



Watch for Wildlife on the Road

Fall and early winter see a peak in wildlife/vehicle collisions so with the shorter daylight hours it is important to take care when driving Alberta's highways.

Did you know.....



54% of crashes on rural highways involved wildlife



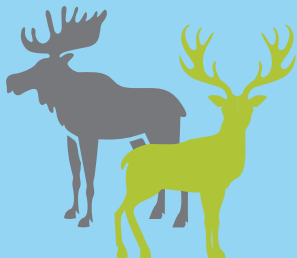
4% of those crashes resulted in human casualties



Alberta reports 35% of all collisions involving animals occurred between 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.



Alberta statistics indicate that Fridays have 15.8% of all collisions.



Deer are involved in 80% of wildlife/vehicle collisions with November having a high rate.

Moose are involved in approximately 7% of wildlife/vehicle collisions which peak in December and January.

Temperature decrease means power consumption increase



With shorter days and cooler temperatures, fall and winter naturally see an increase in power consumption. While Albertans prepare themselves for this reality year after year, following are some quick tips for winter energy efficiency.



Review your thermostat programming as you head into winter and ideally set it between 18°C and 20°C before bed. When properly set, a thermostat can **reduce heating costs by up to 10%**. For every degree lower you turn down your thermostat, you can save up to 3% on heating costs



Double check windows and doors and if necessary replace old seals. Weather stripping around doors and windows can **reduce energy needs by up to 25%**.



Winter in Alberta is the perfect time for a nice warm fire. Wood-burning fireplaces may look cozy, but they actually pull heat up the chimney and let cold in. Keep the flue shut tight when you're not relaxing by the fire.



Check the direction of the flow of your ceiling fan. For energy efficient winter comfort, ceiling fans should rotate clockwise (as you look up at the fan) at a low speed. The gentle updraft pushes warm air, which naturally rises to the ceiling, down along the walls to the floor.

More home energy saving ideas can be found on the reverse side of this newsletter.

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

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Energy Saving Tips for Your Home



Unplug your household electronics - keeping them in standby mode wastes about 10% of residential electricity load. Consider grouping certain electronics on a power bar so they can be turned off as a group.



Let the sun shine in! Keep your curtains and shades open during the day so the sun can naturally warm up your home.



Need to reheat leftovers? Use the microwave! Microwaves use up to 75% less electricity than stoves.



Don't peek at that pie, or other items, baking or roasting in the oven! 20% of the heat escapes each time an oven has its door opened.



Slow cookers are a great way to cook. A typical meal costs an average of 17 cents of energy usage for a family.



Using a 6" pot on an 8" burner can waste more than 40% of the burner's heat. Use the right size pot with the right size burner.



Using lids while cooking reduces energy consumption by up to 14%.



Air-drying dishes in a dishwasher can cut total energy consumption by 15%.



Installing a timer on your water heater that turns off at night and back on just before you wake up in the morning can help save \$ on your energy bill.



Using the cold water setting on your washing machine can reduce energy use by as much as 90%.



Inspecting your furnace filter every 3 months can increase its operating efficiency.

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, 2017 RRO is priced at \$0.0384 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For November, 2017 the RRO is priced at \$0.0384 per kWh.

It is very important to note that your electrical distribution system provider will always be the West Wetaskiwin REA, regardless of who supplies your electricity. Members will not be disadvantaged in any way based on their retailer choice.

For a list of energy retailers, contact the Utilities Consumer Advocate: 310-4-UCA (310-4822) or www.ucahelps.alberta.ca. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you are on the default Regulated Rate Option (RRO). The RRO rate is listed on www.westwetaskiwinrea.com