



Nelson, Nebraska

Watt's Happening

Keeping you plugged in to what's happening!



OBJECTIVE: To make electricity available at the lowest cost consistent with sound economy and good management.

A New Look For South Central PPD Trucks

As South Central Public Power District enters the next 75 years, we are evolving to a new, fresh look. Many of you fondly remember our logo that identified all of our trucks with the familiar Willie Wiredhand inside a yellow circle.

This logo represented South Central for at least 60 of the 75 years we have been in operation. Before Willie graced our doors, **South Central Membership Association Co-op** lettering was used to identify our fleet.



THROUGH THE YEARS: Top: Our new logo will soon be seen on all of our trucks.

Left: Willie Wiredhand graced our trucks for over 60 years. Pictured with a service truck in the early 60s are South Central employees, Rod Hartman and Francis Crocker.

Bottom: South Central employees, Clarence Stutesman and Charles Hensley stand next to a South Central Membership truck in 1956.





Blue Hill

Deshler

Harvard

Lawrence Nelson

Red Cloud

Sandy Creek

Silver Lake

Superior

Sutton

May 8th, 2021 Graduation Day



South Central Public Power District
Will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of

Memorial Day

We encourage our customers to participate in your local community's

Memorial Day Services

SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 75TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

WE ARE ONCE AGAIN HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE A DATE FOR CELEBRATING OUR 75TH. EVEN THOUGH 2020 IS THE YEAR WE ACHIEVED THAT MILESTONE, WE WERE UNABLE TO SAFELY CELEBRATE LAST FALL.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
11:00 TO 3:00



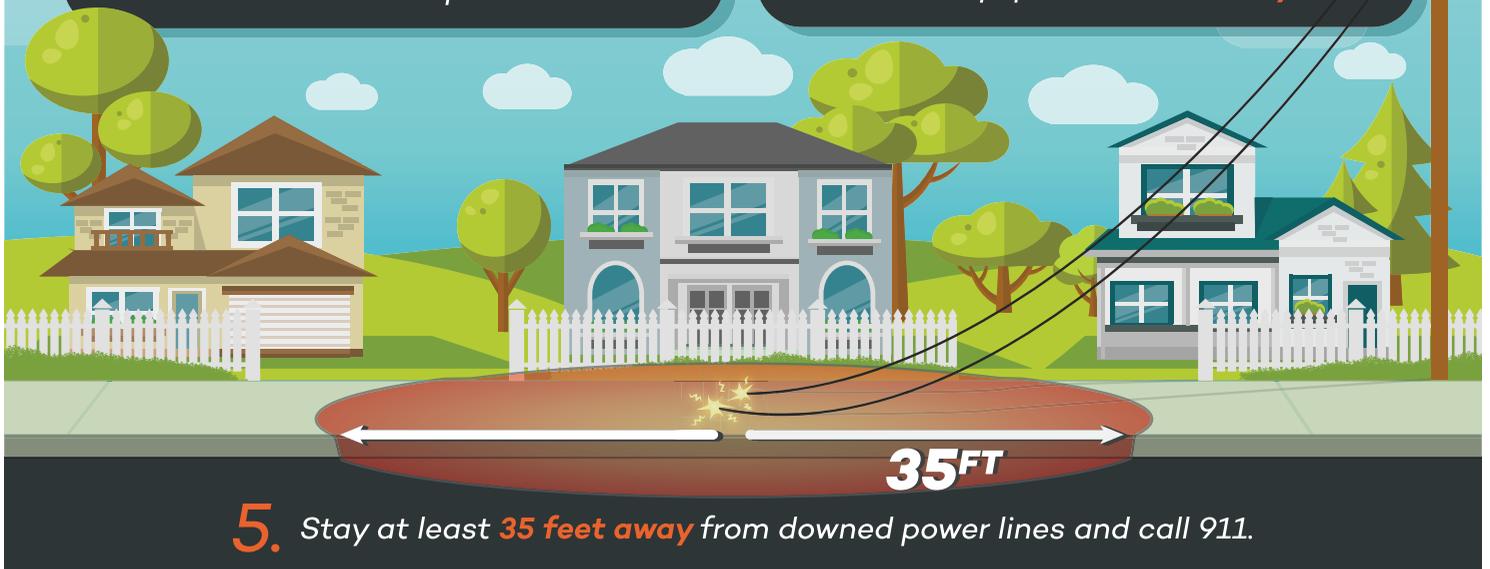
NELSON CITY AUDITORIUM &

SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT OFFICE

Home Electrical Safety

Always Look Up Always

Before starting **any** project, **be alert of where the power lines are located**, and know how high they are hanging. Whether you're working on the roof, trimming trees, or painting your siding, it's your job to be aware and to **alert others about nearby power lines**.



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Refrigerator And Freezer Maintenance

When was the last time you cleaned the refrigeration coils on your fridge or freezer? This necessary, but oftentimes overlooked, task can make a noticeable difference in the performance, efficiency, and lifetime of these appliances.

Before discussing how to perform this simple maintenance task, answer this important question: "Where are my condenser coils?"

If your fridge or freezer doesn't have a toe-grill on the front, you will find condenser coils attached to the back of the unit or behind a panel held in place by a few screws. If this is the case, you will need to pull the unit away from the wall for access. The coils transfer heat from your unit's refrigerant into the room's air. If you have never cleaned them before, don't be alarmed if you find yours surrounded by a dense colony of dust bunnies!

For the heat transfer to occur, air must pass over the coils. That air often contains dust, dirt, pollen, pet hair and moisture which builds up over time to create a great environment for dust bunnies to flourish.

Before starting, you will need the following tools: a flashlight, coil condenser brush and dust mask. As you should before working on any appliance, start by unplugging the unit. Don't worry about spoilage. The coil-cleaning process will only take 15 minutes or less, and the doors will remain closed the whole time.

Next, don the dust mask. Though most of the dust/debris will get vacuumed up, some will likely become airborne. Start by vacuuming the loose dust and debris along the inside of the toe grill or from the backside of the fridge.

Next, brush away the dust clinging to the coil with a coil condenser brush. These brushes are available at most DIY stores for around \$10. Work it back and forth to remove dust while keeping the vacuum running to remove loosened dust. Once the coils and surrounding area are clean, replace any toe grills or plates previously removed, plug the electrical cord back in and push your unit back against the wall if necessary.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, a dirty condenser coil can increase compressor energy consumption

up to 30%. While the total energy saved of 100 to 300 kilowatt-hours per year may only save \$12 to \$36, dirty condenser coils can shorten your refrigerator or freezer's lifetime by up to five years. Considering the cost for repairing or replacing a broken or worn-out unit, even greater savings are realized. Source: NPPD EnergyWise Tips

SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



Craig Cox
30 Years

Craig Cox began working at South Central PPD thanks to the District's participation in an internship program with the University of Nebraska College of Engineering. After graduating from UNL with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, in May of 1991, Craig signed on as a full-time employee.

Craig was Operations Manager for many years until being promoted to the position of General Manager upon the retirement of former GM, Max VanSkiver, in April of 2018.

Craig and his wife, Heather, live on an acreage west of Nelson. They have two children. Daughter, Alexa, is a senior at Superior High School. Their son, Sawyer, is in the eighth grade at Lawrence Nelson.



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Newsletter of the South Central Public Power District
Nelson, Nebraska

NOTICE

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

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