

PARK SPARKS

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Save Money with Rebates!

Park Electric provides a range of rebates to help our members save both energy and money. These rebates are available to residential members who are either building a new home or replacing existing appliances.

All rebates are issued as bill credits, and the appliances must be installed in a member-owned home located on Park Electric lines.



If you've purchased a new Energy Star-rated appliance or programmable thermostat within the last 60 days, visit our website at www.parkelectric.coop/energy-star-rebates and complete the form for the appliance you purchased.

Still trying to decide which appliance is best for you? Visit the Energy Star website at <https://www.energystar.gov> for helpful purchasing guides.

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Scammers will try anything to deceive utility customers, including a tactic that claims customers have overpaid their bill. If you receive a call, text or email from someone claiming you overpaid a utility bill and need to provide your banking or credit card information to receive a credit, it's likely a scam. In most cases, your utility will apply a credit to your account to cover future charges or refund an overpayment with a mailed check.

Source: *Utilities United Against Scams*



LET'S STAY CONNECTED.

Update your contact info to stay in the know about service updates and important alerts.



Happy President's Day!

Park Electric's Office will be closed February 17th in observance of the holiday.

Trees and Power Lines Don't Mix

Did you know that fallen trees are the leading cause of power outages on our distribution system? While trees undoubtedly enhance our landscapes and quality of life, they can pose challenges when located near power lines. Depending on the tree species, branches can quickly grow into our lines. Additionally, as we experienced last May, heavy wet snow can cause branches to sag into the lines, leading to outages. That's why PEC is committed to responsible tree trimming.



Next month, our contracted tree crews from Asplundh Tree Experts will begin trimming in the Clyde Park area, followed by the Emigrant, Chico, and Mill Creek areas. Tree clearing will continue through late November.

If you spot any trees growing into our power lines, please report them to our operations department at 406-222-7778.

In short, trees and power lines simply don't mix. PEC's tree trimming program is crucial for ensuring safety and reliability. We don't trim trees for the sake of it—we do it to maintain safety and reliability. Our goal is to manage our rights-of-way to support a safe and dependable electric system and to reduce the risk of fires.

With over 44 miles of transmission lines, nearly 1,700 miles of distribution lines, and 10 substations, Park Electric Cooperative's commitment to keeping trees clear of power lines is a year-round effort.

So, when you see our tree crews trimming near power lines, know that they're working to keep us all safe and our electric system running smoothly.



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