

What's Happening

May 10
Mother's Day

May 16
Armed Forces Day

May 25
Memorial Day

Update Your Contact Information

Do you have a new phone number or email address? Did you change your Auto Pay bank account? Remember to let us know whenever any of your contact or banking information changes so we can keep our records current. You can call us at 866-752-4550 during our business hours, 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. Or go to www.rock.coop and go to the "Change Contact Information" form in the Member Services dropdown menu.

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Slow Down In Work Zones

Protect Workers

Sometimes utilities must put trucks and personnel in roadways to make repairs or install new equipment to keep power on at your home and business.

Workers in these situations might already be facing the hazards of dealing with high voltage, and they increase their risk when establishing a work zone in the roadway. No matter how big the work zone, it requires drivers to pay attention to avoid a crash.

Keeping a safe distance between your car and the construction workers and equipment, driving the posted work zone speed limit, and using your four-way flashers when stopping or traveling slowly can help reduce accidents in work zones.

When you are making travel plans, keep in mind that many states also provide road



construction information on their respective department of transportation websites that can be consulted before starting a trip. If you know that you are going to be traveling through a work zone, giving yourself a little extra time to get to your destination can also help.

The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearing House has developed a list of ways to stay safe in work zones:

- **Never use a cell phone or text while driving.**
- **Stay alert. Expect the unexpected.**
- **Slow down.**
- **Don't tailgate.**
- **Pay attention to the signs.**
- **Obey the flaggers.**
- **Be patient and stay calm.**
- **Know the road rules for work zones.**



Keeping Electrical Safety Top-of-Mind!

May is National Electrical Safety Month, so now is the perfect time to brush up on safety procedures and to make sure that everyone in your home is aware of them in order to prevent unnecessary exposure to electrical hazards and risks.

Being cautious when using electrical appliances, extension cords, light bulbs and other equipment is important. Safety tips should be included in household rules, along with daily behavior expectations for all members of the family. It only takes one mistake to spark an electrical fire, but simple prevention measures can be effective solutions. For instance, don't run appliances around water; don't overload outlets with plugs; and never run electrical cords under rugs.



Electrical Fires

When an electrical short or spark occurs, it is vital to understand what to do to prevent or put out an electrical fire to keep the damage and devastation from spreading. You should,

of course, call 911 or other appropriate emergency services immediately in case of electrical injury or fire. There are many common causes of electrical fires and signs to be aware of, such as flickering lights, hot light switches, or frayed electrical cords.

Electrical Safety - VIDEO

Check out Rock Energy's informational video - "Electrical Safety in the Home." Scan the QR code here to watch the video.



Outdoor Electrical Safety

Since many electrical hazards can be found near the exterior of your home — and not just inside — it is also important to practice electrical safety outdoors. Keep trees pruned and away from power lines overhead, as well as where the power lines approach the house. Don't fly drones, kites, model aircraft or balloons near power lines. When using a ladder, carefully inspect the surrounding area to be sure it is free from power lines. Always assume that contact with a power line can be deadly, and do not approach a downed power line.

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MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER & HONOR

Rock Energy offices will remain closed and REC personnel will be out on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. 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 are closed, standby crews are available. If you need to report a power outage, please call 866-752-4550.

YLC Registration Due June 1

July 14-16, 2026

UW-Stout (Menomonie, WI)

Register By: JUNE 1

Who Should Apply?

High school students who are active in their school and community from Rock Energy Cooperative member families.

[Scan the QR code here to register](#) ▶



The annual WECA Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) is a dynamic three-day event sponsored by Wisconsin's electric cooperatives and facilitated by WECA. It is a unique opportunity for youth to develop their leadership skills while learning the purpose, operation, and scope of co-op businesses. This is a by-teens, for-teens co-op leadership conference. It is planned and developed by a youth board elected at the previous year's event.