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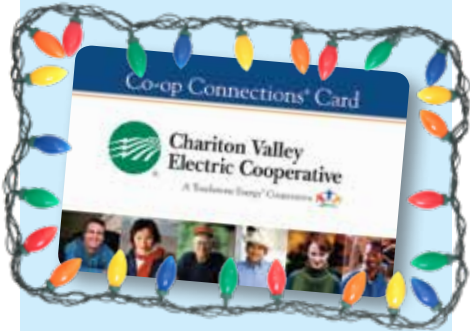
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More savings equals more gifts under the Christmas tree. Use your Co-op Connections Card when shopping for presents this holiday season. Find all the ways to save at www.cvrec.com!

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Giving back is the cooperative way

BY BRYON STILLEY

As some of you might know, cooperatives across the globe adhere to the same Seven Cooperative Principles that guide all our decisions – from how we run the co-op to how we engage with our local communities. Concern for community is the seventh principle, and it is one that all employees of Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative value year-round. But, during the holiday season, concern for community seems especially important.

Electric cooperatives have a proud history of giving back. Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative recently hosted its Ninth Annual Food Drive, while also collecting gifts for our local Toys for Tots program. So many families go without and struggle to make ends meet. This

struggle can be especially hard during the holiday season.

There are many ways you can give back to the community that go beyond financial donations.

Take some time to go through your closets and find clothes that no longer fit or have lost their use. Bag those items up and take them to your local Helping Hands, Goodwill or church clothing drive. Volunteer for a local food or toy drive,

deliver meals to the sick and the elderly or simply make a meal for a neighbor in need.

No matter how great or small the act, every time we give back, we strengthen our community.

Give back this holiday season. You'll be glad you did. ⚡



Bryon Stilley is the general manager of Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

GIVING BACK



The Toys for Tots message of hope for the future has motivated youngsters to grow into responsible, productive and patriotic citizens. Children are one of our nation's most valuable resources. Today's children are tomorrow's leaders – civic, business and social. Toys for Tots not only benefits children, but also has a positive impact on communities, businesses and on the nation. Toys for Tots is one vehicle for addressing the issue of poverty among children.

Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative will have our Toys for Tots box in our lobby through Dec. 19. Bring a new, unwrapped gift to help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to your communities' less fortunate children! ⚡



SAFE DÉCOR FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

It's almost time to deck those halls! Statistics show that home fires and electrical accidents typically increase during winter months, so keep these holiday lighting tips in mind for a safe holiday season.

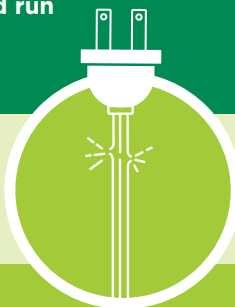
Carefully inspect all electrical decorations before you use them. Cracked or damaged sockets and/or loose or exposed wires can cause serious shock or start a fire.



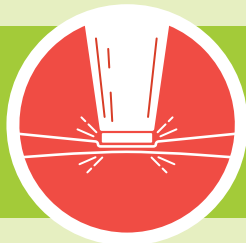
Consider purchasing LED lights, which use less energy and run cooler than traditional incandescent lights.



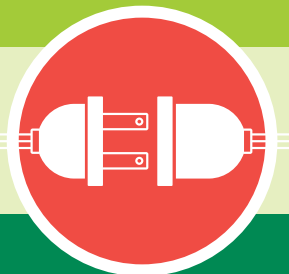
Never mount or support light strings in a way that might damage the cord's insulation.



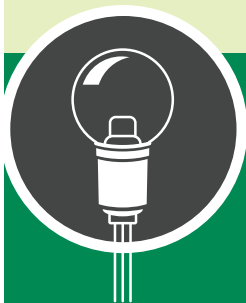
Make sure that cords are not pinched in doors, windows or under heavy furniture, which could damage the cord's insulation.



Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses.



Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.



Source: Electrical Safety Foundation International

EDITOR'S CHOICE CONTEST

Win a wireless pro weather station!



With winter weather here, stay alert to changing conditions! The pro weather station features a high-precision, 5-in-1 wireless weather sensor that accurately measures current and incoming weather. You can even set weather alarms for temperature, humidity, wind, rain, dew point and the heat index. Plus, you can activate storm alerts and receive email and text alerts to notify you when conditions may require your attention!

The suggested retail price is \$230. For more information visit www.acurite.com and search for 01536P.

Visit our website and win!

Enter this month's contest for the wireless weather station by visiting the *Living with Energy in Iowa* website at www.livingwithenergyiniowa.com no later than Dec. 31, 2018. You must be a member of one of Iowa's electric cooperatives to win. There's no obligation associated with entering, we don't share entrant information with anyone and multiple entries from the same account will be disqualified. The winner of the electric turkey fryer in the October issue was Monica Wessels from T.I.P. REC. 🦃

OFFICE CLOSINGS

Dec. 24-25 ★ Christmas

Jan. 1 ★ New Year's Day

Even though our office is closed, you can call us at 641-932-7126, 24 hours a day, seven days a week for answers to billing and account questions, paying your bill and service interruptions.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

CVEC participates in Albia's town square trick-or-treat

On Oct. 31, CVEC participated in Albia's trick-or-treat around the town square. CVEC employees, along with LED Lucy and Bolt the Bucket Truck, were on hand to pass out candy to all the little ghosts and goblins. ⚡



A CORD IS NOT A CHEW TOY

Q: What's the most common type of electrical injury for household pets?

A: Electrocution from chewing on an electrical cord

TAKE ACTION:

Pet proof your home by covering or enclosing electrical cords and taking steps to prevent other electrical hazards.

Although any pet can chew on a cord, puppies are the most likely culprit.

Learn more about pet safety at SafeElectricity.org.