

What's Happening

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Cybersecurity Awareness Month was created to raise awareness in the U.S. around the importance of cybersecurity. To learn more, go to: <https://staysafeonline.org/cybersecurity-awareness-month/>

Nov. 1

Daylight Saving's Time ends... don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

REMINDER: Rock Energy lobbies at our Janesville and South Beloit offices remain closed due to COVID-19.

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October is National Co-op Month!

Electric co-ops are proud to power more than 20 Million American homes, businesses, farms, and schools in 48 states!

October is National Cooperative Month, which gives us a great opportunity to highlight the ways Rock Energy is uniquely positioned to respond to you as consumer-members. For instance, we are locally-led by members who you choose to look out for your long-term needs. We are a catalyst for good, facilitating scholarships for education and providing donations to local organizations. We work for you, and we don't just serve the community, we're part of the community — the people who work here also live here, locally.

We hope you think of Rock Energy as more than just your energy provider, but instead as a local business that supports this community and empowers economic development and prosperity for our area. We will continue to learn from you, our members, and focus on your priorities so that we can better serve you — because your electric co-op was built by the community, for the community! ■



Part of the Community — Rock Energy participates in a variety of different community events throughout the year, such as local food drives (below), parades (above left), and gift give-aways (above right).

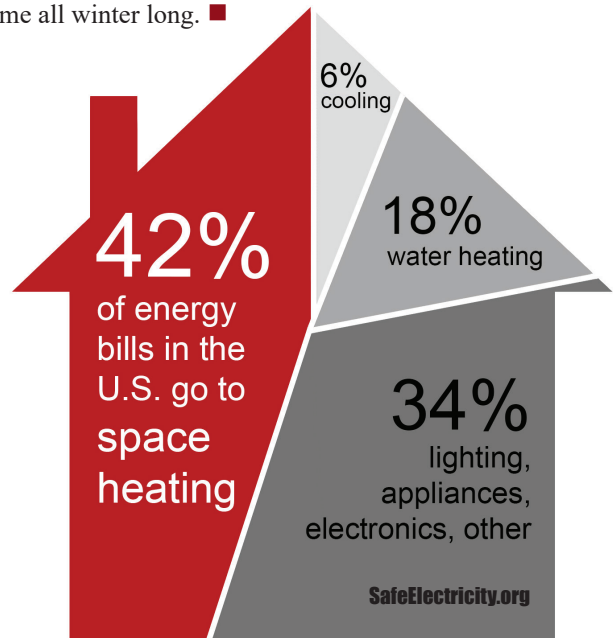


GET YOUR HOME READY FOR WINTER

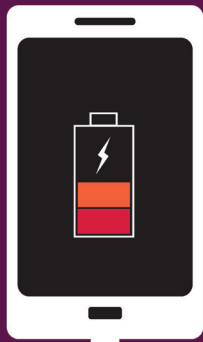
COLD WEATHER PREPARATION TIPS:

- Insulate your pipes and water heater.
- Lower water heater temp to 120 degrees or less.
- Set ceiling fans to clockwise rotation to push hot air down.
- Install a smart thermostat to control temperatures from your cell phone.
- Protect your furnace with a high-quality filter and remember to change the filter often.
- Insulate windows. Feel around the window with your hand to check for drafts.
- Add window shrink and seal keeps heat in and your energy bill lower, especially if you live in an older home.
- Apply new caulk to draft areas in window seams.
- Add weather stripping to doors and windows.
- Use a door threshold for floor drafts.
- Add outlet and switch covers to stop drafts.
- Drain outdoor faucets and turn off outside water to avoid freezing lines. Remove hoses.
- Clean your gutters to avoid moisture build-up. This will help from icicles from forming. Consider adding gutter guards to reduce build-up of debris.
- Cover your AC to prevent weather damage.
- Keep vents free from snow and ice to maintain proper ventilation and insulation.

By following the proper steps of winterization, not only will you reduce your energy bill, but you'll stay safe and warm in your home all winter long. ■



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TIPS TO SAFELY CHARGE YOUR ELECTRONICS

Sale

Don't buy cheaply made, off-brand charging cubes and cables. They can be potential fire hazards, cause electrocution, or damage the device.



Throw away charger blocks and cords that are worn or damaged and make sure they are not hot when charging devices.

NOT IN BED

Only charge devices on a hard, flat, noncombustible surface to allow for adequate ventilation.



Do not touch any electronic devices that are charging when you are wet or standing in water.

Learn more at

SafeElectricity.org

Cell Phone Security Tip

Avoid public charging stations unless there is an emergency. Hackers have been known to set up fake charging stations in scams known as "juice-jacking." After you plug in, they can access your phone's data or install malware on the device.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back/forward 10 to 15 degrees for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set your temperature - set it and forget it!

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy