

What's Happening

April 17
Easter

April 18
Lineman
Appreciation Day

**April is
National Safe
Digging Month**

National Safe Digging Month was created to remind people that a number of pipelines, wires, and cables are buried in the ground beneath and around their homes. The month is used to promote the importance of knowing what's buried before doing any outdoor projects.

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As your electric provider, it is Rock Energy Cooperative's responsibility to maintain the miles and miles of power lines that bring you electricity. To do that, we must periodically access rights-of-way to ensure the reliability of your power. Our efforts to ensure reliable energy for members and our members' neighbors means we sometimes must work on your property.

A right-of-way is a legal right of passage over another person's property. When it comes to your power, a right-of-way, sometimes called an easement, is held by Rock Energy to access the property directly underneath and on either side of the power lines that are on your property.

Field work, unless an emergency, is conducted during regular business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have questions about Rock Energy working on your property, please feel free to contact us at 866-752-4550.

Rock Energy understands that some of our members prefer to lock entrances to their properties. Those members can grant the co-op access with a gate code or by having Rock Energy add a co-op lock to their chain.

Why would Rock Energy need to work on your property? Here are some reasons why:

- Routine repairs
- Remove or trim trees
- Update electric or natural gas distribution system
- Locate buried utilities
- Upgrade poles, wires, transformers, and other equipment
- Maintain vegetation in right-of-way

Youth Leadership Congress

Online Registration Now Open

TO REGISTER, GO TO:

<http://bit.ly/2022WECA-YLC>

Registration Deadline: June 1, 2022

Start Date/Time: July 12, 2022 - 11:30 a.m.

End Date/Time: July 14, 2022 - 12:00 p.m.

Event Venue: University of Wisconsin-Stout

Location:

712 Broadway St. South / Menomonie, WI

The annual WECA Youth Leadership Congress (YLC) is a dynamic three-day event sponsored by Wisconsin's electric cooperatives and facilitated by WECA. It is a unique opportunity for youth across Wisconsin to develop their leadership skills while learning the purpose, operation, and scope of cooperative businesses.

What will you do at YLC?

- See what makes the cooperative business model different and successful and apply this knowledge to fun and challenging cooperative activities.
- Work together with other youth leaders from around Wisconsin to demonstrate the power and value of cooperation.
- Identify and develop your own leadership skills.
- Learn some of the important history that has shaped today's cooperatives.
- Discuss cooperative careers with professionals in the industry.
- Be entertained and challenged by highly acclaimed motivational speakers who understand teens and explore topics important and relevant in your life.
- Experience college life at a University of Wisconsin campus.

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Always call 8-1-1 first. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:



1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.

2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.

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3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location.



Source: call811.com



REC OFFICES CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Rock Energy offices will be closed and personnel will be out on Friday, April 15, in observance of Good Friday. Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holiday weekend and at the payment kiosk outside our South Beloit office, 15229 Willowbrook Road. Even though our offices will be closed, standby crews will be available. If you need to report a power outage, please call 866-752-4550.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

LED Lights

Light emitting diodes (LEDs) are a type of solid-state lighting — semiconductors that convert electricity into light. Although once known mainly for indicator and traffic lights, LEDs in white light, general illumination applications are today's most energy-efficient and rapidly-developing lighting technology. LEDs use up to 90% less energy and last up to 25 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs.

Source: Dept. of Energy

