

September 2023 >>>



*Commitment to Zero Contacts 2.0  
Announcement!  
Generator Safety  
Storm Preparedness  
Holiday Closing*



Serving Stanton County and parts of Madison, Wayne, Cuming, and Colfax counties

# EnLIGHTening NEWS

About Us >>>

## Stanton County Public Power District: Board of Directors

*Gary Koehlmoos .....President  
Weldon Marotz .....Vice President  
Jim Scherer .....Secretary  
Doug Oertwich.....Treasurer  
John Gall .....Director  
Bob Schellpeper.....Director*

### Contact Us:

Phone – (402)-439-2228 or (877)-439-2228  
Website: [www.scppd.com](http://www.scppd.com)  
Email: [scppd@scppd.net](mailto:scppd@scppd.net)  
Mail: PO Box 319, Stanton, NE 68779  
Office: 807 Douglas St. Stanton, NE  
Check us out on Facebook & Twitter

**Report an Outage:  
877-439-2300  
for after hours service**

## Commitment to Safety



The daily work of a lineman is full of hazards including hot-line work, climbing poles, cutting trees, and driving large equipment in some of the worst weather conditions. Storm jobs can present some difficult working conditions as well. At the end of the day, we strive to keep the lights on but must remain focused on doing it safely.

Details inside



## Commitment to Zero Contacts 2.0>>>

The importance of safety is generally accepted by all. In the utility business, we live that statement every day. We all have important jobs to do to keep the lights on and your power affordable, however we must focus on safety every step of the way! Stanton County Public Power District, and many other utilities across the country, spend a lot of time and energy on their safety programs and rightfully so. They are always striving to get better, improve programs and keep that focus. There are some goals in the industry that are measurable when met, such as a specific financial target or a reduction in outage time. Those results are in the data and we can determine if the goal is met. Safety goals don't work that way so we have to constantly work to keep our safety program fresh and our employees engaged.



This summer we are working through a new program called Commitment to Zero 2.0 with assistance from our statewide association, NREA. This program is aimed at breaking down various portions of our work procedures and policies and identifying areas that may need some attention. We want to identify distractions, blind spots and areas of drift before issues arise.

Each lineman was surveyed over key work procedures and company policies. This survey was developed by our national organization and insurance company from the trends of the industry. The survey results are compiled and carefully reviewed. The crew leaders and the management team developed a plan to work on areas of opportunity. Each plan is specific to the District it applies to.

We are continuously looking for new and better ways to improve our safety program. We are all working to build a culture of safety and promote a work environment that sends all our linemen home safely every night.

Chad Waldow – General Manager/CEO

“The overall idea of this program is to use input from all employees and develop a customized plan to keep focused on safety! The concept is *Tell me- I forget, Show me- I remember, Involve me – I’m Committed!*”

Larry Oetken, NREA Job Safety Coordinator



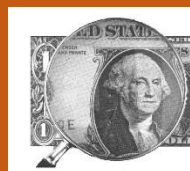
**Rural Customers: We will no longer be sending out the Nebraska Magazine each month with this newsletter.**

**The publication is available online at NebraskaMagazine.org if you wish to continue reading.**

**Please keep watching as we are making changes to our newsletter as well!**

## EnergyWise Incentives >>>

*Energy Efficiency is important to all! If you are looking for ways to save energy and money, check our list of rebate programs. There are several options for customers to take advantage of in the 2023 year. For more information, check the website at [www.sccppd.com](http://www.sccppd.com) or call the office at 402-439-2228.*



**ENERGYWISE**<sup>SM</sup>  
Use less. Spend less. Do more.

## 2023 Incentive Rebate Programs

Residential Heat Pump Water Heater:

\$400 for air source with an EF > 1.9

\$650 for ground source with an EF > 2.8

High Efficiency Heat Pump:

\$400 - \$3000 Incentive

Minimum SEER 15, EER 12.5 & HSPF 8.5

Includes Air-to-Air, and Water/Ground source

**\*15 SEER incentive discontinued after 2023\***

SMART thermostat:

\$25-\$100 Incentive options

Cooling System Tune-up: \$30

Attic Insulation: \$0.15 per square foot - \$300 max.

# Generator Safety

*Firing up one portable generator is like starting a parking lot full of cars.*

Firing up one fuel-powered portable generator produces as much carbon monoxide (CO) as hundreds of combustion-engine cars, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Using a portable generator in a home, garage or too close to an enclosed area is like starting a parking lot full of cars and letting the CO poison seep into that area. The devastating result is almost immediate: The CO from one generator can kill in minutes.

## CO facts

CO is colorless and odorless. Poisoning can happen so quickly that exposed persons may become unconscious before recognizing any symptoms. Each year in the U.S.:

- Approximately 85 individuals die from CO poisoning.
- Most deaths (81%) occur in residential locations.

African Americans are at greater risk of CO poisoning, accounting for 23 percent of generator-related CO deaths, nearly double their estimated 13 percent share of the U.S. population, according to the U.S. Census.

## Safety tips

To use a portable generator safely:

- Always use a portable generator at least 20 feet away from your home.
- Never operate one inside a home, on a porch or near windows and doors.
- Apply the 20-foot distance rule to other locations, such as a shed, cabin, camper or trailer.
- When shopping for a generator, look for one that gives off reduced emissions.
- Also look for one that shuts off automatically when high levels of CO are present.
- Keep your generator well maintained and follow all manufacturer's instructions.
- Operate it under an open, canopy-like structure on a dry surface where water cannot pool underneath.
- Ensure CO detectors are installed on every level of your home and near or in bedrooms.
- Test CO alarms monthly; also track their age. They need to be replaced every seven years.

A portable generator is usually gas powered and movable. A generator should have more output than the wattage of the electronics plugged into it. This way, the generator will be able to create the extra electricity it takes for the initial power surge. Make sure there is nothing plugged into the generator when turning it on.



## Storm Preparedness>>>

*We work hard to provide the most reliable service possible. Rest assured, if the power is out, we are on it! However, sometimes it can take an extended time to restore services. When a storm leads to an outage, we want you to be prepared. Have essential items ready for you and your family in the event of a prolonged outage. For a full list of recommended items check our website*

*[www.scppd.com](http://www.scppd.com) or [safelectricity.org](http://safelectricity.org)*



**EnLIGHTening NEWS** FROM YOUR  
STANTON COUNTY PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
P.O. BOX 319  
STANTON, NE 68779-0319

PRSR STD  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 25  
Stanton, NE 68779

# Holiday Closing

*The SCPPD office will be closed  
Monday, September 4, 2023  
in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.  
We celebrate all workers and thank you for continuing to  
keep our country running!*



It's the Law – Call  
Before You Dig!  
1-800-331-5666



877-439-2228 [www.scppd.com](http://www.scppd.com) [scppd@scppd.net](mailto:scppd@scppd.net)  
Like us on Facebook



For valuable, timely information on power outages or important updates;  
follow us on Twitter! @StantonCoPPD

