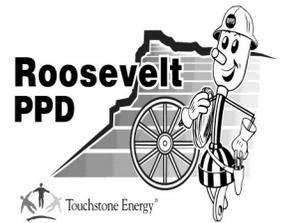


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FALL SAFETY TIPS

ESFI reminds you to keep electrical safety in mind as the cooler fall weather moves many activities back indoors. The following safety tips will help you stay safe during the change of seasons:

- Safely store warm weather tools like lawn mowers and trimmers. Check cold weather tools, such as leaf and snow blowers, along with their power cords, for unusual wear and tear. Repair or replace worn tools or parts right away.
- Unplug and safely store battery chargers that won't be in use again until spring.
- Use only weatherproof electrical devices for outside activities. Protect outdoor electrical devices from moisture. Make sure electrical equipment that has been wet is inspected and reconditioned by a certified repair dealer.
- Keep dry leaves swept away from outdoor lighting, outlets and power cords.
- Make sure electric blankets are in good repair and certified by an independent testing lab such as UL, CSA or ETL. Power cords should not be frayed, cracked or cut.
- Do not tuck your electric blanket under mattresses or children, and do not put anything, such as comforters or bedspreads, on top of the blanket while it is in use.

HEATING PADS & ELECTRIC BLANKET SAFETY

Heating pads and electric blankets cause almost 500 fires each year. Almost all of these fires involve electric blankets that are more than ten years old.

There are two types of personal heating appliances, heating pads that are placed directly on the mattress and electric blankets. They are not meant to be used interchangeably or at the same time.

Safety Tips:

- Look for dark, charred, or frayed spots or one where the electric cord is cracked or frayed. Replace any worn or old heating pad or electric blanket.
- Do not allow anything on top of a heating pad or electric blanket when it is in use. When covered by anything, including other blankets or pets, electric blankets may overheat.
- Never fold electric blankets when in use. Folded or tucked in blankets could overheat and cause a fire.
- Heating appliances should never be left unattended or used while sleeping.

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GOOD READS!

“A WRITTEN TRIBUTE TO LINEMEN” There’s National Lineman Appreciation Day and an International Lineman’s Museum and Hall of Fame. Now there’s a book to honor the lineman’s part in our nation’s progress. *The American Lineman: Honoring the Evolution and Importance of One of the Nation’s Toughest, Most Admired Professions* fills that role and then some.

Author Alan Drew, a senior vice president at Northwest Lineman College in Meridian, Idaho, details the evolution of linemen in a hefty coffee table book stuffed with more than 500 photos and illustrations. Drew got the idea for the book during a field expedition in Idaho, where he saw original telegraph lines in a mining camp. He says the history of the power industry is rich with references to Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla. “But you won’t read about the linemen who built the transcontinental power grid we have today, piece by piece,” he says. “Linemen never got the credit they deserved for all the things they built, yet they are so critical to our infrastructure.”

When Drew realized there were no books on lineman history, he set out to change that. For about four years during his off hours, he “chipped away” at the book, finishing it in 2016. The first of the book’s eight chapters is “The Telegraph Era 1840-1870,” and the last is “The Digital Age 1990-2015.” In between, you can see the trade’s growing sophistication and focus on safety.

Drew interviewed several electric co-op leaders for the rural electrification sections and mined the college’s archives. “We’ve always had quite a commitment to preserving the history of the power delivery industry and, in particular, the lineman,” Drew says. “We want our students to understand how we got where we are, that it just didn’t happen”.

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“A HISTORY OF NEBRASKA AGRICULTURE: A LIFE WORTH LIVING”

Speaking of rural electrification, one of our very own RPPD customers, Jody Lamp, along with Melody Dobson and Arcadia Publishing and The History Press, has published a book titled **“A HISTORY OF NEBRASKA AGRICULTURE: A LIFE WORTH LIVING”**, which features a chapter specifically related to the electrification of our area. Once known as the “Great American Desert,” Nebraska’s plains and native grasslands today make it a domestic leader in producing food, feed, and fuel. From Omaha to Ogallala, Nebraska’s founding farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness leaders endured hardships while fostering kinships that have lasted generations. While many continued on the trails leading west, others from around

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