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For outage updates,
energy efficiency tips and
cooperative news.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ANNUAL MEETING IS

APRIL 24

5:30 P.M. Registration and Meal

6:30 P.M. Meeting

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Tornado Safety and Electrical Hazards

Tornadoes can strike with little warning, leaving behind downed power lines, damaged electrical equipment and dangerous debris. Preparing before a tornado — and knowing how to stay safe afterward — can help prevent electrical shock, fire and injury. Make sure your emergency plan includes electrical safety steps so you and your family are ready to act quickly and safely.

BEFORE A TORNADO:

- ▶ Prepare an emergency kit with water, battery-powered flashlight, radio, extra batteries and portable phone charger.
- ▶ Keep your electric utility's phone number handy in case you need to report an outage or downed line.

- ▶ Fully charge cellphones and backup power banks before severe weather hits so you can use them in an emergency.

DURING A TORNADO:

- ▶ Seek shelter immediately in a basement or a small, interior room with no windows, such as a bathroom or closet.
- ▶ Turn off and unplug appliances and electronics to protect them from power surges. Leave one light on so you'll know when power is restored.
- ▶ Do not stay inside a vehicle or try to outrun a tornado. Exit the vehicle and seek shelter in a sturdy building. If none are available, lie flat in a low-lying area away from the vehicle and power lines.

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ACCEPTING BIDS FOR MOWING SUBSTATIONS

Rolling Hills Electric is accepting sealed mowing bids for four areas. The frequency of mowing each substation is dependent on the weather to keep the areas well maintained.

TO SUBMIT A BID, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ▶ Total cost to mow all substations listed in that area.
- ▶ Ability to provide proof of \$3 million in liability insurance at start of mowing season.
- ▶ Current W-9 form.

Sealed bids will be accepted through

MARCH 31, 2026. Complete and submit your bid online at <https://rollinghills.coop/form/substation-mowing-bid>. You can also print and return the form by mail or deliver to the dropbox at:



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For more information, call 785-534-1601 or email lcolson@rollinghills.coop.

Ellsworth Area	Beloit Area
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Ellsworth	Gilbert
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Ames	Alton
Aurora	Bellaire
Clifton	Cedar
Cuba	Covert
Jamestown	Osborne
Republic	
Rice	
Scandia	

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AFTER A TORNADO:

- ▶ Stay away from downed power lines and anything they could touch, such as trees, fences or debris. Always assume they are energized.
- ▶ If you see a downed line while driving, do not exit your vehicle. Call 911 and your utility, and warn others to stay away.
- ▶ Do not touch anyone who is in contact with a power line. Call 911 immediately and wait for emergency responders.
- ▶ Do not enter damaged buildings until electricity and gas are shut off by professionals. Never attempt to turn off power if you must stand in water to reach the breaker.
- ▶ Avoid flooded areas with electrical outlets, appliances, or cords, and never touch electrical equipment when wet or standing in water.
- ▶ Have all water-damaged electrical systems, appliances and devices

inspected by a licensed electrician before use.

POWER OUTAGES AND GENERATOR SAFETY:

- ▶ Never use a generator indoors or in partially enclosed spaces such as garages or porches, or near open windows and doors. Place a generator at least 20 feet away from your home to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ▶ Keep the generator dry by placing it on a tarp or under a canopy and follow all manufacturer's instructions.
- ▶ Never plug a generator directly into a wall outlet. This can inadvertently energize power lines and pose a lethal risk to you, neighbors and utility workers.

Stay informed, stay alert, and share this information to help protect your family and community during severe weather events.

SAFETY TIP

If you're outside during a tornado, get to a sturdy building if possible. Never stay in a vehicle during a tornado or try to outrun it. If no shelter is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area away from cars, trees and power lines. Protect your head with your arms.



SOURCE: WWW.SAFEELECTRICITY.ORG

COLD WEATHER ACCOMMODATION ENDS MARCH 31

Spring is just around the corner and with it, warmer weather. As a friendly reminder, the Cold Weather Accommodation for residential members ends March 31. For more information about Rolling Hills' cold weather accommodation policy, please call 785-534-1601.

Schedule an Electrical Safety Demonstration for **YOUR** Group!



Are you looking to educate your team, students or community about the dangers of electricity and how to stay safe? We offer free, live electrical safety demonstrations that are engaging, informative and tailored to your audience.



BOOK A DEMO TODAY!

TO SCHEDULE A SESSION, CONTACT:

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785-534-1601

[HTTPS://ROLLINGHILLS.COOP/](https://rollinghills.coop/electrical-safety-demonstrations)

ELECTRICAL-SAFETY-DEMONSTRATIONS

OUR DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDE:

- ▶ Real-life scenarios showing common electrical hazards
- ▶ Live simulations of unsafe vs. safe behaviors
- ▶ Emergency response tips
- ▶ Interactive Q&A sessions with trained professionals

PERFECT FOR:

- ▶ Schools and youth groups
- ▶ Workplace safety meetings
- ▶ Community events
- ▶ Safety week programs

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To schedule a session, email lcolson@rollinghills.coop, call 785-534-1601 or visit www.rollinghills.coop/electrical-safety-demonstrations.



Rolling Hills linemen provide electrical safety demonstrations. **TOP:** Braden Burks, apprentice lineman, electrifies a tire. **MIDDLE:** Scott Splichal, safety coordinator. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Travis Wineinger, journeyman lineman, uses electricity to make an orange glow, illustrating how electricity burns from the inside out. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** RHEC safety trailer is set and ready for the next demonstration.



Spring Forward

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SET YOUR CLOCKS
AHEAD ONE HOUR

*** Sunday, March 8, 2026 ***

Help the Lineworker Spring into Action

Did you know March 20 is the first day of spring? This time of year marks new beginnings and fresh blooms, but it can also bring powerful storms that interrupt electric service.

Help the lineworker find his way through the maze to the bucket truck so he can restore power.

