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Spring Arrives

As we begin enjoying warmer temperatures, we are reminded of a snowy winter that arrived a little late, but still left us with the coldest February in many years. The National Weather Service recorded the average temperature for February in Bowling Green at 10.5 degrees below normal! So, when you looked at your power bill, it was likely higher due to your heating system having to work harder. Be sure to contact Warren RECC if you have questions about your bill or concerns about your heating or cooling system; furthermore, ask about our incentives before you decide to add or replace your heating and cooling system, hot water heater, and/or improving your new or existing home or business. As a cooperative, we are here to help in any way we can to insure efficiency of your home or business.

Storms and Preparation

Spring brings the likelihood of severe weather, and the effects can be deadly. Lightning kills approximately 50 people each year in the United States, numerous animals, and damages homes and businesses. Many people who are hit by lightning actually survive, but suffer physical and mental damage which may last the rest of their lives. Of course, lightning and wind contribute to significant electrical system interruptions each spring and summer. Warren RECC serves all or parts of eight counties in south central Kentucky, providing service to an estimated population of approximately 155,000 people. With 5,700 miles of transmission and distribution power lines and 37 substations, we have a lot of targets for Mother Nature to hit. Warren RECC provides emergency and power outage service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to keep electric power on to your homes and businesses. With office and personnel at 5 different locations, we are never too far away from you.

Safety Around Power Lines

It is important to respect power lines, whether overhead or underground. Electricity is a tremendous tool that powers our modern civilization; however, many events each year (*storms, automobile accidents, farm equipment, animals, and human intervention*), can create an interruption to your electric service that we must restore. If you must work in and around power lines please contact one of our offices for information. We are more than happy to help insure your safety and the safety of others.

During unplanned events where power lines may be damaged, always treat the lines as though they are still hot (energized). Stay away from such lines until Warren RECC personnel arrive to insure the area is cleared of electrical or mechanical hazards. Lastly, Warren RECC provides safety demonstrations each year to schools, government officials, other utilities, agricultural groups, and other organizations. If your group is interested in scheduling a demonstration or you would like to attend one that is already scheduled, please call (270) 842-6541 and ask to speak with our Member Services group for details. Warren RECC personnel, using our Safety Trailer, provide live demonstrations of the hazards of electric power when improperly used.

National Lineman Appreciation Day

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) designated April 13, 2015, as National Lineman Appreciation Day. Warren RECC paid tribute to these hard working individuals and their families. Most of us do not understand the skill that is required and the danger linemen encounter on a daily basis; furthermore, the sacrifice their families endure when their loved one is working in all weather conditions for long periods of time.

Our linemen, of course, rely upon many other employees to keep them supplied, advised, and directed; I want to say thanks to all of them. To you the member, thank you for being patient when the lights do go out from time to time, and rest assured we are working around the clock to keep them on. The next time you see some of Warren RECC's line personnel, please thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Annual Meeting

Be sure to mark your schedule for June 30, 2015, to attend Warren RECC's Annual Membership Meeting. Because it happens only once a year, we try to make the event special and informative for you. We will have a tasty meal of large hot dogs, chips, drink, and that special Chaney's Ice Cream that everyone loves. The Martin Family Circus will entertain with music your entire family will enjoy. We will review Warren RECC's year of performance, and there will be an election in 3 of our districts for the Board of Directors. Lastly, we will have door prizes for eligible members who are in attendance. Hope to see you there!