

Distribution System Updates

A-Base Meter Changeover

Earlier in the year, we advised members of a meter replacement program. The identified sites/replacements will better facilitate meter reading while responding to advancing technology to keep our distribution system up to date.

We can report the project is complete.

Photos (right): The new meters with their installation.



Pole Change Status

We are pleased to report that as of the printing of this newsletter, this project is 75% complete.

That means you will continue to see “men at work” (as per photos right) as weather permits.



Vegetation Management

Annually the Board of Directors meets with our distribution system operator to review project status and to establish upcoming project parameters. Currently the Board is in the process of finalizing the vegetation management program to be completed in 2022 – early 2023 and anticipate work will start in November.

(Note: photo right shows power lines above row of conifers that could cause outages.)



For Power Troubles:

Battle River Power Coop (our distribution system operator)
Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972

For RRO Billing and Account Inquiries:

Battle River Power Coop | Box 1420 Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X3
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For REA Inquiries, New Service and Service Change Requests:

Contact West Wetaskiwin REA, RR #1
Station Main, Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 1W8
Tel: 780-335-9378 (WEST)
E-mail: westwet@telus.net | Website: www.westwetaskiwinrea.com

For service requests: go to www.westwetaskiwinrea.com/new-or-changes-to-services.html

For Heat's Sake:

Tips to Keep Your House Warm (and Save Money) This Winter

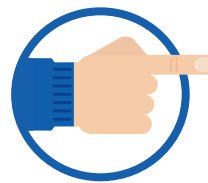
First, set your home up for warmth. It's possible to arrange the inside of your home so that it is laid out for optimal heat efficiency. Furniture should be moved away from vents to enable warm air to circulate more easily. Drapes can be strategically opened and closed to catch the sun's heat. Simply adding a few rugs or mats to your decor can help to keep floors warm.

Seal areas that permit heat to escape – drafts are your worst enemy when it comes to energy efficiency. Once your room is set up for warmth, be sure to keep that warmth inside. Gaps and cracks around doors and windows must be sealed to prevent heat from escaping. Caulking or weather-stripping are ideal for this purpose, but even plastic wrap or a layer of bubble wrap can add that extra bit of insulation to a window. Insulation is crucial, but it may need to be replaced periodically. The attic and basement are key areas in which to regularly check the insulation.

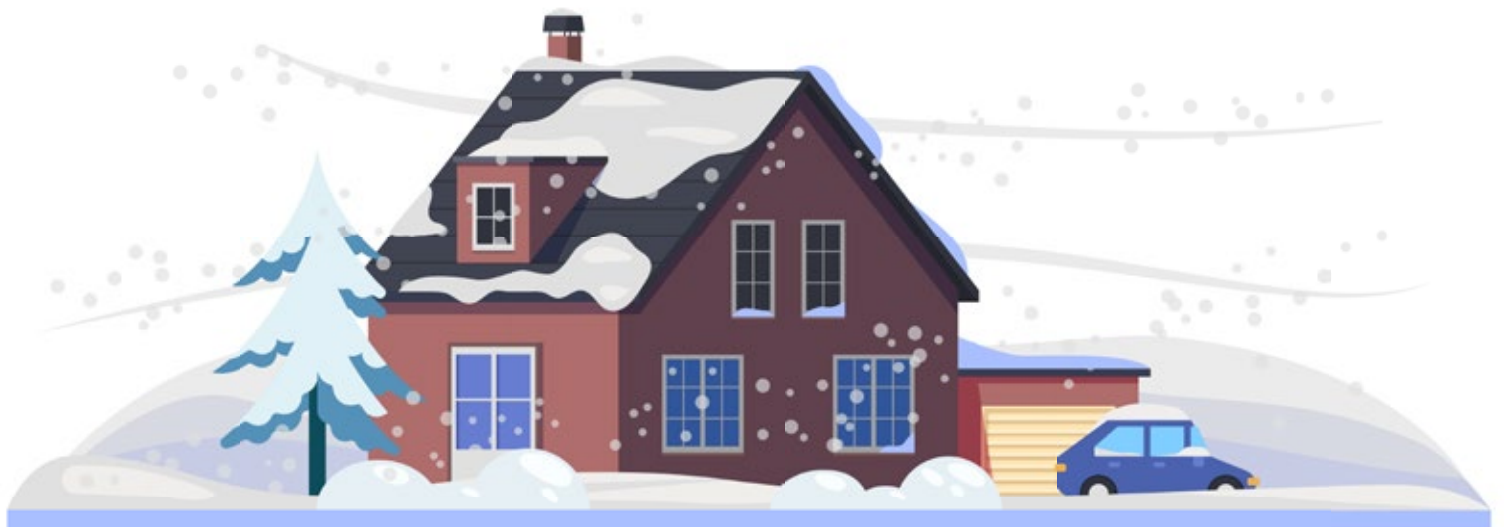
Inspect and clean your furnace and fireplace. Do hire a professional to inspect your furnace yearly, ensuring that it operates correctly. This is key, not only to keep it working efficiently, but also to prevent carbon monoxide leaks or other issues. Filters should be changed even more frequently in winter – about every three months.

Get efficient with your electricity. Efficiency is not exclusively about reducing electricity usage; it's about using electricity smartly. Turning your thermostat down by a few degrees can save you hundreds on your utility bill. Try turning down the thermostat to 15°C if everyone is away from home in the daytime, or while you're asleep at night. Programmable thermostats enable you to regulate room temperatures around your daily schedule. As for that ceiling fan, set the direction clockwise to enable it to pull warm air downward into the room.

Remember your roof is a first line of defense. Keep gutters clean to allow precipitation to drain freely away from your home and its foundation. Gutters that contain autumn's debris allow ice to accumulate, forcing snow to fall directly onto a house's facade, potentially leading to water damage.



Ensuring safety, comfort and the longevity of your home will enable you and your family to enjoy everything that Alberta's spectacular winters have to offer.



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 October 2022, the RRO is priced at \$0.22443 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For November 2022, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate is \$0.18882.

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