

ROCK ENERGY NEWS

FOR ROCK ENERGY COOPERATIVE MEMBERS

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Drive Safely to Protect Our Workers

Orange cones, warning signs, and flashing lights all indicate a work zone on the road ahead.

Within these zones are men and women doing their jobs. Unfortunately, hundreds of these workers are injured every year from work and road hazards. Some are even killed.

Rock Energy Cooperative urges motorists to slow down and pay attention in work zones while driving.

When the power goes out, so do our line crews. Our workers are the first to respond after an outage occurs, and they work tirelessly to restore power to the communities we serve.

Our natural gas crews frequently work along streets and roads when they are installing or replacing natural gas lines, performing our annual gas leak survey, and investigating calls.

Electric and natural gas crews aren't the only ones who could use the extra space. Emergency responders, such as police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians, often find themselves responding to emergency situations near busy roadways. We ask that you follow the same procedures mentioned above to help keep these crews safe.

To help prevent fatalities and injuries, Safe Electricity, a program of

**PLEASE MOVE
OVER FOR
EMERGENCY
AND UTILITY
CREWS**

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible.

Together, we can keep our crews safe.



the Energy Education Council, recommends the following guidelines while driving:

- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment, and workers. Be patient. Traffic delays are sometimes unavoidable, so try to allow time in your schedule for unexpected occurrences.

- Obey all signs and road crew flag instructions.

- Merge early and be courteous to other

drivers.

- Use your headlights at dusk and during inclement weather.

- Minimize distractions. Avoid activities such as operating a radio or eating while driving. And definitely don't text behind the wheel.

Don't make the jobs of road workers, electric and natural gas crews, tree trimmers, and others more dangerous. Let's work together to keep everyone safe. Drive safely.

Get Your Discounted Snappers Tickets

Rock Energy Cooperative members can buy discounted tickets for Beloit Snappers regular season home games.

Tickets are \$2 each at the Janesville or South Beloit co-op offices and can be used during the 2017 regular season. They are originally priced at \$8.

While you're at the office, pick up a Snappers schedule so you can plan your trip to the ballpark.



Save the Date!

**Member
Appreciation Day
Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Sept. 9**

Respect Lightning to Keep Yourself Safe

Despite the beauty it casts into the sky, lightning brings dangerous risks to your safety.

The National Weather Service reports that about 25 million lightning bolts strike the earth each year.

A lightning strike can cause serious or even fatal injuries. To avoid these risks, always keep an eye on weather forecasts and make backup plans in case of an unexpected storm.

In 2016, a total of 38 deaths from lightning were reported in the United States, according to the weather service. Many injuries also occurred.

Here are some tips from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to help keep you and your family safe:

- Plan ahead. Just as you have an emergency plan for fires and tornadoes, form an action plan for lightning. Choose a safe shelter, and time

how long it takes to get there.

- Check the weather. A simple forecast can tell you whether you should delay outdoor activities to avoid a dangerous situation.

- Download an app on your mobile device so you know if severe weather is coming.

- Look to the sky. Dark skies, whipping winds, and lightning flashes are all signs that you should go to a safe place.

- Seek shelter. As soon as you hear a rumble of thunder, head for a safe place—an enclosed structure. Open-air shelters, sheds, and covered porches are not safe places.

- Avoid tall trees that stand alone, towers, and poles, as well as metal fences and other conductors of electricity.

- Keep out of open areas so that you're not the tallest object in a field.

Lightning can strike
10 miles
from where it is raining

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research collected from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

- Wait it out. Leaving safe shelter too quickly makes you vulnerable to lightning strikes. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder before you head outdoors.

- Avoid corded phones and appliances. If you're indoors when a storm hits, do not use corded phones or appliances.

Lightning can travel through your home's wiring. Also, water is a great conductor of electricity, so don't take a bath or shower.

If a person is struck by lightning, call 911 and care for the victim immediately. You are not in danger of being shocked or electrocuted by the victim.

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Go to www.connections.coop/healthysavings and click "Locate Providers."

Enter your zip code to search for providers near you.

Or you can call Member Services at **800-800-7616** if you have questions or to find a provider.

JUST ONE MORE GREAT MEMBER BENEFIT BROUGHT TO YOU BY ROCK ENERGY COOPERATIVE

This plan is NOT insurance and not intended as a substitute for insurance. The discount is only available at participating locations. * Actual costs and savings vary by provider, service and geographical area.

DID YOU KNOW?
Half of Americans don't receive regular oral health care, according to the American Hygienist Association.

IT'S SIMPLE

- 1 Find a participating provider, and present your Co-op Connections Card with the Humana Dental Access logo at your appointment.
- 2 Ask for the calculated discount price.
- 3 You pay the discounted total and save!

Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July!

Rock Energy Cooperative offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 5.

Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices during the holiday.

Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are always available 24 hours a day. If you need to report a power outage, please call 866-752-4550.



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Know what's below. Call before you dig.

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