



WE'RE READY FOR STORM SEASON. ARE YOU?

By Dean Ortmann, President & CEO

Now that summer is in full swing, like many of you, I welcome more opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather. Summertime brings many of my favorite activities like cooking out with family and friends, afternoons fishing on the water, and simply slowing down a bit to enjoy life.

But summer months also make conditions right for dangerous storms. These potential weather events can cause destruction to our electrical system, but I want you to know that Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative crews are ready and standing by to respond should power outages occur in our area.

When major storms knock out power, our line crews take all necessary precautions before they get to work on any downed lines. I would encourage you to also practice safety and preparedness to protect your family during major storms and outages.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends the items below as a starting point for storm and disaster preparedness, but you can visit www.ready.gov for additional resources.

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water, and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).
- Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies including towelettes, soap, and hand sanitizer.
- Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages, and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener, and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are easily accessible in one location.

In the event of a prolonged power outage, turn off major appliances, TVs, computers, and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge, and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. If you plan to use a small generator, make sure it's rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.



Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for storm and emergency information, and check Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative's website for power restoration updates. After the storm, avoid downed power lines and walking through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs, including on your property.

Advance planning for severe storms or other emergencies can reduce stress and anxiety caused by the weather event and can lessen the impact of the storm's effects. Sign up for NOAA emergency alerts and warnings to stay abreast of power restoration efforts and other important co-op news and information.

I hope we don't experience severe storms this summer, but we can never predict Mother Nature's plans. At Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative, we recommend that you act today because there is power in planning. From our co-op family to yours, we hope you have a safe and wonderful summer.

Keep those rebate submissions coming!



CVEC is pleased to offer rebates to its members for the purchase of energy efficient items and each month we're seeing members take advantage of our rebate program.

Check out our website for the full list or call the cooperative for more information. You don't want to miss out!

www.cvecoop.com or 715.239.6800



CVEC SPONSORS ANNUAL COLORING CONTEST



Entries on Display at Northern WI State Fair

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC), together with Chippewa County Emergency Management, completed the 2021 Severe Weather and Tornado Awareness campaign in May. The coloring contest for kindergarteners through second-graders drew 887 participants from 82 classes.

We received many entries this year and there were many excellent pictures. The entries were judged on neatness, use of color, message, and imagination. The winners have been chosen and prizes have been awarded. Below you'll find each winner's name, school, grade, and teacher.

Kindergarten

- 1st Place** – Ella Licht
Bloomer Elementary
Teacher: Mrs. Downey
- 2nd Place** – Archer Nyhus
St. Paul's Catholic School
Teacher: Ms. Kressin
- 3rd Place** – Ethan Freeman
Jim Falls Elementary
Teacher: Mrs. Stoffel

1st Grade

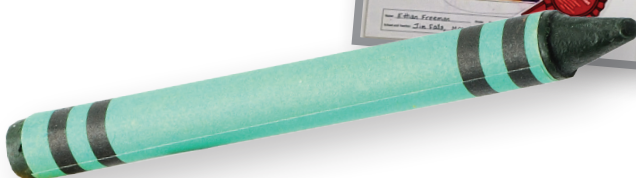
- 1st Place** – Brayden Schwartz
Bloomer Elementary
Teacher: Ms. Primeau
- 2nd Place** – Addie Rochester
St. Charles School
Teacher: Ms. Adams
- 3rd Place** – Lucy Gormley
Cornell Elementary
Teacher: Ms. Amdahl

2nd Grade

- 1st Place** – Arianna Pecha
Bloomer Elementary
Teacher: Mrs. Stoltz
- 2nd Place** – Rylee McCarty
Bloomer Elementary
Teacher: Ms. Begalke
- 3rd Place** – Braylon Eckwright
Stillson Elementary
Teacher: Mrs. Hanley

All students who entered received a consolation prize. All entries will be on display in the Chippewa Falls Fire and Emergency Services Department building at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair July 7–11. Be sure to stop by and see them.

Thank you to all the participants, and have a fun, safe summer!



IMPORTANT OUTAGE INFORMATION

If you have an outage, please call
715.239.6800 or **800.300.6800**.

When your power is out:

1. Check to see if electricity is off over your entire premises.
2. Check to see if there is power to your main meter by physically walking out to your meter(s). If no numbers are displayed on your digital meter, then your power is out and you need to contact Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative. If numbers are visible on the display screen, it is not a Chippewa Valley Electric outage; there is power to the meter and the problem is within the consumer's electrical wiring. An electrician will need to be contacted to fix any problems on the consumer's side of the service.
3. If you have a circuit breaker system, check that the breaker is not tripped. Push handle to "Off" position before flipping it to the "Reset" position. Be sure to check all breakers wherever they are located. For instance, if your main meter is installed in a meter pedestal be sure to check the breakers in the pedestal as well.
4. Check if fuses are blown and that they are secured in the holder.
5. Check with your neighbors to see if they have electricity. Knowing the extent of the outage will help find the reason faster.
6. The cooperative is allowed to perform service up to the meter. Any wires from the meter to your buildings belong to you and their repair is your responsibility. In most instances when the damage is to your wires, it is best to contact an electrician in your area.
7. When you've determined the outage is not on your wires, call Chippewa Valley Electric and give the following information:
 - Your name and the name of the person who is receiving service at the location. (Often we receive a call from someone other than the person whose name the service is in and it is more difficult for us to locate the outage.)
 - The property address at your location.
 - Cause of the outage, if known. This will assist the crews in locating the problem and restoring the electricity.

**To report outages, call 715.239.6800 or 800.300.6800
(Answered 24 hours per day, seven days a week).**

Please note: A fee will be assessed if a crew is dispatched to the service site and the outage is found to be a consumer electrical wiring problem.

KEEP AWARE OF PEAK ALERTS!

There may be days when you hear of a PEAK ALERT on the radio or see it on Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative's (CVEC) Facebook page. When this happens, please shift your flexible electricity usage to after 6 p.m.

The Peak Alert will be issued due to high demand for electricity on the regional grid. CVEC, along with other local Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, will be calling for extra electricity conservation efforts between 2 and 6 p.m. Elevated peak demand leads to higher power costs.

Here are a few things you can do: Use your grill to cook dinner outside and have a family picnic in the yard. Please avoid using multiple large appliances at the same time and wait until after 6 p.m. to run your dishwasher or washing machine.

As a cooperative member, you are part of something bigger. Every little effort you make benefits all the members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative and helps to keep your electricity rates stable and affordable.

When you hear PEAK ALERT please remember to shift flexible electricity use to 6 p.m. or later.



TODAY | 2 p.m. to

PEAK ALERT!

Look for this on CVEC's Facebook page!

Due to high demand on the regional grid, please shift flexible electricity use until after 6 p.m.

How can I conserve electricity?

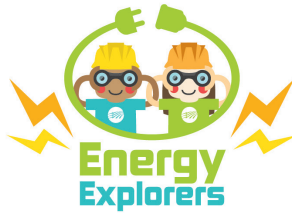
- Sign up to have your central air controlled. Incentives follow!
- Leave home to run errands.
- Run the dishwasher after 6 p.m.; open the door to let dishes air dry.
- Do laundry before or after the Peak Alert and hang up clothes to air dry. Use cold water when you wash clothes.
- Avoid using multiple large appliances simultaneously.
- Use the microwave or grill instead of the oven to cook; go on a picnic for dinner.
- Find a new book or magazine to read instead of watching TV.



COOPERATIVE WORD SEARCH

As a member of an electric cooperative, you're part of something special!

Read the facts below to learn how co-ops are unique, then find and circle the **BOLDED** words in the puzzle.




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WORD BANK:

- **COOPERATIVES** are local organizations and businesses, so they understand the communities they serve.
- Co-ops don't have customers; instead, they have **MEMBERS**.
- All co-ops are guided by the same set of cooperative **PRINCIPLES**.
- "Concern for **COMMUNITY**" is the seventh cooperative principle.
- Co-ops are led by the members they **SERVE**.
- You're a member of an **ELECTRIC** cooperative, but there are also housing, grocery and other types of co-ops.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

During summer months, run large appliances that emit heat (like clothes dryers and dishwashers) during the evening when it's cooler. This will minimize indoor heat during the day when outdoor temperatures are cooler.



Source: www.energy.gov



★ **HAPPY 4TH OF JULY** ★

Our office will be closed
Monday, July 5

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