

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

June 2023

Scholarship Applications

Due August 1, 2023

Annually West Wetaskiwin REA offers 2 scholarships for \$1000.00 each available to children of members in good standing and who are entering post-secondary programs.

Don't delay! Get your applications in today!



Call Control

Do you have Call Control setup on your phone? You might be missing important information from Battle River Power Coop!

Add our number to your safe calls list by contacting your service provider. For detailed instructions, check our social media or visit Battle River Power Coop's website.

Add Us!

Battle River Power Coop (780) 672-7738



For Power Troubles:

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

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For RRO Billing and Account Inquiries:

Battle River Power Coop | Box 1420 Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X3

Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972

E-mail: brpc@brpower.coop | Website: www.brpower.coop

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 <u>www.westwetaskiwinrea.com/new-or-changes-to-services.html</u>

Thunderstorm Safety

During lightning and thunderstorms, it is essential to prioritize safety around power poles and power lines to minimize the risk of accidents and electrical hazards. Here are some guidelines to follow during storm season in Alberta:

- **1. Stay informed:** Pay attention to weather forecasts and warnings issued by local authorities. This will help you anticipate and prepare for storms in advance.
- 2. Stay indoors: Seek shelter in a sturdy building or a vehicle during thunderstorms. Avoid being outside in open areas, especially near power poles and overhead power lines.
- **3. Keep a safe distance:** Maintain a safe distance from power poles and power lines at all times. The minimum recommended distance is 10 meters. Never touch or go near a downed power line, as it may still be energized and pose a significant danger.
- **4. Avoid contact:** Do not touch any part of a power pole, including metal guy wires or any equipment attached to it. Lightning can strike the pole, and the electrical current can travel through conductive objects, potentially causing electric shocks.
- 5. Don't climb or hang objects: Never climb or hang objects, such as signs or decorations, on power poles or near power lines. These can become conductors during a lightning strike and increase the risk of electrical accidents.
- **6. Report hazards:** If you notice any damaged or leaning power poles, sagging power lines, or vegetation in close proximity to power lines, report them immediately to Battle River Power Coop to address the issue promptly and ensure public safety.



- 7. Stayawayfromwater: Duringthunderstorms, avoid activities near bodies of water, such as lakes, rivers, or pools, as water is an excellent conductor of electricity.
- 8. Be cautious when using electronic devices:
 Unplug sensitive electronic devices or use surge
 protectors to safeguard them from power surges
 caused by lightning strikes.
- 9. Teach children about safety: Educate children about the dangers of power poles and power lines during storms. Instruct them to stay away from these structures and seek shelter indoors.

Remember

During severe storms, it is crucial to prioritize personal safety. If you encounter a hazardous situation involving power poles or power lines, contact your local utility company or emergency services for assistance.

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 June 2023, the RRO is priced at \$0.19239 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For July 2023, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate is \$0.29376.

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).