

## What's Happening

**September 6**  
Labor Day - REC  
Offices Closed.

**September 19-25**  
National Farm  
Safety Week

**September is  
National  
Preparedness  
Month**

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year.

**REMINDER:**  
Rock Energy lobbies are now open during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

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# 2021 Annual Meeting Set for September 27

**DATE:** Monday, September 27, 2021

**TIME:** Doors open at 5 p.m. / Meeting begins at 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Eclipse Center in Beloit, WI

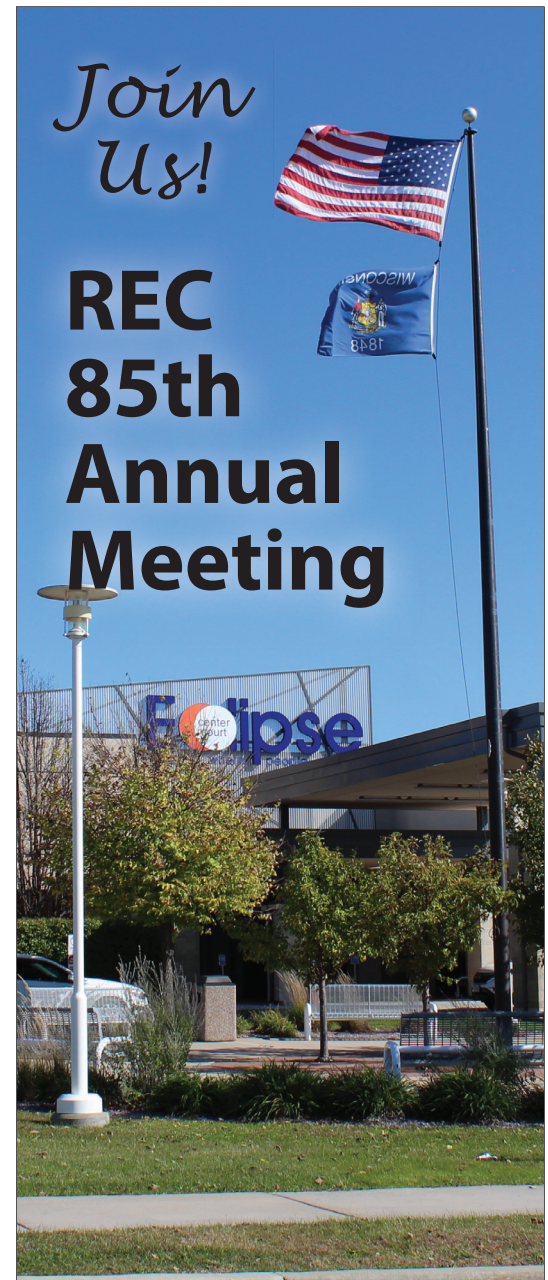
The Rock Energy Cooperative 85th Annual Meeting has been scheduled to take place on Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, at the Eclipse Center in Beloit, WI. However, please note that the event date is subject to change pending any unforeseen COVID-related mandates.

Taking into consideration the health and well-being of our members, this year's event will be a business meeting only, expected to last around 30-45 minutes. No dinner will be served, nor scholarships presented. There will be no guest speakers or kids' activities as well. Attending parties should be limited to two people maximum per membership (yourself and one other person) in order to allow for adequate social distancing. Every attendee should bring a mask with them to the event (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. As always, we look forward to serving you and we hope to see you there.

**RSVP By:  
Monday, Sept. 20**

**TO REGISTER TO ATTEND THIS  
YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING,  
PLEASE CALL 866-752-4550  
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF  
7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.**



## A TIME TO CHARGE & A TIME TO UNPLUG

**Do not use a cell phone or other device when it's plugged into an outlet when you:**



Water and electricity are a deadly combination. Electrical current running through water can cause shock or electrocution.

**ARE IN OR NEAR A POOL OR HOT TUB**

Never extend your cell phone or device so that you can reach it while bathing; also, do not plug it in near standing or running water.



**ARE IN THE TUB OR BY THE SINK**



**ARE IN BED OR OTHER SOFT PLACES**

A device can overheat when placed on or under a pillow or soft bedding. Also, charging cubes and cords can malfunction, causing burns, shock or other serious injuries.

Lightning can cause power surges that are not only harmful to electrical (charging) devices, but also to you.



**HEAR THUNDER OR LIGHTNING**

# It's Time to Prepare Your Home Before the Cold Sets In

Summer is over, children are back in school. Even if it doesn't quite feel like winter right now, don't be fooled, because the cold is coming, and *NOW* is the time to prepare.

Look around your home. See any gaps around your doors or windows? A 1/12-inch gap around an exterior door is like having a 4x5-inch hole in the wall. Add cracks around other doors and windows, and you could be allowing a lot of cold air into your home this winter.



*Winter will soon be here, so make sure to clean out your gutters and downspouts before the snow begins to fly.*

Plugging those leaks will increase your comfort, and it helps to reduce energy bills (just weather stripping around doors and windows alone can cut heat loss significantly). Caulking, additional insulation and storm doors and windows are other measures that will make your home even more energy efficient.

### REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR FURNACE

As winter draws closer, make sure to inspect your furnace to ensure it is functioning properly. It's also a good idea to stock up on furnace filters and change them monthly. You may also want to consider contacting an HVAC professional to clean out your air ducts.

### INSPECT YOUR ATTIC, ROOF & GUTTERS

Adding extra insulation to the attic will prevent warm air from creeping to your roof and causing ice dams. Check flashings to ensure water can't enter your home. Replace worn roof shingles or tiles.

Clean out your gutters and use a hose to spray water down the downspouts to clear away debris. You may also want to install leaf guards on the gutters or extensions on the downspouts to direct water away from the home.

Visit [www.rock.coop/content/prepare-your-home-winter-save-money](http://www.rock.coop/content/prepare-your-home-winter-save-money) for more information on weatherization plans that will fit your budget and pay off in lower energy costs. Then, sit back and enjoy these remaining warmer days before the frost really sets in.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

The right windows in the right spots help homeowners cut energy costs in their home plan. For instance, in cooler climates take advantage of the natural light and warmth of the sun by focusing windows on the south and west sides of the house.

## WINDOW PLACEMENT

