



## Annual General Meeting Reminder to Members

The West Wetaskiwin REA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will occur on **Thursday, March 21, 2019** at the Falun Community Hall (see details to the right).

**Registration / Meet & Greet Directors begins at 6:30 p.m.** Take this opportunity to network and connect with fellow members and your Board and receive your draw slip for the door prizes generously provided by suppliers to the REA.

**Dinner begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$15.00 per person and can be purchased through the REA (Tel: 780-335-9378) or by contacting any Director (see Director contact info to the right).

To ensure adequate seating and food, **members are requested to confirm attendance and purchase tickets by Thursday, March 14, 2019.**

**The AGM\* will be called to order at 8:00 p.m.** and will include the following:

- ▶ Annual financial report presented by the Auditor, MNP
- ▶ Annual West Wetaskiwin REA Chair Report, presented by Chair Dean Knull
- ▶ Report on the spraying project with update details from FortisAlberta
- ▶ Overview of the 2019/20 Operating Budget
- ▶ Overview of billing by Battle River Power Coop
- ▶ Nomination and election of two Directors

Door prize announcements will follow the AGM.

**\*The AGM is open to West Wetaskiwin REA members in good standing.** If you are unsure whether you have a current contract, please contact the REA by phone @ 780-335-9378 or email: [westwet@telus.net](mailto:westwet@telus.net).

### AGM Location

The Falun Community Hall  
272019 AB-13  
Falun, Alberta  
Tel:(780) 352-3449

### Director Contact Information

Dean Knull, Chair	780.352.1348
Ron Holmlund	780.352.4842
Bill Moure	780.586.2846
Ron Stevens	780.352.2681
Neil Stone	780.586.2106
Mike Wollin	780.361.9642
Ken Adair	780.352.6318

### Standing for Director

Details on the nomination process and the role of a West Wetaskiwin REA Director can be found on our website [www.westwetaskiwinrea.com/powerpoints](http://www.westwetaskiwinrea.com/powerpoints) or you may contact one of the current Directors for information.

For power troubles or service requests, contact: FortisAlberta (the distribution system operator for West Wetaskiwin REA): Toll-free: 1-855-333-9473 or 780-310-9473

For REA inquiries contact:  
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Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 1W8  
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For billing or account inquiries contact:  
Battle River Power Coop  
Box 1420  
Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X3  
Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972  
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# 5 Winter Road Tips to Keep You Safer and Warmer

## Traction

A bag of sand, salt, or even kitty litter can make all the difference when you just need a little more grip under the drive wheels to get moving again. You'll want a shovel too, perhaps a collapsible one, to help spread traction-enhancing material beneath the wheels, or to dig out a stuck vehicle, as necessary. When trying to free a stuck vehicle, remember to keep the wheels pointed straight ahead wherever possible and to limit wheel spin, which tends to dig the vehicle in deeper.

## Power

Keep a charged jumper-pack in your ride at all times and opt for a model that can be recharged via plugging into the 12-volt outlet in your ride. Plug it in, keep it out of sight and use it as needed to recharge a dead cellular phone or boost a dead battery. If you restart a vehicle with a dead battery by boosting it, be sure to let the engine run for a good long time to recharge the battery and don't turn the engine off until you're in a safe location just in case it doesn't restart.

## Visibility

As a driver, seeing and being seen are key in winter driving safety and that logic extends to situations where you're no longer mobile. If you're stranded or immobile, make your surroundings as visible as possible by keeping a flashlight, road flares, battery-powered SOS light and a reflective vest in your ride, as a bare minimum. Remember to immediately engage your hazard lights after a collision or accident, even if you're off the road. If you can't safely get off of the road, come to a stop where you are, engage all vehicle lighting and never try to push a disabled vehicle from the road.

## Warmth

Hot packs, a parka, candles, heavy gloves and warm footwear, as well as a thin foil thermal blanket can all make a big difference when it comes to keeping stranded drivers warm because in extreme cold, your body will lose heat fast. Stock items to keep yourself warm and protected while you're waiting in or outside for assistance. If you're stranded inside of the vehicle, and the engine is still able to run, remember to only run it a few minutes every hour, and to keep the exhaust pipe(s) clear of snow and ice to prevent the buildup of dangerous gasses inside the vehicle.

## Food/Water

When deciding on emergency food supplies to keep in your ride, be sure to choose foods that are calorie-dense and not damaged by freezing. Snack bars, bottled water (leaving room at the top of the bottle for possible freezing) and beef jerky are great to keep on board as a bare minimum. When heading out on a long trip, remember to choose protein-rich foods with complex carbs where possible, for maximum alertness and safety.

### Regulated Rate Option



The Regulated Rate Option (RRO) may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. It is not a 'regulated' rate, rather is a default rate. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you are on the RRO. For February 2019, RRO is priced at \$0.06800 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For March 2019, the Battle River Power Coop monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.05558; the billing rate charged to WW REA members is \$0.05558.

**It is very important to note that your electrical distribution system provider will always be the West Wetaskiwin REA, regardless of who supplies your electricity. Members will not be disadvantaged in any way based on their retailer choice.**

**For a list of energy retailers, contact the Utilities Consumer Advocate: 310-4-UCA (310-4822) or [www.ucahelps.alberta.ca](http://www.ucahelps.alberta.ca). If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you are on the default Regulated Rate Option (RRO). The RRO rate is listed on [www.westwetaskiwinrea.com](http://www.westwetaskiwinrea.com)**

**Information on West Wetaskiwin's Code of Conduct Regulation Compliance Plan can be found on our website: [www.westwetaskiwinrea.com](http://www.westwetaskiwinrea.com)**