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Ready Your Home **FOR WINTER**



Prepare your home for winter now to ensure safety, efficiency and comfort. Here's a checklist you can use.

**INSPECT HEATING SYSTEM:**

- Have your heating system professionally serviced.
- Replace air filters if needed.
- Ensure vents and radiators are unblocked for efficient heat distribution.

**TEST AND MAINTAIN SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:**

- Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Test detectors to ensure they function properly.

**PREPARE PIPES AND WATER SUPPLY:**

- Insulate exposed pipes to prevent freezing.
- Drain and shut off outdoor faucets and irrigation systems.
- Know the location of water shut-off valve in case of emergency.

**PREPARE YOUR HOME'S EXTERIOR:**

- Clear gutters and downspouts to prevent ice dams.
- Trim trees away from the house to avoid damage.
- Ensure downspouts extend away from the foundation.
- Service and store equipment such as lawnmowers and trimmers.
- Gather winter tools such as snow shovels and ice melt.

**INCREASE HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY:**

- Seal gaps at windows and doors with weatherstripping or caulk.
- Set ceiling fans to rotate clockwise to circulate warm air.
- Lower your thermostat a few degrees to save on heating costs.

Learn more at: [Safe Electricity.org](https://www.safeelectricity.org)



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# CAREER CAB 2024

IN SEPTEMBER WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF HOSTING TWO DIFFERENT GROUPS OF 10TH GRADERS FROM THE PANHANDLE WHO SHOWED INTEREST IN THE PATHWAY OF TRADES. IN THE TIME WE HAD WITH THEM WE WENT THROUGH THE DUTIES OF A LINEMAN. THIS WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THEM A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK INTO THE DAILY RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGORS OF THE JOB, AS WELL AS HIGHLIGHT THE MANY BENEFITS BOTH HEALTH AND RETIREMENT THAT IT HAS TO OFFER. OUR OPERATIONS MANAGER, BOONE MANION, ALONG WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER, ZAC BRYANT, TOUCHED ON THE OTHER POSITIONS THAT ARE EMPLOYED WITHIN THE COMPANY AS WELL.



Helping the future generations to get a feel for some of the options that lie ahead.....





### Notes from Load Management

The Load Management program for PREMA had a successful 2024 season. Total savings for the year was \$552,094. We were in active control 48 days, that is slightly above the average in years past.

If you are a PREMA irrigator and are interested in Load Management, please contact the office at 308-762-1311 and ask to speak with Nick Paradeis or Tim Sherlock.

### HELPFUL TIPS FOR THE 24/7 PAY-BY-PHONE OPTION

- ✓ • FOR THIS TO BE A SMOOTH PROCESS YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE YOUR INFORMATION IS UP TO DATE IN THE OFFICE, THIS INCLUDES YOUR PHONE NUMBER & MAILING ADDRESS.
- ✓ • FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE A PIN NUMBER.
- ✓ • THE FIRST TIME USING THIS SERVICE YOU WILL CREATE A PIN, BUT FOR THAT TO WORK YOU MUST VERIFY YOUR DATE OF BIRTH (COULD BE YOUR SPOUSE'S WHICHEVER IS ON FILE).
- ✓ • IF YOU ARE HAVING ISSUES GETTING THE PIN TO WORK, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE CORRECT INFORMATION ON FILE OR WE CAN SET UP THE PIN FOR YOU.
- ✓ • YOU CAN EITHER CALL 308-762-1311 OR EMAIL, [BILLING@PREMA.COOP](mailto:BILLING@PREMA.COOP). OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:30 AM TO 4:30 PM.

**1-855-965-3667**  
24/7 Pay-By-Phone #



NOVEMBER 11, 2024 ★ VETERANS DAY

THERE WILL BE A VETERAN'S DAY PARADE HELD IN ALLIANCE ON THIS DAY STARTING @11AM

TODAY WE HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED AND THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE.

# ★ HAPPY VETERANS DAY ★

FROM ALL OF US AT PREMA



# Happy Thanksgiving

Wishing you a Thanksgiving filled with the warmth of family, the richness of good food, and the happiness of treasured moments

Our office will be closed Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th for Thanksgiving Day.



Serving Arthur, Box Butte, Cherry, Dawes, Garden, Grant, Hooker, McPherson, Morrill, Sheridan and Sioux Counties

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