

# PARK SPARKS

OCTOBER 2024



## 85TH ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

At the Park County Fairgrounds!  
Registration begins at 10:30am, and the meeting begins at noon. Hot lunch will be served.



### Trustee Election:

District 3: Craig Yost    District 4: Matt Jesson

Voting can be done either in person at the meeting or by mailing the ballot using the provided return envelope. Please note that ballots cannot be collected at the office. Each membership is allowed only one vote. The election results will be announced at the meeting.



### Meeting highlights:

- Business meeting and cooperative updates
- \$5 bill credit and free gift
- Prize drawings
- Meet with your cooperative leaders and staff members
- Enjoy lunch with neighbors and friends



### Luck of the Draw Scholarship

Members with children attending college in the fall of 2025 are invited to participate in the drawing.

To be eligible to win, the child or their parent must be present at the event. Please note that extended family members are not eligible to register a student.

15 \$2,000 Scholarships will be given away.

As we transition into fall, it reminds me that winter is just around the corner. We have seen some extreme weather events in our coverage area and many other areas across the state this year. Even though Park Electric strives to keep your electricity on 24/7 365 days a year, Mother Nature often has other plans.

I've written this article to encourage you to consider Storm Preparedness before it's too late. I will share some ideas to help get you thinking about what you may need, this can vary greatly from household to household. Look at this article more as food for thought than a step-by-step guide.

## Storm Checklist

To report an outage, call Park Electric at [406-222-7778](tel:406-222-7778) or after-hours [855-999-9492](tel:855-999-9492).

If your lights go off during a storm, be prepared for the power outage. Gather supplies ahead of time, so you won't have to scramble at the last minute or stand in long lines for essentials like milk or bread. Keep your supplies fresh by rotating them regularly, and use the following checklist to prepare for power outages:

## Have Plenty of Food

- Keep a 3- to 5-day supply of bottled drinking water. Plan on at least 1 gallon of water per person, per day.
- Store a manual can opener with enough nonperishable foods for 3 to 5 days. Canned meats, tuna fish, and peanut butter are good foods to store. Don't forget pet foods!
- Conserve water by using paper plates and plastic utensils.
- Have a camp stove or grill for outdoor cooking.

## Stay In Touch

- Have a portable, battery-powered radio and alarm clock.
- Have one non-portable phone that will work even if power is interrupted.

- Plan where to meet and how to communicate with family members if separated. Keep essential family member contact information near your phone, in your wallet, and in your glove compartment.

## Keep Things Going

- Keep plenty of gas in your car.
- Keep extra batteries, matches, propane, charcoal, and firewood.

## Stay Happy, Healthy, and Warm

- Coordinate with neighbors for care of the elderly and disabled living alone.
- Maintain a supply of prescriptions, nonprescription drugs, vitamins, and special dietary foods.
- Playing cards, books, drawing and writing supplies, and board games help pass the time. If you have a video camera, your family can make a storm documentary.
- Keep sanitary and personal hygiene supplies replenished. Premoistened cleansing towelettes are useful and help conserve water.
- Use plastic trash bags and ties for garbage.
- Put first-aid kits in your home and car.
- Make sure you have cold-weather clothing, foul-weather gear, blankets, and sleeping bags.
- Consider purchasing alternative UL-approved heating devices. For example, a fireplace insert or woodstove will keep the heat in your home instead of up the chimney.
- Use flashlights and other battery-operated lighting instead of candles.
- Keep fire extinguishers fully charged.
- Fill your bathtub with water for bathroom use before the storm (if you have a well).

I hope this inspires you to create your own customized lists, ensuring you're prepared for an extended outage. If you encounter a downed or damaged power line, keep your distance and contact Park Electric immediately.

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## Connect with Park Electric

Billing and general information: 406-222-3100  
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