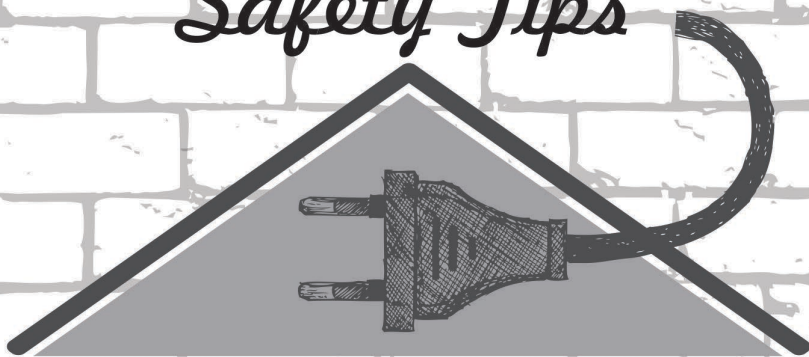



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Top 10 Home Electrical Safety Tips





 use a qualified electrician for repair work


 repair loose outlets; replace cracked, worn electric cords

watch for hot or discolored switch plates, flickering lights, or buzzing sounds. 


 get regular check-ups for older homes

use bulbs with correct wattage for the fixtures 

if children are present install tamper resistant outlets to protect against shock 

unplug electrics if you smell something burning 

keep cords out of walkways and high traffic areas 

use extension cords temporarily, not as permanent wiring 

educate the household on electrical safety 

Learn more about home electrical safety at

URECC.coop

Annual Meeting in Review

The 82nd Annual Meeting of the members of Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation was held on Thursday, April 4th, 2019 and had 381 members registered at the meeting.

The following statistics were reported for the 2018 fiscal year.

*Constructed 32 miles of new line to serve 839 new members;

*At the end of 2018, there were 46,281 accounts billed;

*There are 295 miles of transmission line, 6,066 miles of overhead distribution line and 314 miles of underground distribution in place;

*The total plant investment was \$240,464,268 and the total kilowatt-hours sold in 2018 was 897,503,986.

New business transacted at the meeting was the election of the following directors:

District 7	S. Rex Youngblood
District 8	R. Alan Branham
District 9	Sherry Morgan

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Our offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

Just a reminder...



Consumer charge change takes effect June 1st.

BUDGET BILLING

With summer rapidly approaching, Budget Billing could be a way for our members to budget for their electric bills by averaging their payments on a monthly basis. Check out our website (URECC.coop) for more information or contact a Member Service Representative at 903.843.2536 or 800.259.2536.

LIGHTNING SAFETY AWARENESS

Since we have had numerous thunderstorms with a lot of lightning this spring, we felt like it would be a good idea to review some lightning safety tips. The National Weather Service slogans for lightning safety awareness are “when thunder roars, go indoors and flash, dash inside!”

From 2006-2018, there have been 396 people killed by lightning in the United States. Almost two-thirds of those deaths occurred to those enjoying outdoor activities. During the 13-year period, deaths associated with lightning were ranked in the following order: fishing, enjoying the beach, camping and boating with soccer and golf rounding out the top six.

Each year in the United States, there are about 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning flashes. No place outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area! With proper planning, tragedies can be avoided!

According to the NOAA website, some facts you need to know about lightning are:

- *If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you. Don't be fooled by blue skies.
- *When you hear thunder, immediately move to a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or get in an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with the windows up.
- *Stay in a safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder.
- *All thunderstorms produce lightning and are dangerous.
- *Lightning often strikes outside the area of heavy rainfall and may strike as far as 10 miles away.

Tips for indoor lightning safety are:

- *Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that could put you in direct contact with electricity.
- *Stay away from windows, doors and plumbing fixtures. Stay off porches.
- *Do not lie on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls.

If you are caught outside with no safe shelter anywhere nearby, the following actions may reduce your risk:

- *Get off elevated areas such as hills or mountain peaks.
- *Never shelter under an isolated tree.
- *Immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water.
- *Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (like fences, power lines, etc.)
- *Never lie flat on the ground.
- *Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter.



Prevent deadly accidents! Install TROs and GFCIs in your home!

- *Tamper Resistant Outlets (TROs) prevent foreign objects from making contact with live wires.
- *Install TROs in homes with children!
- *Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) can help prevent electrical shocks.
- *Install GFCIs where water is present in bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms, garages and outdoors!