



WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE

LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

Respect Right-Of-Way Rules

As your electric power supplier, we take responsibility for maintaining the miles of power lines that bring electricity to your home or business. This means we must periodically use our right-of-way to those lines that cross your property. What is a right-of-way? It is a legal agreement that allows us access to the property directly beneath and to either side of an electric power line. Also called an easement, the right-of-way allows us to enter the property at any time, to perform maintenance or repairs to our equipment. We may also need to remove trees and brush that would obstruct our activities in the right-of-way.

Even though this easement allows us a right of entry, we try not to disrupt existing activities on the property. Reasonable care will be used to minimize damage, but some disruptions such as tire ruts from heavy equipment are inevitable.

The landowner, on the other hand, must also comply with the rules of the right-of-way. There must be no activity, building, or other type of structure located within the right-of-way that restricts our ability to work on the lines. This is less of a problem on open farmland, but can be troublesome in more populated residential areas. We ask that you not place storage buildings, fences, swing sets, or other types of structures beneath a power line. It is unfair to other consumers if these items restrict workers from maintaining or repairing the lines after a storm. In addition, if a storm brings the power line down onto a structure beneath, a fire could destroy the building and its contents. This results in a loss for the property owner.

We want all consumers served by Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative to understand the rights and responsibilities of the right-of-way. As your power supplier, we will do our part to maintain electric service, if you will help us in this way. By working together, we can benefit all the other consumers that rely on electricity to improve their daily lives.

When the Lights Go Out....

At Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, our employees are dedicated to providing our members with reliable electric service. However, no matter how well we plan or how hard we work, it's virtually impossible to eliminate all power outages. We have put together some helpful tips that can help you make the best of an outage:

- ▼ Discuss with your family members ahead of time what they should do in case of a storm and a possible outage.

- ▼ Have these items on hand:
 - ▶ Flashlight and fresh batteries
 - ▶ Battery-powered radio
 - ▶ Candles and matches
 - ▶ Drinking water
 - ▶ Canned foods with manual can opener
 - ▶ Camping equipment
- ▼ Call the co-op to report the outage. Please don't assume your neighbor has called. We welcome the calls, but we ask for your patience because with extensive

outages it may take a few tries to get through.

- ▼ Preserve food in your refrigerator and freezer by not opening them unless necessary.
- ▼ Turn off light switches, computers, televisions, appliances, and air conditioners. This will prevent a surge in power, which could damage your appliances, when your power is restored. We also suggest you leave one light on to alert you as to when the power is back on.

News Bits...

Energy Audit Online

If you feel that your energy bills are getting too high, we encourage you to try this website www.touchstoneenergy.coop. By entering your own information, you will get suggestions on how you can help lower your energy consumption.

Capital Credit Allocation

The annual Capital Credit allocation will be posted on your August energy bills. This is the bill mailed on the first of September. This is not a payment, but just to let you know what has been allocated to you for the year 2005. It will be added to the total capital credits that you have accumulated.

Apple Festival

The annual Gays Mills Apple Festival will be held on September 23 and 24th. All weekend there will be crafts, flea market, food stands, something for everyone. Sunday there will be a parade at 1:30 p.m.

Currently Cooking



Fall is just around the corner, here is a squash dish that should make a hit with the family.

Squash and Apple Bake

- 2 lbs. butternut or buttercup squash
- ¼ C. butter, melted
- 2 baking apples, pared and cut into ½ inch slices
- ½ C. brown sugar, packed
- 1 Tbsp. flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- marshmallows for topping

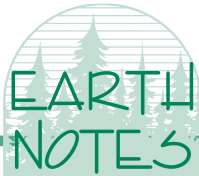
Cut each squash in half and remove seeds and fibers. Pare squash. Cut into ½ inch slices. Stir in remaining ingredients and put into casserole dish. Sprinkle with marshmallows. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes or until squash is tender. 60th Anniversary Cookbook, Dairyland Power Cooperative

Vitality NOTE

Tips for a trimmer you:

- ▶ Eat plenty of high-fiber, complex carbohydrates, such as fruits, vegetables and whole grains.
- ▶ Limit high-calorie, high-fat foods, such as potato chips, cakes, cheese, fried foods and whole-fat dairy foods.
- ▶ Exercise for 30 minutes at least three times a week.
- ▶ Examine your eating habits to identify problem areas, such as high-fat snacking or having second helpings.
- ▶ Take healthful snacks to work.
- ▶ Don't crash-diet; the faster your weight comes off, the faster it will return.

Evergreen Program Supports Renewable Energy



Everyone should try to do their part in reducing emissions of green house gasses. One way you can do this is to sign up for our wind energy program. You can purchase 100 kilowatt-hours of wind power for \$1.50 per month. If you are interested in this program please sign up on the form below and return to our office.

Please sign me up at the following level:

Number of blocks Of energy:	Amount added to my monthly energy bill:
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 block (100 kWh).....	\$1.50
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 blocks (200 kWh).....	\$3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 blocks (300 kWh).....	\$4.50
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 blocks (400 kWh).....	\$6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 blocks (500 kWh).....	\$7.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Please provide me with more information.	

I understand that this amount is in addition to my monthly energy bill. This charge will continue monthly thereafter until I notify my cooperative that I no longer wish to participate. Mail this form with your electric payment.

Name _____
 Address _____

 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Account # _____
 Signature _____



Just For Fun

Lena and Nina were the best of friends and tried to do everything together. One day, Lena announced that she was going to start on a diet to lose a few extra pounds.



"Good!" Nina exclaimed. "I'll start a diet too. We can be dieting buddies and help each other out. And when I feel the urge to drive out and get a hamburger and fries, I'll call you first."

"Great!" Lena replied. "And I'll be happy to ride with you to Burger King."

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