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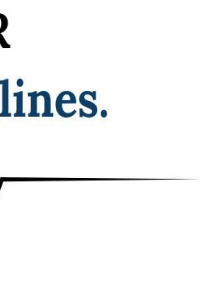
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April 10th Is National Lineman Day!

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Panhandle Rural Electric Membership Association

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Today-and everyday-we're
thankful.
Thank you for spending
YOUR
life on the lines.





July 9 - 13, 2023

High school students, grades 9-11
Camp Comeca, Cozad, Neb

If you are interested in applying for this all-expense paid camp, complete the application form and return it to your local electric system.

To be eligible for this year's camp you must:

- currently be in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade
- be sponsored by a Nebraska Rural Electric Association member-system
- complete the application form and return it to your local electric system.

**Registration
Deadline
May 19th**

**YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP
APPLICATION FORM**

Name _____

Age _____ Current Grade _____

Address _____

Phone number (____) _____

City _____ State _____

Name of parents _____

Name of your sponsoring rural electric system

Load Management

Signups for Load Management are complete. We have approximately 360 accounts on board for the 2023 irrigation season. Load Management participants will be receiving a letter outlining what groups each account will be assigned to. We have started the process of programming the load control switches with the assigned group for each account. We will also be installing switches on accounts that do not currently have one. If irrigators are at or around center pivots, please take the time to inspect your equipment as well as the load control switch. Please call Tim at the office at 762-1311 with any questions.

Get your house ready for spring

It won't be too long until you can open the windows and start enjoying fresh air and warm weather. Is your house ready? Here are five items to add to your springtime to-do list that might help your home feel more comfortable and cared for before it gets hot:

1. Call a qualified service technician to inspect and maintain your air conditioning system. Paying \$100 or so now could prevent a huge expense this summer if your system breaks down on a hot day and you have to have it repaired or replaced in a hurry. Maintenance goes a long way toward preventing emergencies and can prolong the life of your equipment.
2. While you're outdoors planting and pruning, trim all of the bushes and pull all of the weeds near your air conditioner's outside condenser unit. Remove any fallen tree limbs that landed on it, brush off leaves that have collected on or around it, and pick up trash that found its way there as it sat unused all winter. Anything that touches the unit and prevents air from circulating around it will make it perform inefficiently.
3. While you've got your shovel and spade out, consider planting some shade trees on the sunny side of your house. As they grow, they will filter the sunrays that can beat so fiercely on your windows in the summer and make your air conditioner work harder.
4. Speaking of windows, if your house still has single-pane versions, this is a good time to replace them with double-pane models. Single-pane windows are energy inefficient and can drive your air conditioning bills through the roof. You could save several hundred dollars on cooling and heating bills every year if you replace your drafty, old windows.
5. Clean your windows, inside and out. Newer models are simple to clean because you can tilt them toward the inside of the house so you can reach both sides. Clean windows let more sunlight into your house, which means you won't have to turn on as many lights.



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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
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