

## Special points of interest:

### Roundup Scholarship Available

Operation Roundup scholarship applications are being accepted through July 1st. Any co-op member or their dependent child that will be attending college including technical college this fall is eligible to apply. Please contact Mark Forseth at the co-op to receive an application.

MainStreet Messenger First Alert Systems, for more details call 715-445-2211 or 1-800-377-2932

Please visit us at [www.cwecoop.com](http://www.cwecoop.com).

## Summer Electrical Safety

Whether you are taking on a home improvement project, planning to trim a tree, adding to your garden or taking a refreshing swim, take a moment to consider the electrical equipment around you, and potential hazards to avoid during summer months. Always take particular concern with overhead power lines and the additional dangers when water and storm activity are present.

Accidents involving electricity can yield tragic results. Be aware of potential safety issues and how to protect yourself. Here are some helpful safety reminders.

### Summer Safety Tips:

- **Look Up and Around You.** Always be aware of the location of power lines, particularly when using long metal ladders, pool skimmers and pruning poles, or when installing rooftop antennas and satellite dishes or doing roof repair work.
- Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house. Keep equipment and yourself at least 10 feet from lines. Never trim trees near power lines-leave that to the professionals
- If your project includes digging, like building a deck or planting a tree call Diggers Hotline before you begin. Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. Call 1-800-242-8511 at least three business days ahead of your dig date. This service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted, and can help you avoid serious injury.

- **Electricity + water = DANGER.** If it's raining or the ground is wet, avoid using electric yard tools. Never step into a flooded area, especially basements, if the water is in contact with electrical outlets, appliances or cords.
- If gas-burning appliances are submerged in a flooded basement, do not re-light before a service professional checks to make sure they are safe.
- Do not use any electrical appliances or touch circuit breakers or fuses when you are wet or standing in water.
- Be sure outdoor outlets and outlets near wet areas of the kitchen, bath and laundry room have ground fault circuit interrupts to prevent serious shock injuries.

### Basic Electric Safety Rules for Children:

- **Never climb trees near power lines.**
- Fly kites and model airplanes in large open areas like a park or a field, safely away from trees and overhead power lines. If a kite gets stuck in a tree that is near power lines, do not climb up to get it out.
- **Never climb a utility pole.**
- **Never go into an electric substation** for any reason-even on a dare. Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment, which can kill you. Never rescue a pet that goes inside. Call you local electric utility instead.

## Electric Line

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## Saving Energy At Home

An efficient home uses the energy you pay for as wisely as possible, with as little power as possible. In an efficient home, the money you spend to power your home will stay in your home-instead of leaking out of it through poor insulation, a wasteful air conditioning system or a host of other inefficient reasons.

Creating an energy-efficient home is not a change you can make overnight. It's a series of small changes you can make every day, and in every part of your home.

### Energy Efficiency Means:

- Getting the most use out of each unit of energy you purchase
- Using energy wisely
- Eliminating the ways your home wastes energy

### Making Your Home More Energy Efficient Will:

- Make it more comfortable
- Make it safer
- Save you money

# Stimulus Package

## Energy Assistance & Weatherization Package

There has been a lot in the news about how the Stimulus Package is bailing out this company or that company, and you may be wondering what is in it for me? Actually, there are some very attractive incentives being offered by The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), providing assistance for heating costs, electric costs, and energy crisis situations. WHEAP operates with federal and state funding, and provides assistance to approximately 160,000 Wisconsin households annually.

### You may be eligible for weatherization services if:

- Your gross income for the last three months is equal to or less than 200% federal poverty guideline for your family size (see chart below).
- Your dwelling/apartment has not been weatherized before.
- Your household meets certain priorities that may include a high-energy burden or use, an elderly or disabled member or a child under the age of six living in the home.
- Remember these are grants and no repayment is required.

## 2009 Income Guideline for Weatherization

Size of Family	3 Month Income
1	\$5,415
2	\$7,285
3	\$9,155
4	\$11,025
5	\$12,895
6	\$14,765
7	\$16,635
8	\$18,505
Each Additional	\$1,870

You can apply by contacting your local Wisconsin Heating Energy Assistance Agency (WHEAP) to determine your eligibility for weatherization service.

### Here are the contacts by county:

#### Portage County – Energy Services, Inc

Nancy Zinda  
1308 Main Street  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
715-344-5999

#### Waupaca County – Energy Services, Inc

Deborah J. Walker  
1300 Royalton Street  
Waupaca, WI 54981  
715-258-6820

#### Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe

Crystal Maline  
N8705 Mohheconnuck Rd  
Bowler, WI 54416  
715-793-4860

#### Shawano County – Shawano Cty DSS

Kriss Kimmer  
607 E. Elizabeth St  
Shawano, WI 54166  
715-526-4740

#### Marathon County – Energy Services, Inc

Lisa Buchler  
308 Grand Ave, Ste 101  
Wausau, WI 54403  
715-842-3111

If your income is greater than 200% of the federal poverty level you may be eligible for funds in the form of tax credits for a variety of home improvements. The tax credits come with no income restrictions and are given for 30% of the project costs with a cap of \$1,500. **Here are the home improvements that are eligible:**

- Storm Windows
- Exterior & Storm Doors
- Roofing (Metal & Asphalt)
- Insulation
- Central Air Conditioning
- Exterior Windows & Skylights
- Air Source Heat Pump
- New Furnace
- Boilers
- Air Circulating Fans
- Biomass Stoves
- Water Heaters

### For more information check out the following websites:

[www.cwecoop.com](http://www.cwecoop.com) - click the stimulus button  
[www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov](http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov)

## Brushing and Other Summer Projects

Trees and utility service lines are integral components of every community. By necessity, they must co-exist in close proximity, and each in its own way is essential to our high standard of living. In an effort to provide you with the most reliable electricity possible we will continue our brushing project in the Almond, Wittenberg and Tigerton areas. Your cooperation in allowing us to clear the right-of-ways would greatly be appreciated.

To better serve the Bowler area we will be converting overhead lines to underground along the following roads – Kolpack, Regina and River. Here too we would appreciate the cooperation of all property owners.

Please feel free to call us with any questions or comments you may have.

## A little humor!

Ole's neighbor Sven had a boy, Sven Junior, who came home one day and asked, "Papa, I have da biggest feet in da third grade. Is dat becoss I'm Norwegian?"

"No," said Sven, "It's because you're NINETEEN."

Ole and Sven went fishing one summer and decided to rent a boat from the resort instead of fishing from the shore. They rowed out a ways and started to fish. They caught one fish after the other.

Ole says to Sven, "I wish we could mark this spot. It's the best fishing I've seen since I was a boy."

Sven replied, "I got some chalk in my tackle box, so why don't I put an X right here on the bottom of the boat?"

Ole laughed, "You goofy brother of mine... What if we don't rent the same boat next time?"

Ole and Lars were on their very first train ride. They had brought along bananas for lunch. Just as they began to peel them, the train entered a long, dark tunnel.

"Have you eaten your banana yet?" Ole asked excitedly.

"No," replied Lars.

"Vell don't touch it den," Ole exclaimed. "I jyst took vun bite and vent blind!"