opened, food will remain frozen for at least two days and sometimes longer. If there's the possibility of an extended outage and temperatures are not expected to get above the low 40s, then consider securing food from your refrigerator in an ice chest, and place it in the garage or outside. It will stay cold that way.

Protecting Water Pipes - The inside temperature of the house will have to fall below 32-degrees Fahrenheit for water pipes to freeze. If you are concerned that will happen, it helps to open faucets and leave

them open until power is restored.

Portable Generators - If your home has a portable generator, make sure you know how to properly connect it. The National Electrical Safety Code requires the utility company wire to be disconnected before the generator is hooked up to the home electric system. If you call to report an outage, please notify us at that time if you have a whole home generator or will be connecting a portable generator. An improper generator hookup can result in a serious injury, or death, to a lineman working to restore your electric service.

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IN CASE OF TROUBLE

1. Check for blown fuse or tripped circuit breakers.
2. Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off and if they have reported it.
3. If not, call the office or download the Smarthub app to report the trouble.

	Read	Billing date	
Cycle 1	26th-31st	5th	1-1/2% penalty
Cycle 2	6th-11th	15th	applied 20 days
Cycle 3	16th-21st	25th	after billing date

Operating Statistics for August

	2019	2020
Operating Revenues	\$5,224,528	\$4,769,956
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,571,728	\$3,194,845
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	68.36	66.98
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.79	4.84
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$995.00	\$905.63
KW Peak Demand - This month	155,274	135,976
Billing kW demand	104,290	105,474
KW Peak Demand - YTD	171,445	159,902
KWh Purchased - This month	69,029,057	55,560,751
Taxes Paid	\$114,225	\$113,135
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$173,069	\$169,372
System Load Factor	61.7	56.8

New Services Staked in September

During the month of September, 73 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2020 is 460. This compares to 341 for the same period in 2019.



4 Ways Santa Saves Energy in his Workshop

The holiday season is finally upon us, and Santa and his elves have been especially busy as they gear up for their biggest night of the year.

It's no secret Santa is known for running an efficient workshop—how else could he make all those toys in time for Christmas Eve? Rumor has it one way Santa ensures an efficient workspace is through energy-saving measures.

Here are four ways Santa saves energy in his workshop.

1. Santa leaves his decorations up year-round, so by using LED holiday light strands, he's able to save on his monthly energy bills. LED holiday strands can last up to 40 seasons, which make them a great option for any festive home.

2. Santa requires several power tools to make a year's worth of new toys. That's why he insists on using cordless power tools with the ENERGY STAR® rating. According to energystar.gov, if all power tools in the U.S. used ENERGY STAR®-rated battery chargers, 2 billion kWh hours of electricity could be saved—that's equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1.7 million tons!

3. Mrs. Claus loves to keep warm by the fire in the evenings, and Santa knows one of the best tricks to ensure fireplace efficiency. While a fireplace can keep a small area of your home cozy and warm, it can also pull heated air from the room through the chimney. That's why Santa always closes the fireplace flue when a fire isn't burning.

4. Santa also saves energy by using power strips. Power strips are ideal for workshops, craft nooks, game rooms and other spaces in your home. With one simple switch, you can conveniently control several devices and electronics that are plugged into the power strip.

This holiday season, let's take a page from Santa's book and remember to save energy when possible.

Regional Office Hours

Eufaula	Seminole	Seminole Warehouse
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

OPERATION ROUND-UP

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 9/30/20	\$215,785.78
DEPOSITS	8,684.78
INTEREST INCOME	.394
CHECKS ISSUED	.00
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-29,477.23
BALANCE 10/31/20	\$194,997.27

CVEC Foundation administrators and disburses funds collected through CVEC's Operation Round-Up Program.



Celebrating the

Holidays during **COVID**

It's tough to think about all the parties, family gatherings, church services and shopping mall trips you might have to skip this holiday season as you and your family keep yourselves safe and socially distant.

But health experts say you don't have to spend the happiest time of the year alone.

Here are some ideas for celebrating safely this holiday season:

- ◆ If your family is hosting Christmas dinner this year, consider cooking and eating outdoors if the weather is mild.

- ◆ For indoor gatherings, limit the guest list to family and friends you trust are taking every precaution to prevent themselves from being exposed to coronavirus. Also:

- ◆ Exclude anyone you don't already know from your holiday party or dinner.

- ◆ Keep it small.

- ◆ Insist that everyone wear a mask except while eating.

- ◆ Spread out the seating so people who do not live together sit six feet apart.

- ◆ Place hand sanitizer on the dining room table, in each bathroom, near the front door and in the kitchen.

- ◆ Increase ventilation by cracking windows and doors. It's not the most energy-efficient solution, but it's temporary while the party is going on.

- ◆ Skip the sing-along this year. Singing

has been proven to spread the virus quickly.

- ◆ Disinfect surfaces in the house that are likely to be touched by many people—like in kitchens and bathrooms. Leave some sanitizing wipes in bathrooms and ask each guest to wipe down surfaces after each use. Keep

- ◆ Encourage hand-washing during the event.

- ◆ Ask each guest to take extra precautions for two weeks before the event.

- ◆ Keep guests out of the kitchen to limit who handles food and touches surfaces where you're preparing dinner.

- ◆ Serve each guest yourself, wearing a mask. Don't set up a buffet or self-service food or drink stations.



How to Wash Your Face Mask

Unless you're wearing disposable, single-use face masks to comply with federal guidelines and local laws, you should be washing yours regularly.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends washing your cloth mask every time you wear it. Others say it's okay to wear masks a few times between cleanings.

Here are some guidelines for mask-washing:

- Throw your cloth mask into the washing machine with the rest of the week's laundry. Use regular laundry detergent and warm water.

- If you only have one mask and want to wash it every day, hand-washing is probably more practical. In that case, add some bleach to the water so you can disinfect the mask.

- If your mask has a filter, hand-wash it every day or so.

- If the mask is made from colorful material, of course, bleach could fade the colors.

- Soak the mask for five minutes in a bowl of room-temperature water with a few tablespoons of bleach. Rinse it thoroughly with 802322900 cool water and immediately pour the water/bleach solution down the drain.

- Dry the mask in your clothes dryer on high heat or air-dry it by laying it flat—in direct sunlight if you can.

AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

1972 Pontiac Lemans, rough, \$600 OBO; 1962 Pontiac Bonneville, complete car, \$1,900 OBO; Pontiac motor and transmission, 400-400, \$950; 1988 Goldwing, nice bike, will not start, fuel problem, 405-642-1740.

FARM & RANCH

1995 M&W round hay baler, model 4500, \$1,000, 405-454-0510.

10' 165 angle blade, excellent condition, paid \$2,475, will sell for \$1,500, 405-941-3554.

HOME & LAND

Want to buy a place on the Blue River, or will trade for our home and four lots on Lake Texhoma. Serious inquiries only, please. 405-584-9246.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pet carrier - 27" long, 18" wide, 19" high, \$20, Harrah, 405-454-0510.

Post oak firewood, split and ricked, \$65/rick, 4 miles north, 3&1/4 miles east of Prague stoplight, no delivery. 405-932-4879.

Small square bales of good, clean prairie hay, \$5 ea., 405-588-5860.

Kirby vaccum, like new, \$100; Sears fence charger, \$25; 4 round, wood ice cream parlor chairs, \$100; Craftsman 6" belt/disc sander on a stand, \$100; small safe by Major, \$75, 659-5047.

Daybed with collapsible trundle, comes with upgraded, like-new mattresses, beautiful metal framed set comes with waterproof mattress protectors, \$375, pictures upon request, non-smoking/not pets in home, 405-589-0951.

Old boat with good hull, needs work, Evenrude motor, mag wheel trailer, \$300; clothes washer, \$40; metal screen door black, \$45; small portable refrigerator, \$55; tall dresser, \$35; 425 Schwinn elliptical, \$500; 2 Douglass tires, light-weight wear, 235/65R/17, \$90, 405-432-8064.

Will haul away unwanted major appliances, misc. scrap metal, or car batteries within a 10-mile radius of Shawnee for free, 405-765-9700.

ELECTRALITE CLASSIFIED ADS

- Each CVEC member family is limited to ONE free classified ad per month.
- Length of the ad cannot exceed space provided below. Ads run only one time and must be resubmitted to appear in the next edition. **Return the completed form to P. O. Box 751, Seminole, OK 74818. Forms may also be dropped off at either office location, or email your ad to editor@mycvec.coop.**
- **Ads must be received by the 5th of each month; if received after the deadline they will be printed in the next issue.**

All information below must be completed.

Name _____

Address _____

Account # _____

Phone # _____

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Keep cold air out to save energy. Seal air leaks around pipes and any gaps around chimneys and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.

Source: www.energy.gov



CVEC offices will be closed

**Thursday, December 24,
Friday, December 25,
and Friday, January 1**

**for the
Christmas
and New Year's Day
holidays.**

*Service personnel will be on duty
should you experience an interruption
in your electric service.*

**Find Your
Account
Number
and Win \$25**

If you find your account number hidden in this issue of *The ElectraLite*, you could win \$25.

The account number must be your own.

Report finding the number to us by the 15th of the month. You need to report finding it by phone, mail or in person.