



Lyon-Coffey Events

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Stay Safe & Warm When Using Space Heaters

Space heaters can add comfort to a cold day, help you conserve energy, and make your winter more pleasant. But they also present some risks that you need to be aware of when using them.

- If possible, use an electric space heater, which produces no fumes and requires no liquid fuel such as gasoline or kerosene.
- Select a space heater with a guard around the heating element. This will help keep children, pets and clothing away from the heat source.
- Some heaters have very hot surfaces. Children should not be permitted to adjust the controls or to move the heater.
- Place heaters at least three feet away from objects such as bedding, furniture and drapes.
- Never use heaters to dry clothes or shoes. Do not place heaters where towels or other objects could fall on the heater and start a fire.
- Use heaters on the floor. Never place heaters on furniture, because they may fall, dislodging or breaking parts in the heater, which could result in a fire or shock hazard.

Letter From The Manager

When we think "it's 2007", it seems almost dreamlike, but the reality is another year has passed by. Many of us will make resolutions to do better, to try harder, to learn more, and to eat less this new year. Some will be kept, others forgotten before the first tulip blossoms in the Spring. To be successful with your own resolutions, those who have studied the subject over the years, suggest:

- Have a strong initial commitment to make a change.
- Have coping strategies to deal with problems that will come up.
- Keep track of your progress. The more monitoring you do and feedback you get, the better you will do.

Just like many of you, the cooperative has also made resolutions and set goals for 2007.

First, we have committed ourselves to successfully completing those tasks ahead of us. Next, we established strategies to carry out these goals. And finally, we will constantly monitor our

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progress throughout the year to make sure we are staying on the right track.

The new year will bring both challenges and great opportunities here at your electric cooperative. A few items on the list include: completion of the 2005 ice storm restoration, culmination of the automatic meter reading (Turtles) project, cost of service study and rate design process, new Energy Conservation Program, and an updated website with the ability to view and pay your bills on-line. The list goes on. Today it seems like a daunting task, but the team here at Lyon-Coffey is devoted and steadfast in their commitment to accept the challenge and to move forward.

We are dedicated to providing our members with the best service possible and delivering that service in a safe manner.

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Danford Retires After 43 Years At Lyon-Coffey

Frank Danford will report for work as Crew Foreman for Lyon-Coffey Electric for the last time January 5, 2007.

Danford has worked for the cooperative since October 7, 1963. He has been the Crew Foreman since 1973. The methods of building and maintaining electric lines have changed some because of improved equipment during those 43-plus years, but Danford's dedication to the cooperative and his pride in doing a job well have stayed the same.

A lineman's job is not a cushy one. They work during hot and frigid weather, rain, sleet, ice and snow. A lineman's job requires hard physical labor and takes it's

toll on backs, knees, and shoulders. Power outages require long hours of work to restore service to our consumers. Since Lyon-Coffey has been damaged by two major ice storms in the last five years, our linemen have worked many hours of overtime on storm repair.

Danford has always done whatever needed to be done to complete the task and we appreciate his loyalty. As he embarks this well deserved phase of life, we wish him good health, prosperity and joy!

Enjoy your retirement, Frank and thank you for your many years of service to the cooperative.



Scott Whittington, Lyon-Coffey Manager, congratulates Frank Danford, Lyon-Coffey Crew Foreman, on his retirement from the cooperative effective January 5, 2007.

Tips for Indoor & Outdoor Extension Cord Safety

Extension cords, with their ability to bring any appliance or lamp within easy reach of an electrical outlet, are one of the most convenient products in the home. But when they are misused, they can also be a potential source of danger.

Extension cords are generally rated in amps and volts. To determine if an extension cord is properly rated, add the total wattage of each bulb or electrical device, then divide by 120 to calculate the total number of amps. If the total number of amps is equal to

or greater than the maximum rating of the cord, you must use a higher rated extension cord.

If you were to use a thin cord for a device that draws a lot of current, such as an electric space heater, the cord could overheat and start an electrical fire. Select the right cord for the job. Larger appliances and power tools use cords with three prongs, or conductors, one of which is the ground wire.

Choose a replacement cord with the correct insulation. Electric space heaters, for example, are

required to use cords with a thermostetting insulation to prevent the cord from melting. Look for the letter "H" on the cord. Lamp cords are usually flat, and the individual conductors parallel to each other. This type of cord is limited to indoor use and light duty. Appliance cords are usually round and have larger diameters because they are made using two layers of insulation over the copper conductors. The individual conductors are insulated and a second layer of insulation, called a jacket, is also applied.

Extension Cord Safety Tips

1. Never run extension cords through walls, under rugs or furniture, or across doorways.
2. Never try to repair a damaged extension cord with electrical tape; replace it.
3. Never overload an extension cord. If any part of the cord feels warm to the touch, the cord is drawing too much power and could cause a fire or shock hazard.
4. Never cut off the ground pin to connect a 3-prong appliance cord to a 2-wire extension cord or receptacle. Always use a CSA, UL or ETL listed adapter for this purpose.
5. Replace older extension cords if one of the prongs in the plug is not "polarized." In a polarized plug, one prong will be wider than the others.
6. Avoid placing cords where someone could accidentally pull them down or trip over them.
7. Cover unused outlets on the extension cord to prevent children from making contact with a live circuit.
8. Before buying any extension cord, check the product to ensure that a nationally recognized laboratory, such as CSA, UL, or ETL, has certified the product.
9. Outside the home, only use extension cords designed for outdoor use.