



WATT'S HAPPENING

KEEPING YOU PLUGGED IN TO WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Remember Electrical Safety When Decking the Halls

Sparkling lights and dazzling decorations are hallmarks of the season. Make sure your holiday decorating is done with safety in mind. Use only holiday lights that have been safety tested and have the UL label. Before decorating, check each light strand for broken sockets, frayed cords, or faulty plugs. Always be sure to unplug the lights when replacing a bulb. Don't string together more light strands than recommended by the manufacturer.

Outdoors, use only lights, cords, animated displays and decorations rated for outdoor use. Cords should be plugged into outlets equipped with GFCIs. Use a portable GFCI if your outdoor outlets don't have them. Take extra care not to throw strings of lights over tree branches that are near power lines and service connections.

Additional tips for safe holiday decorating:

- Place fresh-cut trees away from heat sources—such as heat registers, fireplaces, and radiators — and water the tree frequently.
- Match plugs with outlets. Don't force a 3-pronged plug into a 2-pronged outlet or extension cord, or remove the third prong.
- Keep electric cords out of high-traffic areas. Do not run them through doorways, hide them under carpets, or staple, nail, or tack them to the wall.
- Always unplug lights before going to bed or leaving your home.
- Make sure extension cords are in good condition and are UL-approved and rated to carry the electrical load you will connect to them.
- Don't let children or pets play with light strands.



EnergyWise Incentive Changes Coming in 2023

South Central Public Power District customers will again have the opportunity to cash in on a variety of incentives in 2023. There have been some changes to the program for the new year, these changes will be published in the January newsletter. The incentives and applications that are available for 2023 will also be posted to southcentralppd.com at the beginning of the new year.

2022 Year In Review

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For the 9th straight year, South Central PPD did not raise their customer rates.

South Central PPD launches a new Facebook page as a communication tool to keep our customers informed. The page can be found at www.facebook.com/SouthCentralPPD.

South Central PPD is notified that they are the recipient of the 2021 NREA Safety Award for no lost time accidents.

South Central PPD/Glenwood Telecommunications denied Broadband Bridge Grant for fiber project. South Central PPD continues to work toward finding additional funding opportunities.

Royce Schott retires as Key Account Manager after nearly 19 years with South Central PPD.

Due to nationwide shortages, Central PPD experiences difficulties in securing transformers and other materials necessary for adding new service.

Alishia Ostdiek celebrates 10 years at South Central PPD.

Brent Menke celebrates 5 years at South Central PPD.

Lisa Peterson joins South Central PPD as Public Relations Manager.

South Central PPD sees 134 hours of load control over 20 days throughout peak irrigation season. This is a significant increase from the 60 hours under control in 2021.

Osmose continues pole inspections in the area. Finding decayed poles and other defects by inspection allows South Central PPD to repair and/or replace poles and hardware before they create a problem that could result in an outage.

South Central PPD asks that customers avoid requests for new services or expansions that are not immediately necessary as they continue to deal with major supply chain issues.

A rise in scam calls is being reported in the South Central PPD area. Customers are reminded that South Central will never demand payment on the spot. Customers are urged to hang up on any call that seems suspicious and contact the office to confirm the status of their accounts.

Jarrod Hajny celebrates 20 years at South Central PPD.

South Central PPD sponsors Mariana Tucker for the 2022 Youth Energy Leadership camp at Halsey, Nebraska. Carol Buschkoetter, Safety Director at South Central attended as a camp counselor for the week.

The newly redesigned SmartHub is released. Customers can view their bill, view usage history and manage their account through the SmartHub app or through the web.



Stay Safe During Severe Winter Weather



Ice and other severe winter weather can result in power outages.

When severe winter weather hits, power outages can occur. Roadways can be dangerous. Do all you can to prepare your pantry, home and car for the next severe winter storm. Once you are ready, watch and listen for weather bulletins mentioning winter storms, blizzard warnings or windchill dangers.

Supplies for the storm: At home, have enough nonperishable food, water and medical supplies/medicines for 72 hours. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest storing one gallon of water per person per day. Have cell phones and chargers, as well as backup charger sources, ready. Gather important documents and medical records. Protect your pets and make sure you have enough supplies for them as well. Also have these items ready: a first-aid kit, a flashlight and batteries, hand sanitizer, blankets and warm clothing.

Readying the house: Weatherproof your home ahead of winter by caulking windows and doors and looking for other air leaks that need attention. Inspect chimney flues for wood stoves or wood-burning fireplaces. Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of your home. Protect pipes from freezing.

Prepare your vehicle with an emergency kit: According to Consumer Reports, it can be cheaper to buy a prepared emergency kit than to purchase items individually. A kit typically includes battery booster cables, an ice scraper, a portable shovel, flashlights, a signaling cone, backup batteries for the flashlight, roadside triangles, a reflective vest, a basic first-aid kit (add in what is needed for individual needs) and a cell phone charger.

In addition, your car or truck should also be stocked with gloves, a blanket, a rain poncho, wipes, rags, boots and a hat. It cannot hurt to also have bottled water and non-perishable snacks in your vehicle in case you get stranded.

Prepare your vehicle: Complete annual maintenance, test the car battery and cooling system, use winter tires and replace them if the tread is less than 2/32 of an inch, check tire pressure and wiper blades, add wiper fluid rated for less than minus 30 degrees and keep the gas tank at least half full.






Know that when the power goes out, we work hard to restore it safely and efficiently.

For information about electrical safety or storm preparation, visit SafeElectricity.org.

Preparing for Storm Season?

DON'T FORGET TO READY YOUR CAR

According to the National Safety Council (NSC), every vehicle should have an emergency supply kit onboard. Kits should be checked twice a year and expired items should be replaced regularly. Emergency supply kits should include:

-  Snowbrush
Shovel
Windshield washer fluid
Cat litter for traction
-  Warm clothing
Blankets
Drinking water
Nonperishable foods
-  Properly inflated spare tire
Wheel wrench & tripod jack
Jumper cables
Fire extinguisher
-  Reflective triangles
Reflective vest
Brightly colored cloth (to tie on side mirror)
-  First-aid kit
Flashlight and batteries
Compass
Car charger for cell phone

South Central PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

Source: NSC



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM ALL OF US AT SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT



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SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT WILL BE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 26TH AND JANUARY 2ND IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South Central Public Power District is held the third Tuesday of each month at 9AM at the District's office in Nelson, Nebraska.

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