

What's Happening

March 13

**Daylight Saving
Time Begins**

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

March 20

Spring Begins

March 22

National Ag Day

National Ag Day is observed to honor the efforts of people related to agriculture and promote awareness about these efforts amongst people.

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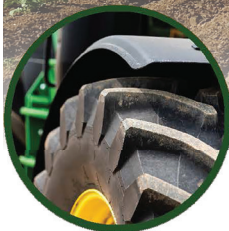
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Planting Season Calls for a Closer Look at SAFETY!

Spring is in the air, and that means more than just a change of season for farmers. If you farm, remember to take care of yourself by getting as much rest as possible and allowing yourself breaks to clear your head. Long hours and fatigue are a constant battle for farmers during planting season. Be especially aware of electrical hazards around the farm, especially when operating machinery and equipment around or near electric lines and power poles.

During the busy planting season, workers should consider these safety tips as they go about their business on the farm and in the field:

**TRANSPORT SAFELY**

Ensure equipment is compliant with agriculture road and travel safety rules.

**SHARE SAFETY TIPS**

Teach anyone working or doing business on your farm about electrical hazards.

**ENCOURAGE YOUNG WORKERS**

Be sure to match age and ability level with each chore.

**BE CLEAR**

Explain where the "back 80" or Smith field is; not everyone may know how to get there.

**WRITE IT DOWN**

Keep directions (with proper road and farm ground names) at home, in the shop, and in cabs.

**LOOK AROUND**

Inspect your space and look for hazards before you start planting.

**EVALUATE PROCEDURES**

Consider new safety precautions you can implement, such as lockout/tagout.

**MEET AND DISCUSS**

Conduct morning safety meetings to brief everyone on the day and talk about potential hazards.

WHEN A FLOOD BECOMES A DANGER ZONE



Source: SafeElectricity.org

- **DO NOT** touch electrical equipment.
- **MOVE** to an upper level or attic.
- **AVOID** drinking tap water.
- **KNOW** that standing water could be energized.
- **DO NOT** enter a flooded basement or room
- **WEAR** heavy work gloves, protective clothing and boots.
- **USE** generators outdoors and away from windows and doors.
- **DO NOT** turn off electricity to your home unless it is dry and safe to do so.

DEMAND RATE CHANGE BEGINNING IN MARCH

Effective March 1, 2022, accounts subject to a monthly demand charge will see a price increase in the demand component. This is due to a proportional capacity price increase levied upon Rock Energy by our wholesale provider.

REC Annual Meeting to Take Place in September

- **WHEN: SEPTEMBER 19, 2022** (date subject to change)
- **TIME: Begins at 6 p.m.**
- **WHERE: Eclipse Center - 1 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI.**
- In light of the ongoing issues related to the pandemic, this year's meeting will be a "business meeting" only.
- Only two people maximum per membership are allowed to attend (for proper social distancing).
- The meeting is expected to last around 30-45 minutes.
- Dinner will not be served; scholarships will not be presented; and no guest speakers or kids' activities.
- Every attendee should bring a mask with them to the meeting (masks may be required).

Attending the annual meeting gives members — the most important part of our co-op family — a chance to participate in the governance of the cooperative.

Members will be voting to elect board directors in districts 2, 4, and 9 at this year's annual meeting. Attending members can vote in all three districts, as all directors are elected at-large.

Additional information about this year's annual meeting will be released in upcoming issues of our co-op magazine, as well as this newsletter, and email correspondence.

We hope to see you there!



REC's 86th Annual Meeting will take place on Sept. 19, 2022, at the Eclipse Center in Beloit, WI (pictured above).

REC Accepting Nominations for Board Positions

The Rock Energy Cooperative Nominating Committee will be selecting candidates to run for board of director positions that will be on the ballot at the 2022 annual meeting, to be held Sept. 19, 2022 for **District 2** (Lima and Milton townships in Wisconsin); **District 4** (Harmony and LaPrairie townships and city of Janesville in Wisconsin); and **District 9** (Center, Janesville, and Magnolia townships in Wisconsin).

Active members who are interested in running for a position on the REC Board of Directors must permanently reside in one of the areas up for election and meet all other qualifications.

Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2022.

For more information, please contact the co-op at 866-752-4550, or send an e-mail to questions@rock.coop.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Cooling Systems

When was your cooling system last serviced? Most manufacturers recommend an annual tune up for your home's cooling system. March is a great time to schedule this service so you can beat the summer rush when the pros are busiest. A qualified professional can check the amount of refrigerant, accuracy of the thermostat, condition of belts and motors, and other factors that can impact the efficiency of your system.

Source: Dept. of Energy

