

What's Happening

February 8

Super Bowl

Levi's Stadium,
Santa Clara, CA

February 14

Valentine's Day

February 16

Presidents' Day



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10 Winter Energy-Saving Tips

- 1) Install a programmable thermostat to lower the temperature in your home when you aren't there and at night when you're sleeping.
- 2) Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, which use at least 75 percent less energy.
- 3) Wash clothes in cold water, and use cold-water detergent when possible.
- 4) Open blinds and curtains during the day to allow sunlight in to warm your home. Close them at night.
- 5) Turn off lights when not in use.
- 6) Switch your ceiling fan blade rotation. Hot air rises, so this will help push the warmth back down to you.
- 7) Lower your water heater temperature. Use the warm setting (120 degrees) during fall and winter months.
- 8) Unplug electronics like kitchen appliances and TVs when you're away.
- 9) Use power strips for multiple appliances, and turn on the main switch when you're away from home.
- 10) Seal air leaks and insulate well to prevent heat from escaping and cold air from entering your home.



SAFETY TIPS



Portable Generators

While a portable generator can certainly come in handy at home—especially during a power outage—there are some very important safety concerns you should be aware of before using one. The three primary hazards to avoid when using a generator are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, electric shock or electrocution, and fire.

If you're in the market for a new portable generator, please make sure to check out the very important generator operation safety tips below. Also, always remember to follow the directions supplied with the generator when operating it.

Here are some important safety tips for using a generator:

- **KEEP DRY:** To avoid electrocution, keep the generator dry and do not use in rain or wet conditions. Operate it on a dry surface under an open canopy-like structure, such as under a tarp held up on poles.
- **COOL IT DOWN:** Be sure to turn the generator off and let it cool down before refueling. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.
- **BACKFEEDING:** Never try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet. Known as "backfeeding," it puts you, utility workers, your neighbors and your household at risk of electrocution.
- **APPLIANCES:** Plug appliances directly into the generator, or use a heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cord that is rated (in watts or amps) at least equal to the sum of the connected appliance loads.
- **CORDS:** Check that the entire cord is free of cuts or tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

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ROCK ENERGY 90th Annual Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2026

**Janesville Conference Center
(Holiday Inn Express)**

Rock Energy's 90th Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, at the Janesville Conference Center (Holiday Inn Express), Janesville WI. Join us for a full-service, sit-down dinner for our members.

Full details about the annual meeting will be in the co-op magazine.

* Registration is required.

To register to attend, register on-line at www.rock.coop/annual-meeting.

Homeowner Insurance Policies Cover Loss From Power Outages

Rock Energy Cooperative works diligently to make sure your electricity is there when you need it. But like all things, nothing is 100 percent guaranteed.

Power outages or voltage issues—whether triggered by a storm, lightning, trees, equipment failure, animals, or vehicles hitting power poles—can damage computer equipment, TVs, and other appliances in your home.

These events are out of our control, and Rock Energy does not compensate for any damaged equipment.

However, most homeowner insurance policies will cover losses from power interruptions that are caused by lightning, windstorms, and other sources.

Make sure you're familiar with your policy and what is covered. Call your agent if you're not sure about your specific coverage. You can help protect your own equipment by unplugging it during a storm or power outage and by installing surge protection.