

CHIPPEWA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2005

BE CAUTIOUS WHEN BURNING DITCHES

Spring is here, and so is yard clean-up time. Before you burn ditches and fence lines, please take a few minutes to clean around all utility poles in the area.

A pole that has been burned may be weakened to the point of being hazardous to you, the public, or to lineworkers who may have to work on or near the pole. The few minutes spent cleaning around poles and fixtures may save you the inconvenience of being without electric service and any expense associated with replacing damaged poles. If the fire does not burn the

pole, the intense heat from the fire pulls the wood preservative out of the pole. This loss of preservative shortens pole life.

Early replacement of poles is an added expense to your cooperative, and ultimately to you. All applicable charges to replace damaged poles, which cost an average of \$1,000 each, are charged to the responsible party. Charges can be at least twice this if the underground primary wire is damaged.

If you notice a fire has damaged a pole or any other cooperative fixture, please call Chippewa Valley

Electric Cooperative immediately so we can check the safety of the pole before an accident.

Beware of hazards around poles and underground transformers. Piling things around poles, electric meters, and transformers is a common safety hazard. The accumulation of objects or machinery around or by poles and transformers can make work difficult and hazardous for both you and co-op employees.

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THINK KITE SAFETY

Fly your kite in an open field or near the shore where there are no obstacles. Never fly near trees. As Charlie Brown observed, they like to eat kites. If your kite ends up in a tree, you're going to need a new kite. Never fly near a highway. You can be hurt chasing your kite across the highway and people driving by are often distracted by kite flyers. If your kite gets hit by a car, you're going to need a new kite. Never fly near houses. Your kite can do damage to the windows, sidings and roof of a house. If your kite ends up on the roof, you're going to need a new kite. And never, ever fly near high tension wires. If your kite touches the lines you can be killed by the electricity. Your parents and friends can't get a new you.

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High School Students Wanted!

High School Students looking for a unique & exciting educational experience, all expenses paid. Must be interested in developing their leadership skills, like to meet new friends, and have fun. Want to know what it takes to be a leader and sample life on a college campus.

Apply for the 42nd Annual Youth Leadership Congress sponsored by Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative. Contact your school's guidance counselor or call Cathy at Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative 715-239-6800 or 1-800-300-6800 for application.

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You have a
choice for the
future.

And it's
renewable.



Evergreen is a renewable energy (green power) program available to your home, farm or business through your local Touchstone Energy Cooperative (a member cooperative of the Dairyland Power System).

Evergreen is for you if you are willing to pay a little bit more to purchase a portion or all of your electricity from renewable energy sources. In addition to your normal monthly electric bill, you volunteer to pay a small, additional charge each month to offset the additional cost it takes to support renewable energy.

That's it. There are no other requirements. There is nothing to hook up. And, you will continue to receive the same reliable electric service you always have.

Evergreen renewable energy comes from the wind and waste-to-energy sources such as landfill gas and livestock manure. We purchase energy from highly efficient wind farms. New technology methane digesters located

throughout our system convert waste from landfills and livestock confinements to bio-gas that is used to generate electricity.

By participating in Evergreen, you are investing in the future of the environment. Your purchase of one 100 kilowatt hour (kWh) block of Evergreen renewable energy each month has the same environmental benefits (CO2 reduction)

as planting one-half acre of trees or not driving a car 2,400 miles.

(source: EPA)



Yes! I want to participate in Evergreen Renewable Energy.

Please sign me up at the following level:

Number of blocks of energy:	Amount added to my monthly energy bill
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 block (100 kWh).....	\$1.50
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 blocks (200 kWh)	\$3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 blocks (300 kWh)	\$4.50
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 blocks (400 kWh)	\$6.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 blocks (500 kWh)	\$7.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please specify number of blocks _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please provide me with more information.	

I understand that this amount is in addition to my monthly energy bill. Also, that my commitment is for one year and will continue monthly thereafter until I notify my cooperative that I no longer wish to participate.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____
 Account No. _____
 Signature _____
 Date: _____

Chippewa Valley

Electric Cooperative

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Your Touchstone Energy® Partner

SOME PEOPLE ARE SHOCKED BY WHAT THEY FIND IN THEIR YARDS

BE SAFE

Call Diggers Hotline before you start digging.



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 Milwaukee area:
 (414) 259-1181
 TDD for Hearing Impaired:
 1-800-542-2289

