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**WETASKIWIN**  
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ASSOCIATION

## MEMBER NEWSLETTER

November 2020



## It's Important to Keep Member Contact Information Up to Date

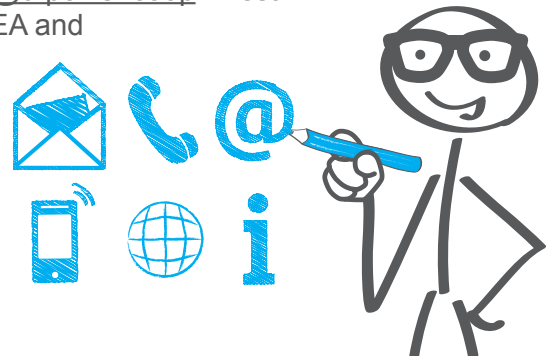
As we move into year 2021, we ask all West Wetaskiwin REA members to ensure that our Regulated Rate provider, Battle River Power Coop, and/or other electricity retailers have your most current information on file. Additionally, any changes should also be communicated to your REA.

Your contact information is utilized for many reasons including communicating potential time sensitive information that might pertain to a specific member or members, such as the Annual General Meeting announcements.

It is important that your contact information is up to date and includes all methods to connect with you.

If you have had any changes to phone numbers, email address, mailing address or wish to add other contact details to your account, please contact both your REA and Battle River Power Coop toll-free at 1.877.428.3972 or email: [brpc@brpower.coop](mailto:brpc@brpower.coop). West

Wetaskiwin REA and Battle River Power Coop will ensure your account information is updated accordingly.



*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:*  
West Wetaskiwin REA  
R.R. #1 Station Main,  
Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 1W8  
Phone: 780-335-9378 (WEST)  
E-mail: [westwet@telus.net](mailto:westwet@telus.net)  
[www.westwetaskiwinrea.com](http://www.westwetaskiwinrea.com)

*For billing or account inquiries contact:*  
Battle River Power Coop  
Box 1420  
Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X3  
Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972  
E-mail: [brpc@brpower.coop](mailto:brpc@brpower.coop)  
[www.brpower.coop](http://www.brpower.coop)

## Tips

### *Extending Electricity Delivery **Safely***

Are you planning to deck your halls with festive lights and decorations or light up the night sky this year? Then chances are you'll end up using an extension cord to help you. While they are a convenient way to supply power right where you need it, they can also create hazards if not used safely.

#### *Follow this simple guide to light up safely and avoid a decorating disaster:*



Extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis and kept out of high-traffic areas like doorways or walkways where they pose a tripping hazard.



Make sure extension cords are properly rated for their intended use, indoor or outdoor, and are certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as UL, CSA, or ETL.



Use Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters when plugging in outdoors.



Inspect cords for damage before use. Check for cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections.



Never alter a cord to change its length or perform inadequate repairs such as taping up damaged insulation. Do not trim, cut or alter the plug blades in any way.



Never use a cord that feels hot or is damaged in any way.



Do not run extension cords through walls or ceilings. This may cause the cord to overheat, creating a serious fire hazard.



Do not nail or staple electrical cords to walls or baseboards and make sure cords are not pinched in door or window frames or placed under heavy furniture which could damage the cord's insulation.



Insert plugs fully so that no part of any prong is exposed when the extension cord is in use. Poor contact can cause overheating or shock.



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 November 2020, the RRO is priced at \$0.06595 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For December 2020, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate is \$0.06938.

**Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit [ucahelps.alberta.ca](http://ucahelps.alberta.ca) or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).**

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