

Summer Storms? We're Prepared!

While summer brings much fun in the sun, it can also bring the occasional severe storm.

In the event of a power outage, you can trust that Custer Public Power is ready to respond.

The major cause of most power outages comes from damage to power lines due to falling trees and branches. We work year round – through right-of-way clearing – to ensure power lines in our service territory stand little risk of being damaged by trees, branches or other types of vegetation.

“We will do our best to avoid power outages, but sometimes Mother Nature has other plans.”

Despite our best efforts, during major storms, damage can occur to transmission lines, substations and power lines. When this happens, our first priority is to safely restore power to as many members as possible in the shortest amount of time.

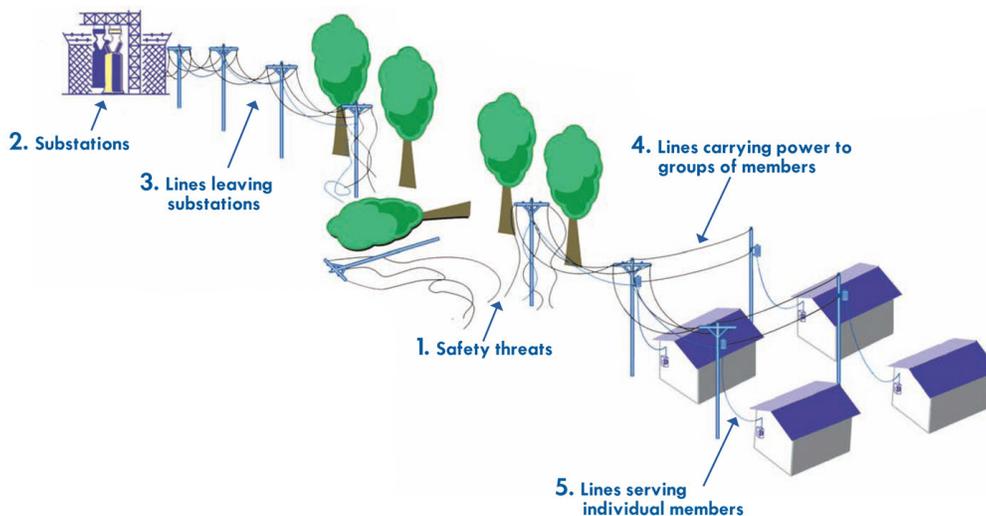
We start by mobilizing our line crews and

other critical staff. Every phone line available is utilized to take your outage report calls. The big problems are handled first – like damage to transmission lines, which serve thousands of people. These problems must be corrected before we can focus on other areas where more localized damage may have occurred.

Custer's line crews inspect substations to determine if the problem started there, or if there could be an issue down the line. If the root of the problem is at the substation, power can be restored in one shot to hundreds of customers.

Next, line crews check the service lines that deliver power into neighborhoods and communities. Line crews repair the damaged lines, restoring power to many. If you continue to experience an outage, there may be damage to a tap line outside of your home or business. Make sure you notify us so crews can inspect these lines.

We will do our best to avoid power outages, but sometimes Mother Nature has other plans. Be sure to check facebook and twitter on your mobile device for the latest updates during a power outage.



Stop Summer Energy Drains!

Summer's
Here



Summer vacation can be a recipe for high electric bills if kids are home all day.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) estimates that 9 percent of Americans' household energy costs are dedicated to air conditioning alone, so try these tips to keep costs down when the temperature rises.

Avoid 'phantom' load

Get your family in the habit of turning electronics on and off via power strips as they move from one activity to the next. As electronics and appliances become more technologically savvy, they often draw power even while turned off. A good indicator of this—called “phantom load”—is to check the device for a light that stays on all the time.

Phantom load will add a few watt-hours to energy consumption, but a few watt-hours on each of your many electronic devices adds up. To avoid this silent power draw, unplug the device or invest in a “smart” power strip, which allows certain electronics—like a cable box, which takes time to reboot after it's been unplugged—to continue using electricity while others can be completely shut down.

Air-conditioning units

More people in the house plus doors hanging open from the last trip to play outside plus high temperatures equals an air-conditioning unit that has to work harder to keep the house cool. Be sure to adjust settings to maximize efficiency, such as using the “auto” function instead of keeping the fan running all the time.



Regular maintenance to keep your air

conditioner or heat pump in good working order is a good idea, as is checking and changing the air filter every few months or check to see if it's dirty. Also, set your thermostat as high as you can while maintaining your comfort level—the smaller the difference between indoor air and the great outdoors, the lower your cooling costs will be. And make sure to rearrange your furniture so that appliances that put out a lot of heat aren't near the thermostat.

Keep the pool covered

About 70 percent of the heat lost from swimming pools results from evaporation, caused by both wind and water. That means tap water goes to refilling the pool, which means higher electric bills to reheat the water.



To save energy, cover a pool when it's not in use. Pool size and shape factor into choosing the right cover. The most expensive pool covers are incorporated into the pool structure and can come with an automatic retraction

and storage system. Manual covers may be cheaper, but removing them can be a dirty job. You can also choose solar covers resembling bubble wrap.

Just Ask Us!

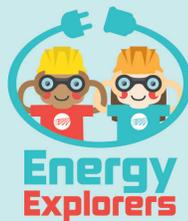
As you work this summer to stop energy drains, don't forget about Custer Power. An energy efficiency expert can help you determine the right steps for your home, including whether an energy audit will help find more savings.

Call 1-888-749-2453 for more information.





INDEPENDENCE DAY WORD SEARCH



Can you find the words associated with Independence Day in the puzzle? Use the word bank below to check your work.

AMERICA
CELEBRATION
FIREWORKS
RED
WHITE
BLUE

INDEPENDENCE
PICNIC
STARS
STRIPES
FLAG
FREEDOM



SAFETY TIP: Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Only persons over the age of 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.



Pole Inspections

As part of Custer Public Power District's continued commitment to provide the most reliable service possible, we will be contracting with SBS Inspection, Inc. to inspect approximately 6,000 distribution poles. It has been proven that this pole-treating program has helped to find the weak links in the District's distribution & transmission system, which has resulted in fewer outages. The testing this year will mark over twenty-five years of this type of preventative practice.

Customers in the Sargent and Taylor area may notice the service vehicles of the contractors, including pickups or ATVs, in pastures and fields as they treat and inspect poles. The workmen have been instructed to respect the customer's property and fences and to re-close gates when they find them closed. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tom Knott at 888-749-2453.



Using a ceiling fan is a great way to save energy and money year-round. They add a cool breeze in the summer and circulate warm air in the winter. Turn them off when you're not at home and save even more money. That's cool.

In partnership with our supplier, Nebraska Public Power District, we deliver energy to you.





CUSTER CURRENTS

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Apple Enchilada Dessert



6-8 inch flour tortillas
1-21 oz can apple pie filling
1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 cup water
1/2 cup white sugar
1/3 cup butter
1/2 cup brown sugar

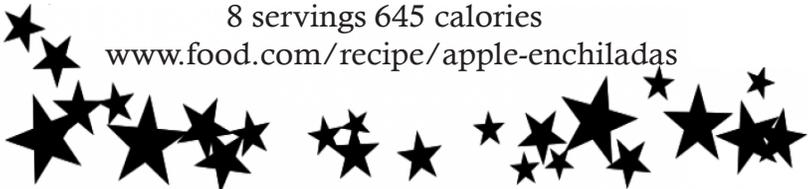


1. Spoon fruit evenly into tortillas, sprinkle with cinnamon. Roll up tortillas and place seam side down in lightly greased 8x8 baking pan.
2. Bring butter, sugars and water to a boil in a saucepan. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring constantly for 3 minutes.
3. Pour sauce evenly over tortillas; sprinkle with extra cinnamon, if desired.
4. Bake for 20 minutes in 350 degree oven.

15 minutes prep/20 minutes to cook

8 servings 645 calories

www.food.com/recipe/apple-enchiladas



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Board Meetings

The regular monthly meeting of the Custer Public Power District Board of Directors is on the last Thursday of each month, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the main office in Broken Bow on Hwy. 2.

An agenda for each regular meeting of the board is available for public inspection during business hours.

In the event of matters of an emergency nature or conflicts with other meeting dates, the Board of Directors will set changes. Any change in the monthly meeting date will be posted in the legal notice at the main headquarters building at Broken Bow and at each of the District's area service centers located in Callaway, Sargent, Stapleton and Thedford, Nebraska.

