



APRIL 11, 2016 is
NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY.

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National Lineman Appreciation Day

The full text of the resolution, which the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Board adopted unanimously, follows:

"Whereas linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on; Whereas linemen work 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure; Whereas linemen are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on

and making things safe for all after storms and accidents; and Whereas there would be no electric cooperatives without the brave men and women who comprise our corps of linemen;

Therefore be it resolved that NRECA recognize the Second Monday of April of each year as National Lineman Appreciation Day and make available to electric cooperatives, materials and support to recognize the contributions of these valuable men and women to America's Electric Cooperatives."

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DID YOU KNOW

Your new appliance may be eligible for a rebate!
Call us to find out more.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: How much of America's landmass do electric co-op lines cover?

ANSWER: 75 percent

Issues of Growing Concern

Fire and Power Poles a Dangerous Combination

Each spring, several of Big Horn REA's power poles are inadvertently set on fire by people conducting debris burns.

And according to Line Superintendent Kendal Wambeke, the problem seems to be on the rise. "It seems to be occurring more frequently over the last couple of years. We are getting more reports of burnt poles all the time."

For durability through extreme weather events, power poles used by Big Horn REA are treated with a preservative known to be highly resistant to rot. Wambeke says they are also, however, highly flammable. "If fire reaches one of these poles,

there's no stopping it. Our crews, along with various fire departments, have to respond several times each year." Just as it's essential to have power lines located before digging in the ground, Wambeke says it is equally important to be aware of the location of power poles and overhead lines on or near your property. "They're expensive to replace, and when you add labor costs of installation and restoration from power outages that might occur, you have a pricey situation for members and all concerned." Members are reminded that they will be billed for the cost of replacing poles they are responsible for burning.



A big thank you to those members who attended our Annual Meeting! As our newsletter deadline was before the Annual Meeting, you will find meeting news and photos in next month's Highlights!

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



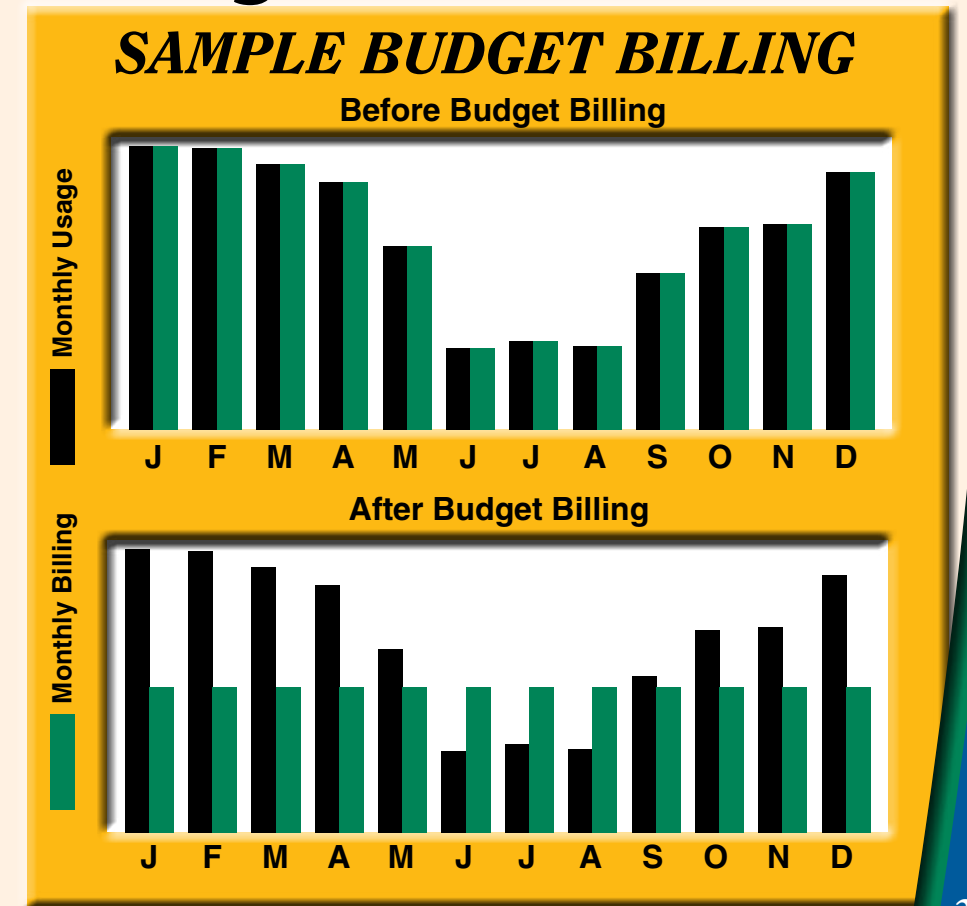
Earth Day is April 22. Give back to the environment by planting a deciduous tree near your home. Deciduous trees lose their leaves during the fall, allowing sunlight to warm your home. The extra shade during summer months will keep your home cooler and give your AC a much needed break.

Balance Your Budget and Your Time

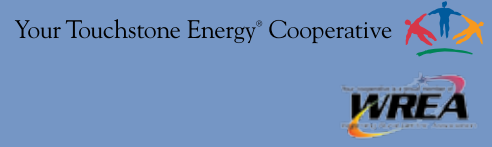
Big Horn Rural Electric realizes how busy life can get for our members. We would like to remind you of the convenient billing and payment option we have available that may help you balance your budget and your time.

Budget Billing - Pay the same amount every month. During the months of **April, May and June** you can sign up to take part in our budget billing program. The idea behind budget billing is to average your high usage bills with low usage bills. Big Horn will need at least twelve months of usage history before enrolling a member in this program.

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Important Information for Irrigators



If you have not mailed in your 2016 Irrigation Instruction Form, Big Horn needs this information as soon as possible. If the form is not returned, we will assume that you do not want the irrigation service energized. When completing the Total Horsepower section, please be aware that this includes not only the motor, but end guns as well. A minimum charge will be billed on all irrigation services in place whether they are energized or not. The non-use minimum is the greater of \$21.00 per horsepower or \$200.00 which will be billed in April – you will receive this bill the first part of May. REMINDER – all irrigation bills are expected to be paid the month you receive the bill. Any delinquent irrigation accounts will be required to pay a deposit in order to keep the electric service.

required efficiency standards. You can receive up to \$8 per horsepower for an energy efficient electric motor. If the electric motor is used to replace a fossil-fueled engine or is a new installation, you can receive an additional \$1.50 per horsepower for wiring assistance. An energy credit application must be completed and an invoice or bill of sale is required. The rebate must be applied for within 180 days of installation. For more information, contact the Basin office at 568-2419 or 800-564-2419.



Energy Credits

Big Horn Rural Electric Company would like to inform our members that we give rebates for electric motors that meet the

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After 5 p.m., weekends and holidays all calls will be answered by our professional answering service, who will contact the appropriate person(s).

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