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COVID-19 Pandemic: Changes for Stanton County PPD

I want to start off by saying that I am hopeful you and your family is doing well during this unprecedented pandemic. It is a difficult time with changes to our daily lives such as staying home, no school and with many jobs being altered and adjusted in response to this virus.

We have taken some unprecedented steps here at the District to keep our employees safe and healthy. Our number one focus is to keep the lights on for our customers during this crazy time and that means we need linemen and support staff to do that. Therefore, we have made some adjustments to keep our workplace as safe as possible and limit the exposure the best we can for our employees.

Some of these steps you may have noticed from the customer side include a closed front office, meetings with SCPPD employees by appointment only and as little contact with customers as possible. We will always continue to respond to outages and business of the District. Some other steps that you may not have noticed that we took include rotating work schedules to allow only half of the employees in the building at one time and we have changed our delivery procedures. We also are encouraging our employees to clean their workstation more often than we normally would. Wash your hands, wash your hands and wash your hands some more!

If you need to communicate with us, please call the office. If you would like to meet with one of us, please let us know and we will be glad to set up a time to meet.

Please note that any important or urgent messages from the District will now, and into the future, be communicated on Facebook and Twitter as well as the traditional methods.

Follow @StantonCoPPD on Twitter or like us on Facebook to receive these notifications.



Manager Chad Waldow

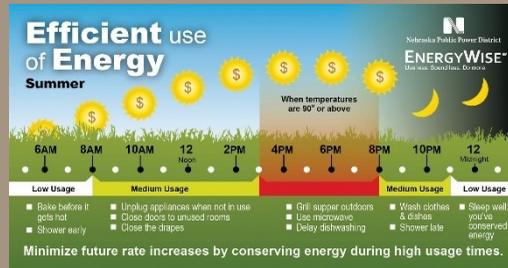
Save Energy and money>>>

Beat The Peak This Summer

According to the Department of Energy, a typical home uses a whopping 48 percent of energy expenditures just on the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system.

Aside from replacing your central air conditioner with a newer, higher-efficiency model, there are some things you can do to increase efficiency, which can help reduce your energy bills.

- Close Curtains, blinds and shades during the hottest part of the day
- Consider a programmable or smart thermostat
- Clean the filter and get your unit inspected by a HVAC professional

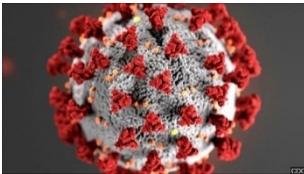


- Ventilate the attic and check insulation to address air leaks
- Use your clothes dryer and oven during the cooler parts of the day



COVID-19 Changes

Continued



Our regularly scheduled board meetings are being held via teleconference; however, the public can participate by calling our office for information on how to connect with our meeting.

One day we will get this all behind us and our lives will return to normal. In the meantime, I hope that you can enjoy some time at home with family. We will make sure your lights are on!

Take care and don't forget to wash your hands!



EnergyWise Incentives >>>



2020 Incentive Rebate Programs

Energy Efficiency is important to all! If you are looking for ways to save energy and money, check our list of rebate programs. There are several options for customers to take advantage of in the 2020 year. For more information, check the website at www.scpd.com or call the office at 402-439-2228.

- Residential Heat Pump Water Heater:
 - \$400 for air source with an EF > 1.9
 - \$650 for ground source with an EF > 2.8
- High Efficiency Heat Pump:
 - \$400 - \$3000 Incentive
 - Minimum SEER 15, EER 12.5 & HSPF 8.5
 - Includes Air-to-Air, and Water/Ground source
- SMART thermostat:
 - \$25-\$100 Incentive options
- Cooling System Tune-up: \$40
- Attic Insulation: \$0.15 per square foot - \$300 max.



Avoid Overloading Your Home's Electrical System

An overload simply means that you have too many things running on one or more electrical circuits or pathways in your home and there is more demand than supply. When this happens, it can cause a minor inconvenience like damage to an appliance or a major one like a power outage or a fire.

To prevent overloading circuits, consider the following tips:

1. Although tempting, don't plug too many things in by using extension cords, power strips and multi-outlet converters. Overdoing it can overload and overheat a circuit.
2. Be on the lookout for loose connections or damaged or corroded wires, which can also cause an overload for fire.
3. If you continually upgrade your home with more lighting, appliances, and electronics, your home's circuits may not be able to handle the increased load.
4. Do not plug in multiple devices or appliances to an outlet at the same time, exceeding the outlet's capacity. Do not use extension cords with major appliances.

Consult an electrician if you notice the following:

- Warm or discolored outlets or outlet cover plates
- Flickering, dimming or blinking lights or any other strange lighting behavior
- Items in your home frequently cause a mild shock
- Fuses that blow or trip frequently

For more information about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.



ELECTRICAL Safety for Teens

- DO NOT** use generic chargers or cords. They could **overheat** or shock or burn you.
- DO NOT** put your cell phone **under your pillow** or take it to bed with you.
- DO NOT** use charging cell phones or other electrical devices **with wet or damp hands**.
- DO NOT** bring a charging cell phone or other electrical devices **near water**, including a **bath tub or pool**.
- If you are in a car accident involving a downed power line, **DO NOT get out of the vehicle** unless you see smoke or fire.
- If you must exit a burning vehicle** near or on a downed power line, make a **clean exit from the car** and **land on both feet**; then **hop** with feet together, **DO NOT WALK**, to safety.

SafeElectricity.org

Safety >>>

May is National Electrical Safety Month

PLUG INTO SAFETY

#nationalelectricalsafetymonth

Communication

SCPPD staff members do their best to inform, educate and serve our customers. However, the world of communication has changed a bit. We now use cell phones and internet to reach each other much more than before. If your account information has not been updated, we may no longer have a way to contact you. **Please take the time to call, email, or send us a note with your most updated: Phone number – mailing address – email address - payment information**



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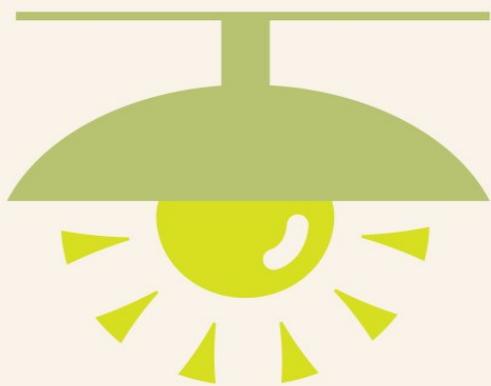
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