

# ROCK ENERGY NEWS

April 2025

## What's Happening

### April 7

**Rock Energy 89th  
Annual Meeting  
(Eclipse Center,  
Beloit, WI)**

### April 18

**Lineman  
Appreciation Day**

### April 18

**REC Offices Closed  
for Good Friday**

### April is

**National Safe  
Digging Month**

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## Look Out For Farm Equipment During Planting Season



With planting season ramping up, more farm equipment will travel rural roads and highways. Motorists are encouraged to slow down, be alert and be patient when encountering farm machinery on roadways this spring.

While farm equipment can mean many different machines, generally in the spring it includes sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment and trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide and typically travel at speeds no greater than 25 miles per hour.

### Planting Season - Driving Safety Tips:

- Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.
- Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.
- Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure, or tunnel.
- Do not try to pass slow-moving farm equipment on the left without ensuring that the farmer driving the equipment is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over to allow a pass when the farmer is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.
- Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes, and avoid distractions.
- Be patient. Farm equipment is wide, often taking up most of the road.
- Honk or motion when passing farmers—they may not see you or know you are there; remember, their equipment is big and noisy.

## BUDGET BILLING - IMPORTANT REMINDER

For members who are on our budget billing plan, recalculations will be done in April and you will see the updated amounts on your May billing statement.

# Time To Check Your AC System

Temperatures are starting to warm up, so it's time to check your AC system before you start using it on a regular basis. By following the checklist below, homeowners can extend the lifespan of their air conditioning system, improve efficiency, and prevent costly repairs.

## Air Conditioner Maintenance Checklist for Homeowners

- **Inspect and Replace Air Filters:** Check filters for dirt and debris; replace or clean if necessary.
- **Check Air Vents & Registers:** Ensure they are free of dust, pet hair, and obstructions to maintain proper airflow.
- **Inspect Outdoor Unit:** Remove leaves, dirt, and debris around the condenser unit for optimal performance.
- **Check Thermostat:** Ensure the thermostat is working properly and set to an energy-efficient temperature.
- **Clean Condenser Coils (Outdoor Unit):** Turn off the power and gently clean coils with a garden hose (do not use high pressure). Check for dust buildup and clean using a soft brush or coil cleaner.
- **Check Refrigerant Lines for Leaks:** Inspect the copper lines for insulation damage or signs of leakage.
- **Inspect Electrical Connections:** Ensure wiring is secure and look for any signs of corrosion or damage.
- **Clear Condensate Drain Line:** Flush with a mixture of water and vinegar to prevent clogs and mold growth.
- **Schedule Professional Maintenance:** Have a HVAC technician inspect and tune up your system for efficiency.
- **Lubricate Moving Parts:** If your unit has lubrication ports, apply oil to the fan motor and other moving parts.
- **Check System Performance:** Run the system through a full cycle to ensure it's cooling properly and efficiently.
- **Inspect and Tighten Belts (if applicable):** Replace any worn-out belts to prevent unexpected breakdowns.



## REC Offices Closed For Good Friday

Rock Energy will be closed on Friday, April 18, in observance of Good Friday.

We will reopen at 7:30 a.m., Monday, April 21. Members can still make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holiday weekend. Even though our offices are closed, crews are always available 24 hours a day. If you need to report a power outage or a natural gas incident, please call 866-752-4550.

## April is National Safe Digging Month

In observance of National Safe Digging Month in April, Rock Energy urges all members to call 811 before every digging project so underground utilities can be marked.

Digging without knowing the approximate location can result in service disruptions, costly repairs, serious injuries, and even death if gas, electric, communications, water, and sewer lines are damaged.

For more information about calling 811, scan the QR below to watch Rock Energy's "Call 811" informational video.

