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SWITCH TO E-BILLING AND BE A WINNER!

New Year, new you, new way to get your bill?

With changes in the way the United States Postal Service is processing and delivering mail, we are aware that some of you may not be getting your monthly statement in a timely manner.

We would like to offer you the option of electronic billing or E-billing.

Each month on the second business day, you are e-mailed a

notification that your statement is available to view through your on-line account.

No longer do you need to wait by your mailbox and hope that your bill will arrive in time for you to mail back your payment on time.

With E-billing you will be notified in a timely manner and you can then decide which convenient payment method you would like to use listed in the graphic below.

If you sign up for E-billing, you could be a winner! From now until the end of March, the switch to E-billing will get your name in a drawing for a \$50 credit on your bill.

To be entered in the drawing, please contact the friendliest customer service reps in the area during office hours 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. M-F at 402-675-2185, to get signed up for E-billing. This does require that you have an online account and you will no longer receive a paper bill in the mail.

The winner will be contacted after the drawing takes place in March.

IRRIGATION MEETINGS

There will be irrigation meetings 10 - 11 a.m., **January 19** at the Farmers Pride Cooperative in Battle Creek and 10-11 a.m., **January 20**, at the American Legion in Clearwater to discuss the rate design changes and load control program, get your input and answer any questions you may have.

Your input into this program is valuable to us because, as public power, we are working for you. As we manage costs through our load control program, that value is returned to you with stable rates and reliability.

You could be a winner of a

\$50 DRAWING

See details above

WAYS TO PAY ELECTRIC BILL

- PAY BILL ONLINE**
at www.erpdp.com, click on "Online Bill Pay" or download our app
- PAY BILL IN PERSON**
at our office or use our dropbox 24 hours a day
- AUTOMATIC BILL PAY**
with automatic deductions from checking or savings account and debit or credit cards
- CALL OR MAIL IN PAYMENT**
(800) 675-2185 with a debit or credit card or e-check or mail a check or money order

ENERGYWISE INCENTIVES



We offer a wide range of EnergyWiseSM incentives and rebates designed to help you **SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY**, and contribute to a more sustainable future for all Nebraskans.

Do you have plans in the new year to do any updates to your house or appliances? Is an electrical vehicle (EV) in your future?

If so you will want to check out the EnergyWise Incentives on the ERPPD website under the "Energy" tab.

There are some changes for 2022 in addition to the great incentives for attic insulation, cooling system tuning, heat pumps and water heaters - see the table below.

New for 2022, is a 20%

incentive off the purchase price before sales tax for a 30 inch minium width induction cook top or range. There are many advantages to an induction cook top - it heats up quickly, has precise temperature adjustments, and it has a safety feature - if there is no pan on the burner, the burner automatically shuts off.

Some changes for 2022 include an increase to a 20% incentive on a new battery powered or corded electric lawn mower; 50% incentive on the purchase price of a self installed smart-thermostat

with no limit on the number of smart thermostats purchased per household; an increase to an \$18/hp for installing a Variable Frequency Drive on a center pivot with a corner pivot system; and a \$4,000 incentive for the purchase of a new battery EV.

You can check out these changes and all the incentives at www.erppd.com/energy or you can call Brian at 402-675-2185 with any questions you might have.

ENERGYWISESM
Use less. Spend less. Do more.

EnergyWise SM Incentives	
Residential Heat Pump Water Heater	Cooling System Tune Up
\$400 for air source with EF>1.9 \$650 for ground source with EF> 28	\$30
High Efficiency Heat Pump	Irrigation System Updates
\$400-\$3,000 Minimum SEER 15, EER 12.5 & HSPF 8.5. Includes Air-to-Air and Water/Ground source	\$500 for the replacement of all existing outlet components such as sprinkler heads, sprayers, rotators, plates, pads and nozzles and regulators on qualified systems
Residential Attic Insulation	See the details for these and more incentives online at www.erppd.com or call Brian at 800.675.2185
\$0.15/sq. ft. maximum \$300	

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Maximize your heating system's performance by inspecting, cleaning or replacing air filters once a month or as needed to reduce energy costs and prevent potential damage to your system.

Make sure radiators, baseboard heaters and warm-air registers aren't blocked so air can flow freely.

Source: Dept. of Energy

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NE NE FARM SHOW - COME SEE US



Come see us at the 35th Annual Northeast Nebraska Farm and Equipment Show January 12-13, 2022, at the NECC Ag Complex on the corner of Hwy 35 and Benjamin Ave, Norfolk. Be sure to stop out for energy saving and safety tips, giveaways and drawings for prizes!

Pictured above is Marc Ahlers explaining the high voltage trailer demonstration to those in attendance.

TRUCK FOR SALE:

The truck pictured to the right will be available for purchase as described below.

2009 GMC 5500 - Allison Auto Cab, 4x4, 6.6 Duramax engine and chassis only. 57,217 miles The truck is available for viewing.

Sealed bids on the truck may be made starting Monday, **January 3**, by mail at PO Box 310, Battle Creek NE 68715, in person at 206 N. 4th St. Battle Creek, NE or e-mail: tknutson@erppd.com.

The sale will close at **4:00 p.m. Friday, January 17**. The winning bid will be selected and the buyer notified.

The truck will be listed on Facebook Marketplaces as well.

If you have questions about the truck call Chris Sovereign at 402-675-2185.



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MAKE SURE YOU'RE READY WHEN MOTHER NATURE STRIKES

Stay Safe and Warm This Winter

As January and winter get into full swing, we should prepare for possible weather events that could disrupt our normal routines and cause safety hazards. Here are some tips on how to prepare and stay safe and warm this winter.

Winterize your home:

- Install weather stripping, insulation and storm windows.
- Insulate water lines running along exterior walls.

- Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks.

Check you heating systems:

- Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside
- Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
- Install smoke detectors and test batteries monthly.

Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) emergencies:

- Install a CO detector to alert

you of the presence of the deadly orderless colorless gas.

- Check batteries in the CO detector when you change your clocks in the spring and fall.
- Learn the symptoms of CO poisoning that include headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain and confusion.

Be prepared for weather related emergencies, including power outages.

- Be sure to have plenty of non-perishable food on hand and extra water stored in clean containers.
- Keep an up-to-date emergency kit on hand.
- Never use a stove to heat your home.
- When using a portable generator for power, always place it outside, well away from the garage, doors and windows and air-intake vents.

For more winter safety information you can contact SafeElectricity.org.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Make one of your New Year's resolutions updating your information with us. Have you moved? Have a new phone number or e-mail address? Current information makes it easier for us to contact you for planned outages or account purposes.

You can update your information online if you pay online or with the app. Or, you can call our office, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday at 800.675.2185 and speak with our friendly, helpful customer service reps.

