



Light Notes

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Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative

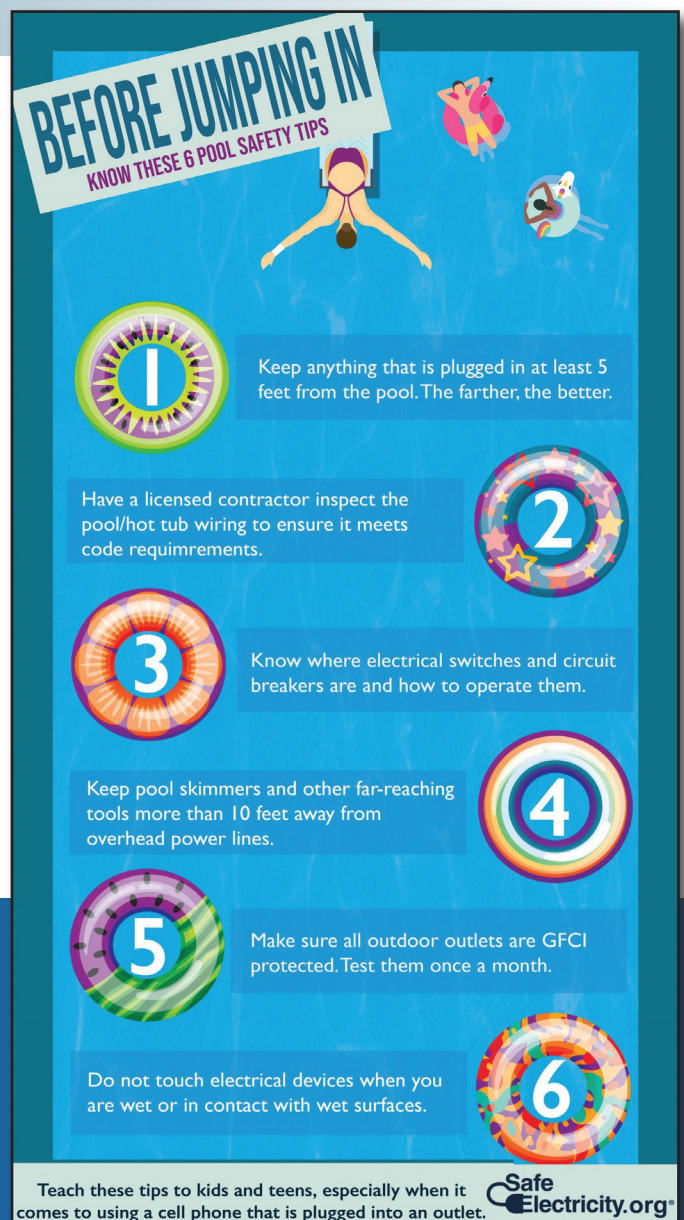
Lancaster, Darlington and Gays Mills, Wisconsin
Kids on a Kayak courtesy of Rebecca Kruse, Argyle



STAY SAFE ON THE WATER

The Summer season is full of water activities and we want to remind all our members that electricity and water do not mix. Follow these safety tips no matter what body of water you are enjoying this summer.


- Do not swim around docks with electrical equipment
- All electrical wiring should be performed by a licensed contractor and inspected annually
- Docks should be wired with a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI)
- Metal frames of docks should be connected to ensure that any electrical malfunction will trip the circuit breaker
- Metal docks should be properly grounded
- Neighborhood and private/personal docks present additional hazards if they are not properly maintained and inspected
- When you are in the water, if you feel electrical current –
 - o Shout for help
 - o Tuck your legs up to make yourself smaller
 - o Swim away from anything that could be energized, especially boats, ladders and the dock



BEFORE JUMPING IN KNOW THESE 6 POOL SAFETY TIPS

- 1** Keep anything that is plugged in at least 5 feet from the pool. The farther, the better.
- 2** Have a licensed contractor inspect the pool/hot tub wiring to ensure it meets code requirements.
- 3** Know where electrical switches and circuit breakers are and how to operate them.
- 4** Keep pool skimmers and other far-reaching tools more than 10 feet away from overhead power lines.
- 5** Make sure all outdoor outlets are GFCI protected. Test them once a month.
- 6** Do not touch electrical devices when you are wet or in contact with wet surfaces.

Teach these tips to kids and teens, especially when it comes to using a cell phone that is plugged into an outlet.



SREC will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023,

in recognition of the Independence Day holiday. We wish you a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July!



HAPPY Fourth of July!



THE PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR POWER



Andy Kilcoyne
Area Supervisor – Gays Mills

Years of Service - 22 years

Family - wife - Charlotte;
daughters - Stella, Akeelah,
and Maliah

Hobbies - Spending time
with my family, working
with our steers

RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE NOTES



Zielie's Tree Service will be trimming on the north and west circuits of the Mt Hope Substation in Grant County.

Zielie's Tree Service and Scenic Rivers Energy crews will be spraying on the Castle Rock Substation in Grant County.

Badgerland Utility Solutions will be inspecting underground cabinets and transformers on the Argyle Substation in Lafayette County.

It is important for SREC to maintain its rights-of-way for the following reasons:

- Accessibility for field crews, vehicles and equipment
- Fire prevention
- Reliable electric service
- Quality service with the reduction of outages and blinks
- Safety for workers and the public
- Meeting state and federal code requirements

On a daily basis, SREC employees and contractors may be working throughout the area, and at times on your property, to operate and maintain the electric system and our rights-of-ways. If you have questions, please contact us at 800-236-2141.



Do This, NOT That

- ✓ Keep water nearby in case fireworks start a fire.
- ✗ Don't point fireworks at pets.
- ✓ Wear eye protection if you light a firework.
- ✗ Never try relighting a dud.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Summer is a prime opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. To reduce home energy use, avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the electricity used to power the stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for air conditioning or cooling.

You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen (or the backyard) and find new ways to save energy!

Source: Dept. of Energy



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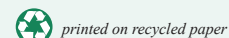
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