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**SAFETY & EFFICIENCY IN MIND**

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## BACHMANN PROMOTED TO NEW POSITION

Ellie Bachmann has been promoted to serve as the Supervisor of Consumer Accounting at SPPD.

Ellie has been a part of our team for six years, having served as a Customer Services Representative. She is well-versed in our billing systems, and her expertise will provide valuable insight into the streamlining of processes. Her skills will add positive direction to the excellent service our Customer Services Department provides to our customers. Congratulations Ellie!



**ELLIE BACHMANN**

## LINEWORKER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1ST

The deadline for SPPD's Lineworker Scholarship Program is fast approaching. All applications must be received no later than April 1, 2022.

This program offers scholarships to high school students attending an accredited utility line study program. Scholarships amount to \$1,000 for students pursuing a one-year program, or \$2,000 for those attending a two-year program. Applicants must reside in Adams, Franklin, Hall, Hamilton, Kearney, Merrick or Phelps Counties.

To learn more about our scholarship program, please contact Brad Kool at Southern Public Power District.

## JUST FOR FUN!

Meter numbers are important information within our customers' accounts. When you call to report an outage, it is helpful if you are able to find your meter number quickly, so we can efficiently identify your service location.

We are offering \$10 to the ten SPPD meter numbers listed below. You can find your meter number on the face of your meter, or listed in your billing statement. If you see your meter number listed below, contact our Customer Services Department at 800-579-3019.

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## PUBLIC POWER & THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

In 1933, the Nebraska Legislature created state statutes that govern public power districts. Between 1934 and 1946, investor-owned utilities were absorbed by public power districts, making Nebraska the only 100% public power state.

Today, power districts such as SPPD are entrusted with ownership and control of utility infrastructure for the distribution of electric power, and development of programs that provide related services to benefit customers. In order to provide continuous service and reliability, it is essential for us to participate in the state legislative process.

Every year, we monitor bills of interest to public power. As we watch the introduction of new bills, we identify those that bear importance for our industry and take a stance in support or opposition.

Legislative bills are heard at committee hearings and citizens are welcome to share their views for incorporation into the public record. Occasionally, we provide testimony at these hearings in the form of verbal testimony or letters of support or opposition.

This year, SPPD provided verbal testimony in opposition to LB 1046, which called for Governor-appointments of directors and in some cases, chief executive officers for public power districts. This legislation would change the advantage of "local control" in public power, with leaders chosen from the state capitol, rather than from end use customers.

The Nebraska Legislature is composed of 49 senators. Three senators have districts that are located within SPPD's service territory. We thank these representatives for their commitment to service and their attention to issues relating to public power.

Customers of SPPD are represented by state Senators from Districts 33, 34, 38 and 41.



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## PRODUCTION COST ADJUSTMENTS: 2021

Last year, a Production Cost Adjustment (PCA) was returned to our customers. A PCA is a credit passed back to customers from excess margins produced by NPPD, our wholesale provider!

While the individual adjustment on your bill each month may seem small, it adds up to a big number that is returned to customers of SPPD as a whole. At the close of 2021, a total of \$2,424,784 was returned to customers in the form of PCA credits.

## IN-LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS

In 2021, SPPD distributed \$1,238,303 of in-lieu-of-tax payments to eight counties in South Central Nebraska served by the District. These payments assist governing bodies to provide basic services to those living in the counties we serve. Divided among the eight counties, the funds were dispersed as follows:

- Adams: \$78,964
- Clay: \$11,648
- Franklin: \$20,393
- Hall: \$389,932
- Hamilton: \$308,592
- Kearney: \$145,354
- Merrick: \$185,170
- Phelps: \$98,248

# IRRIGATION ANNUAL REVIEW

## REVIEW YOUR RATE SCHEDULES

Irrigation customers, you recently received your Interruptible Irrigation Service Agreement from SPPD. If you have not submitted your changes for the year, please do so as soon as possible. Review the summary of rates as you consider your desired level of control this summer.

If you have any questions about your individual rate schedule or control calendars, please call 800-579-3019.

## POWER FACTOR IMPROVEMENT FOR IRRIGATORS

This season, all irrigation services 20 horsepower and greater will be affected by our policy which requires the assessment of a power factor adjustment on those services with a power factor that is less than 93%.

Power factor is a measurement of the efficient use of power being used by a customer. Improving the power factor for individual irrigation services provides benefits for our customers and the District. Customers would see the life of their electric motors extended. The District would see a reduction in line losses throughout the distribution system, and it would allow more customers to be added to the existing electric system.

Ultimately, improving everyone's power factor will have a positive effect on both rates and service as we improve the efficiency of our distribution system.

## CAPACITOR INSTALLATION REBATES

For customers that decide to improve their power factors to the minimum level and avoid the power factor adjustment in 2022 and beyond, capacitors must be installed for individual services prior to the beginning of the 2022 irrigation season.

To offset the cost for a capacitor, a \$100 rebate is available, with an application and guidelines posted on our website. We have also provided a calculator to help you estimate your potential power factor adjustment.

## SUMMARY OF RATES 2022 LOAD MANAGEMENT

### ANYTIME INTERRUPTIBLE

Interruption possible any day of the week. Control limited to 72 hours per week, including 6 possible hours on Sunday.

HP CHARGES	KWH CHARGES		BILLING PERIODS
<b>\$25.50</b> Per HP	<b>\$0.0557</b> FIRST 400 kWh/HP	<b>\$0.036</b> BALANCE OF ENERGY	<b>\$25.50/HP</b> APRIL 1st

### FOUR "PLUS" DAY INTERRUPTIBLE

Interruption possible anytime on the same four designated days each week, including 6 possible hours on Sunday.

HP CHARGES	KWH CHARGES		BILLING PERIODS
<b>\$31.40</b> Per HP	<b>\$0.0657</b> FIRST 400 kWh/HP	<b>\$0.045</b> BALANCE OF ENERGY	<b>\$25.50/HP</b> APRIL 1st <b>\$5.90/HP</b> AUGUST 1st

### THREE "PLUS" DAY INTERRUPTIBLE

Interruption possible anytime on the same three designated days each week, including 6 possible hours on Sunday.

HP CHARGES	KWH CHARGES		BILLING PERIODS
<b>\$36.00</b> Per HP	<b>\$0.0687</b> FIRST 400 kWh/HP	<b>\$0.049</b> BALANCE OF ENERGY	<b>\$25.50/HP</b> APRIL 1st <b>\$10.50/HP</b> AUGUST 1st

### TWO "PLUS" DAY INTERRUPTIBLE

Interruption possible anytime on the same two designated days each week, including 6 possible hours on Sunday.

HP CHARGES	KWH CHARGES		BILLING PERIODS
<b>\$41.75</b> Per HP	<b>\$0.0717</b> FIRST 400 kWh/HP	<b>\$0.052</b> BALANCE OF ENERGY	<b>\$25.50/HP</b> APRIL 1st <b>\$16.25/HP</b> AUGUST 1st

### FULL POWER

No planned interruptions of power.

HP CHARGES	KWH CHARGES		BILLING PERIODS
<b>\$51.00</b> Per HP	<b>\$0.1022</b> FIRST 400 kWh/HP	<b>\$0.074</b> BALANCE OF ENERGY	<b>\$25.50/HP</b> APRIL 1st <b>\$25.50/HP</b> AUGUST 1st

Interruptions normally occur between 9 am and 11 pm, Monday through Saturday.

# 8 Safety Tips for 8 PLANTING SEASON

## 1. EXAMINE THE RISKS.

Begin each morning by assessing the work ahead of you. Think about hazards you will encounter and take note of overhead power lines. Plan your work so that you avoid electric facilities, and share these hazards with others working on your farm or in your field.

## 2. KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.

Keep yourself and your equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines in all directions, at all times. Exercise caution when raising equipment such as booms or sprayers. It can be difficult to estimate distance, and sometimes, a power line is closer than it looks.

## 3. KEEP YOUR EYES WIDE OPEN!

An extra set of eyes can really bring safety into sharper focus on your farm or in the field. Since the actual location of a power line can be deceptive, use a spotter for a second point of view when moving tall or adjustable equipment.

# LOOK UP LOOK OUT

# LIVE!

An illustration of a wooden utility pole with two power lines extending from it. The pole is positioned in the center of the page, and the text 'LOOK UP LOOK OUT LIVE!' is overlaid on it. The words 'LOOK UP' and 'LOOK OUT' are at the top, and 'LIVE!' is at the bottom, all in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

## 4. LOWER YOUR EQUIPMENT.

Always lower equipment extensions to their lowest possible level before moving or transporting them. Wind, uneven ground, shifting weight, or other conditions can cause you to lose control of equipment and make contact with power lines.

## 5. DON'T TOUCH, EVER!

If you see a downed power line, keep your distance. NEVER assume that a line on the ground is de-energized, even after a storm. Contact SPPD or the local utility, and urge other people in the area to keep their distance.

## 6. DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP.

Never attempt to raise or move a power line to clear a path. The only people authorized to move a power line is a lineworker from SPPD or the local utility. Enlist in the help of a qualified electrician for work on drying equipment and other farm electrical systems. Don't attempt this work yourself.

## 7. REACT PROPERLY IF YOU MAKE CONTACT.

If you're in equipment and contact a power line, stay inside. If you step off, you become the electricity's path to ground and receive a potentially fatal shock. Wait until utility workers have de-energized the line and confirmed it is safe for you to exit the vehicle.

## 8. OTHER CAUTIONS ON YOUR FARM:

Be careful not to raise tall items such as ladders, poles, or rods into power lines. Remember, non-metallic materials, such as lumber, tree limbs, tires, ropes, and hay will conduct electricity, depending on dampness and dust/dirt contamination.

# More News From SOUTHERN PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

## NOTIFICATION OF OVERSIZED LOAD

Any person transporting a load more than 16-feet high or wider than the roadway must contact the local utility responsible for the infrastructure along the route prior to a move. This is a requirement established by the Nebraska State Legislature and failing to do so may result in a Class II misdemeanor and other fines.

Anyone moving such a load absolutely must not move or manipulate overhead high voltage lines or conductors and related components.

If you are traveling through Southern Public Power District's region, you must fill out the OVERSIZED LOAD PROOF OF NOTIFICATION FORM, which is available at [southernppd.com](http://southernppd.com). The completed form must be received by our Engineering/Operations Department 10 days prior to your move.

Also note, oversized load notification must be provided to every utility in which your oversized load will travel. Check with each utility that is in the path of your move.



## BE AWARE OF SCAMMERS

We urge our customers to be weary of callers who attempt to collect on electric bills. Scammers are continuous in their tactics and their methods are constantly changing, but their goal is to trick you into providing account information, or payment from various forms, including gift cards.

If you receive a phone call from a person claiming to be a representative of Southern Public Power District, hang up the phone and contact our office at 800-579-3019. We will verify for you the current status of your account. We also encourage you to contact local law enforcement if you receive such a call.

## FOURTH QUARTER GRANTS ANNOUNCED

SPPD's Operation ROUND UP Board of Directors approved the distribution of \$11,000 in funds to six applicants from the Fourth Quarter of 2021.

Since its inception in 2014, a total of \$421,115 has been awarded to projects throughout our service region.

Applications for the First Quarter of 2022 are due March 31st. You can learn more about this program on our website, or contact LeAnne Doose at SPPD.



<b>DONIPHAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #6</b>	Lucas CPR Device	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>AURORA CHILD CARE</b>	Surveillance Camera System	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>NAPONEE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	Personal Protective Equipment	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL</b>	Sensory Path	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>ROSELAND COMMUNITY CLUB</b>	Networking Equipment	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>FRANKLIN YEARBOOK</b>	Digital Camera	<b>\$1,000</b>

# HELLO SPRING... LET'S KEEP IT SAFE!



## DIGGING INTO AN OUTDOOR PROJECT?

April is National Safe Digging Month, and it's also a month when you might consider digging into a new landscaping project or preparing your backyard garden.

Before you dig, dial 811 or visit [call811.com](http://call811.com) first to locate underground utility lines.

## CONTACT DIGGERS HOTLINE BEFORE PLANTING A TREE:

#811

[call811.com](http://call811.com)

## PLANT TREES SAFELY

### LOW TREE ZONE

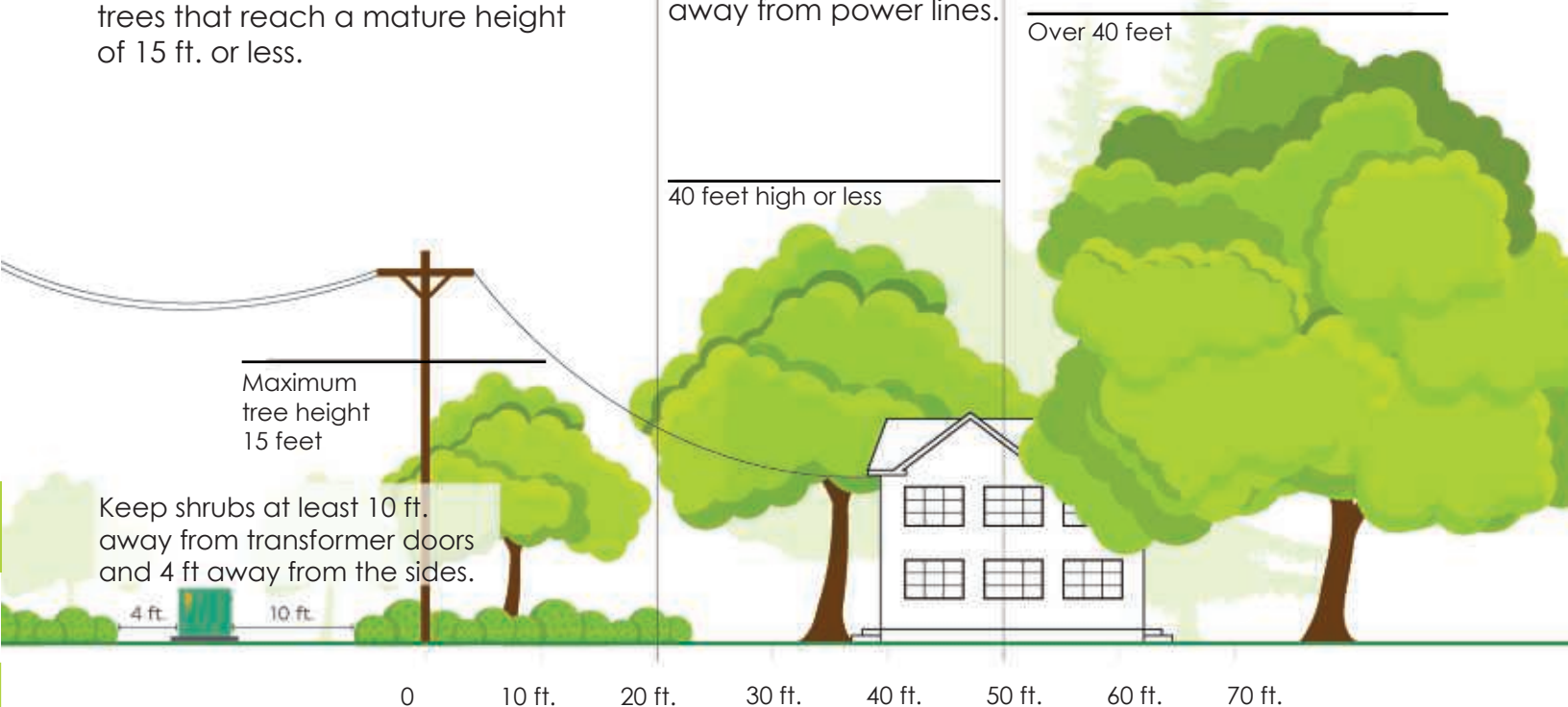
Avoid planting within 20 ft. of power lines. If planting is unavoidable, only plant shrubs and small trees that reach a mature height of 15 ft. or less.

### MEDIUM TREE ZONE

Plant medium trees (under 40 ft. when mature) at least 25 ft away from power lines.

### LARGE TREE ZONE

Plant large trees (over 40 ft. when mature) at least 50 ft. away from power lines.



# INDUCTION COOKING

## An “EnergyWise” Option For Your Kitchen



Induction cooking utilizes electric currents to directly heat pots and pans through magnetic induction. Rather than the use of thermal conduction, such as a gas or electric element, induction heats the pan almost instantly. There are many benefits with induction cooking:

### EFFICIENCY:

- Induction cooking is more efficient, transferring up to 2-1/2 times more energy into the food versus natural gas or propane. Heat isn't lost into the air around your pots and pans—only the cookware heats, which translates into energy savings.
- Fast preheating allows for quicker cooking.
- Precise temperature adjustments—when you turn off the burner, heat transfer stops immediately. This reduces the chance of foods boiling over or overcooking.

### SAFETY:

- The cooking surface stays cooler because there isn't a heated element.
- Precise temperature adjustments reduces the chance of burning food.
- With no combustion, there is no carbon monoxide or carbon dioxide, and reduced cooking fumes.
- Produces less heat in your kitchen, and minimizes ventilation requirements.

### EASY CLEANUP:

- Splatters outside of your pan are less likely to caramelize onto the glass cooktop.

### ENERGYWISE INCENTIVE PROGRAM:

Induction cooktops are an investment. But, SPPD customers are eligible for an EnergyWise rebate, which offers 20% off the purchase of an induction cooktop or range. Visit [southernpd.com](http://southernpd.com) to learn more!

## RECIPE

# CREAMY GRAPE SALAD

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pkg. (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 C. sour cream
- 1/3 C. sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 lb seedless red grapes
- 2 lb seedless green grapes
- 3 T. brown sugar
- 3 T. chopped pecans

SOURCE: TASTE OF HOME

### PREPARATION

1. Heat oil in a large skillet in a large bowl. Beat the cream cheese, sour cream, sugar and vanilla until blended.
2. Add grapes and toss to coat.
3. Transfer to a serving bowl.
4. Cover and refrigerate until serving. Sprinkle with brown sugar and pecans just before serving.

