

FENN RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ASSOCIATION

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Calling All FENN REA Members



Your Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for:

Monday, March 18, 2019 Start time: 7:30 pm.

The AGM is the perfect opportunity to meet with your Directors and network with fellow members.

The AGM is also the occasion where members receive reports on your REA including the President's Annual Report and the financial report.

There are no Director positions up for election this year, but your Directors (see below) will be available for discussions before and after the official meeting.

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Philip Jarmin	President
Brent Mailer	Vice-President
Jack Skocdopole	Director
Matt Jarmin	Director
Ace Waugh	Director
	Brent Mailer Jack Skocdopole Matt Jarmin



Change of Venue

Due to unforeseen circumstances the AGM will now take place at the:

Royal Canadian Legion Hall Main Street Big Valley, Alberta

Telephone: (403) 876-2646

For power outages, emergency power troubles and service requests, contact the distribution system operator for FENN REA: ATCO Electric

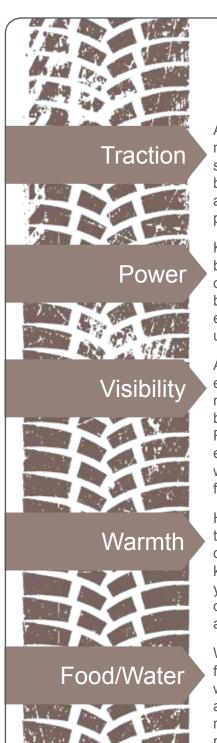
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Winter Road Tips to Keep You Safer and Warmer

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 (RRO) The RRO rate 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. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you receive the default RRO rate.

For January 2019, the RRO is priced at \$0.06800 per kWh, which is reflected on your enclosed bill. For February 2019, the Battle River Power Coop monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.07271; the billing rate charged to FENN REA members is \$0.06800. The RRO rate is also listed on www.fennrea.com.

The delivery of electricity to you is not affected by your choice. If you change who you purchase electricity services from, you will continue receiving electricity from the distribution company in your service area.

For information about the electricity industry and for a list of Alberta licensed retailers, visit the Utilities Consumer Advocate at www.ucahelps.alberta.ca or call toll free 310-4822. For a list of retailers registered within the FENN REA area visit: www.fennrea.com.

Information on FENN REA's Code of Conduct Compliance Plan can be found on our website: www.fennrea.com