

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

June 2020

West Wetaskiwin Scholarship Application Deadline is August 1, 2020

Annually, the West Wetaskiwin REA offers 2 (two) scholarships to children of members (in good standing) for the amount of \$1000.00 each.

This year the deadline for scholarship applications is August 1, 2020.

The selection of scholarship recipients is open to students in either diploma or degree granting programs. The applicant must be entering their first year of post-secondary study in a designated program and be a high school graduate of the current, or at most, previous calendar year.

Additional considerations for acceptance include the applicant's involvement in their community, financial need and academic achievement. Applicants are required to enclose an essay-style letter outlining details supporting the aforementioned considerations.

The Scholarship Application Form, with complete instructions and checklist for necessary documentation, is located on our website: <u>www.westwetaskiwinrea</u> <Power Points>.

Annually a scholarship review committee is formed consisting of Directors of the REA. This committee reviews all applications against a uniform grading system, determines the successful applicants, and reports results to the Board of Directors. These individuals are notified on, or before, October 25th of the current year. The Board chose this timing so the benefit of financial assistance would be available during the applicant's first and current year.

Please note the application form, with required documentation, must be mailed to West Wetaskiwin REA, R.R. #1 Main, Wetaskiwin, AB T9A 1W8 **postmarked on or before August 1, 2020**. Alternatively the application and supporting documents may be emailed to <u>westwet@telus.net</u> no later than midnight on **August 1st**.



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: <u>westwet@telus.net</u> 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: <u>brpc@brpower.coop</u> <u>www.brpower.coop</u>



Thunderstorm season in Canada is identified as the months of June, July and August and following are some guidelines to get you through the season safely.

To plan for a safe day, check the weather forecast first. If thunderstorms are forecast, avoid being outdoors at the time. If you must be outdoors, review your surroundings, identify safe emergency places and determine how long it will take you to reach them.

If you are out, watch the skies for developing thunderstorms and listen for thunder. As soon as you hear thunder, get to a safe location. If you can hear thunder, then you are susceptible to being hit by lightning. In fact, more people are struck before and after a thunderstorm than during one.

Get to a safe place. A safe location is a fully enclosed building with wiring and plumbing. Sheds, picnic shelters, tents or covered porches DO NOT protect you from lightning. If no sturdy building is close by, get into a metal-roofed vehicle and close all windows.

If caught outdoors far away from shelter, stay away from tall objects. This includes trees, poles, wires and fences. Take shelter in a low-lying area but be on the alert for other storm dangers, such as flooding.

If you are in your car during lightning, do not park under tall objects that could topple, and do not get out if there are downed power lines nearby. Be aware of downed power lines that may be touching your car. You are safe inside the car, but you may receive a shock if you step outside. If you see a downed powerline, call 911 or FortisAlberta at 310-WIRE (9473). **Do not handle electrical equipment, telephones or plumbing.** These are all electrical conductors. Using a computer, taking a bath or touching a metal window frame all put you at the risk of being stuck by lightning – use battery operated appliances only.

If you come across a downed power line, stay at least 10 meters (33 feet) away. Warn others to stay away and call FortisAlberta 310-WIRE (9473) or call 911 and report the location.

If you come across someone who has been struck, call for medical assistance immediately. If breathing has stopped, you may administer mouth-to-mouth or cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as people who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge.

Remember, when thunder roars, GO INDOORS!



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 2020, the RRO is priced at \$0.06303 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For July 2020, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate is \$0.06946.

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit <u>ucahelps.alberta.ca</u> 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: <u>www.westwetaskiwinrea.com</u>