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DID YOU KNOW...

Smoke & CO detectors expire?



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Did you know that smoke and CO detectors expire? Many have long-life batteries that don't need to be replaced every year, but they still need regular attention. Test and inspect alarms, and replace any that are broken or expired with a new 10-year sealed battery model.

🕒 Daylight Saving Time ends in November – a good time to check your smoke and CO detectors. Many now come with long-life batteries that don't need to be changed annually, but you should replace broken or expired alarms with a new 10-year sealed battery model.



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SmartHub is a web and mobile app that allows members to manage account information, view and pay their bill, monitor energy use, report outages and other service concerns. Members can also set notification preferences. Call into the office if you'd like assistance in setting yours up. We are happy to help!

Take advantage of all the features SmartHub has to offer.

Notes from Load Management

As of October 1st the load control season has come to an end. I want to thank the Load Management participants for their patience and cooperation during this season.

September was below average on controlling time with some much-needed rain over Labor Day weekend. If you are considering replacing any pivots this fall/winter and the old unit has a load control switch on it, please contact Nick Paradeis at 308-762-1311 to get the switch removed.



FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

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The PREMA Board of Directors approved a general retirement of patronage capital at their meeting held August 25, 2026, totaling \$250,000.00. Since 1976, PREMA has returned \$11.7 million in member's equity, which demonstrates financial stability and helps keep the cost of electricity as low as possible.

The 2026 General Retirement checks will be mailed out in early October.

PREMA offers estates a discounted lump sum payment based on the present dollar value of future payments owed to the estate. If you represent a member estate and want to take advantage of this option, please call the office at 308-762-1311 or email billing@prema.coop.

Sincerely,

Zac Bryant

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General Manager

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Dress up with care for HALLOWEEN

When dressing your little ones (or yourself),
keep these safety tips in mind:

-  Always wear costumes that are labeled flame resistant.
-  Wear bright, reflective costumes or add strips of reflective tape to improve visibility.
-  Do not wear decorative (colored) contact lenses unless you have seen an eyecare professional.
-  Wear makeup and hats rather than costume masks that can obscure or obstruct your vision.
-  Test the makeup you plan to use in advance for a possible allergy.

In addition, inspect any plug-in decorations for signs of wear and tear (fraying or bare wires or broken plugs) and replace them if damaged.



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