

# SPD Newsletter

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LIGHTING THE WAY

## SAFETY COMES FIRST DURING PLANTING SEASON!

Farmers, with a very bitter, cold winter season coming to a close, we know you are anxious to get back to business and return to your fields. Your list of tasks to accomplish is long, overwhelming, and continues to grow with every weather-related delay that occurs. But as you prepare to venture back out into your fields, we urge you to resist short-cuts. Make time to think about your safety, and keep it at the top of your mind.

We understand how easy it can be to forget about the power lines up above as you are working swiftly to complete your field preparation and planting. But for your safety, it is necessary to always be aware of the location of lines in relation to your equipment.

### LOOK UP.

Electrical safety in the field begins with two simple words...LOOK UP! It only takes a moment to LOOK UP and gain perspective of the location of power lines.

- Keep cultivators, sprayers and planters **AT LEAST 10 FEET** from power lines and electrical facilities.
- Use a spotter when maneuvering large equipment near power lines.

### LOOK OUT.

- Always inspect entrances into fields to ensure there is adequate clearance for equipment without jeopardizing the safety of the equipment operator.
- Use a spotter from a good vantage point to verify that entry points offer sufficient clearance.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.

### LIVE.

- Always inspect entrances into fields to ensure there is adequate clearance for equipment without jeopardizing the safety of the equipment operator.
- In the event that you are involved in a contact incident, remain inside the equipment until linemen from SPD arrive to de-energize the line. Stepping out of the equipment creates a path from the equipment to the ground, and electricity will use YOU as a path.
- Do not allow any person to approach your equipment until you receive clearance from SPD personnel, and can verify that lines have been de-energized.

We look forward to serving our farming customers this growing season, and we wish you a safe and prosperous year!



*Accidents happen in mere moments. Your actions in those moments is what ultimately determines your safety. Remember the THREE L's. With electrical facilities, LOOKING UP and LOOKING OUT will assure that you will LIVE!*

# Lineworker Appreciation Day

## April 9, 2018

*When the lights go out, they shine.*

*We thank the lineworkers of Southern Power District.*

**#ThankALineworker**

## Moving An Oversized Structure?

If you need to transport an oversized load, such as a building, pivot or other large structure, there are very important requirements to consider and complete prior to such a dangerous task.

In 2016, the Nebraska State Legislature passed LB 973. This bill states that any person transporting loads more than 16 feet high or wider than the roadway who fails to notify the local electric utility responsible for the infrastructure along the route is guilty of a Class II misdemeanor. The person(s) transporting the load is not authorized to move or manipulate overhead high voltage lines or conductors and related components.

If you are preparing to move a structure as described above, you **MUST** contact ALL the affected utilities in writing ten days prior to your scheduled transport. Additionally, the written acknowledgment from each affected utility must be carried with the transporter as the load is moved through the area. If you are traveling through Southern Public Power District's region, you must fill out the **OVERSIZED LOAD PROOF OF NOTIFICATION FORM** located on our website. The completed form must be received by our Engineering/Operations Department 10 days prior to your move.

In addition to fines imposed for violating this law, there may be further fines imposed for the manipulation of utility infrastructure, or for losses incurred if the transport results in damages to utility structures.

If you have additional questions, please contact any of our local service centers.

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This section to be filled out by Mover, and submitted in person, by mail or email.

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other user: \_\_\_\_\_  
Initial Contact Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of move (must be at least 10 days after the initial contact): \_\_\_\_\_  
Time of Move: \_\_\_\_\_

**Load Description**  
Object to be moved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of load and transport vehicle combined: \_\_\_\_\_  
Height of object as loaded, measure from ground to highest point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed route description (attach map): \_\_\_\_\_

**Warning:** The mover is not authorized to manipulate Southern PPD lines or other infrastructure. Only Southern PPD staff are authorized to raise or lower power lines or remove other Southern PPD property to accommodate the oversized load.  
A map of Nebraska electric utility boundaries is maintained at <http://nspib.github.io/workshop.com/>

The section below to be filled out by Southern PPD

Date notification received: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved route description map attached? \_\_\_\_\_  
Load requires an escort by Southern PPD \_\_\_\_\_ Load does not require an escort \_\_\_\_\_  
Initial by Southern PPD representative \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional requirements/instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Warning:** \*Approved route map will bear the signature of Southern PPD representative and must be attached to this document.

**Required by state law.**  
**No exceptions!**

# In-Lieu-of-Tax Payments Distributed to Counties

Recently, Southern Public Power District distributed \$1.47 million 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." said SPD CEO Neal Niedfeldt. "These services are essential in maintaining the life and vitality of our local areas, and are another benefit of our public power system."

In addition to in-lieu-of-tax payments, SPD also pays general sales taxes, gasoline taxes, motor vehicle license fees and permit fees like any other business.

In all, a total of \$1,471,354.78 was distributed.

## WHAT ARE THESE PAYMENTS?

In-lieu-of-tax payments compensate for local tax revenues lost because of the not-for-profit, tax exempt status of Nebraska's public power industry.

## HOW ARE THESE PAYMENT TOTALS CALCULATED?

The payments are based on 5 percent of SPPD's gross revenues from the previous year's retail electricity sales in incorporated cities and towns.

## WHERE DO THESE PAYMENTS GO?

County treasurers distribute these funds to local governing entities, school districts and villages to fund services.

\$	<b>ADAMS COUNTY</b>	\$79,333.12
\$	<b>CLAY COUNTY</b>	\$10,798.08
\$	<b>FRANKLIN COUNTY</b>	\$21,331.70
\$	<b>HALL COUNTY</b>	\$425,043.37
\$	<b>HAMILTON COUNTY</b>	\$488,292.36
\$	<b>KEARNEY COUNTY</b>	\$152,265.75
\$	<b>MERRICK COUNTY</b>	\$193,960.81
\$	<b>PHELPS COUNTY</b>	\$100,329.59
\$	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,471,354.78</b>

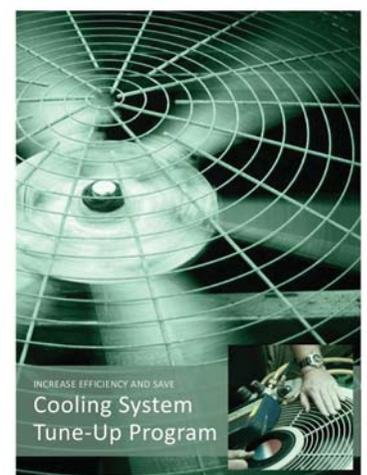
## Cooling Tune-Up Incentive Available

Warmer days are coming. As we begin transitioning into Spring, it's a great time to make sure your cooling unit is ready to do its job!

Regular tune-ups on your cooling system are important in assuring its efficient performance, and ultimately, provides savings in your cooling costs. Systems that have been neglected can yield a savings of five to fifteen percent in energy costs, or more, if you invest in a tune-up! Also, a tune-up can extend the life of your unit.

Southern Power District offers a \$30 EnergyWise incentive to homeowners that have their cooling system tuned-up, regardless of what type or age the system is. This incentive is available to residential customers once every three years.

If you would like to learn more and access an application for the Cooling System Tune Up Incentive, log onto our website at [www.southernppd.com](http://www.southernppd.com).



**ENERGYWISE**  
Use less. Spend less. Live more.

*Visit with Sam Reinke at Southern Power District for more information. You may also download an informational brochure for this incentive at [www.southernppd.com](http://www.southernppd.com).*



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**MELISSA BUTT JOINS CUSTOMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

We are pleased to welcome Melissa Butt to the SPD team. Melissa will be working in our Grand Island office as a Customer Services Representative.

Melissa is a graduate of Palmer High School and Central Community College of Grand Island. She and her husband Dan farm east of Grand Island. Welcome to Southern Melissa!



**NEW PROCEDURE FOR OFFICE VISITORS**

We gladly welcome visitors to our offices. In Grand Island, we receive many visitors for a variety of reasons--bill payments, new service applications, irrigation customer inquiries and more.

We are implementing a new procedure for visitors to our office. When you enter our building, we have added a doorway that prevents entry into our staff office hallways and customer services offices. Bills can be paid at the Customer Services window as always. If you have business to conduct beyond our Customer Services Department, you will be allowed access upon checking in as a guest.

This procedure has been put into place as a safety measure for our office staff and other guests to our building. We hope that you continue to feel welcome to stop in and conduct your business with us as we implement this new procedure!

**CREAMY ROASTED RED PEPPER PENNE**

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 12 oz. penne
- 1 T. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 C. baby spinach
- 1 C. sliced roasted red peppers
- 1/2 C. heavy cream
- 1/2 C. low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- Freshly grated Parmesan, for serving

**PREPARATION:**

1. In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook penne according to package directions until al dente. Drain, reserving 1 cup pasta water, and return to pot.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and garlic and cook until soft, 5 minutes, then add spinach and roasted red peppers. Cook until wilted and warmed through, 3 minutes.
3. Stir in heavy cream, chicken broth, and 1/4 cup pasta water and bring to a simmer.
4. Add cooked penne to pan and stir until coated, then season with crushed red pepper flakes.
5. Garnish with Parmesan and serve.