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"Turn up" for Cherokee's Turnip Festival -Nov. 9



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ALTERNATING CURRENTS...

Protect Your Home and Business From Electrical Fires

By Ron Shafer

Each year electrical failures and malfunctions cause an estimated 43,900 fires, but many home fires can be prevented by following safe practices.

- Safety should always be the top priority when working with electricity. Hire a qualified, licensed electrician to perform all home electrical work I compliance with local and national safety standards.
- Consider having your circuit breakers replaced with arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs), which provide enhanced electrical fire protection by detecting dangerous arcing conditions.
- Make sure all electrical panel circuits are properly labeled. Always replace fuses or circuit breakers with the correct size and amperage.
- Keep the area around the electrical panel clear so you can easily shut off power in an emergency.
- Be mindful of warning signs of an electrical problem, such as outlets and switches that are warm or make sizzling, crackling or buzzing noises.
- Regularly check cords, outlets, switches, and appliances for signs of damage. Do not use damaged electrical appliances!
- Do not use extension cords on a regular basis, and never use them with space heaters or air conditioners.
- Avoid overloading outlets.
- Do not use light bulbs that exceed the recommended wattage of the light fixture or lamp.

Alfalfa Electric Cooperative cannot guarantee continuity of service or that there will not be voltage fluctuations beyond our control. Therefore, it is important that our members have electrical systems that are properly installed, maintained and operated.

Control energy cost this holiday season while preparing our family holiday feasts

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates cooking alone accounts for four percent of total home energy use and this figure doesn't include the energy costs associated with refrigeration, hot water heating, and dishwashing.

As holiday parties and potlucks gear up, keep these tips in mind to control energy costs:

- **Don't peek.** Every time the oven door is opened, the temperature inside is reduced by as much as 25 degrees, forcing it to use more energy to get back to the proper cooking temperature.
- Turn it down or turn it off. For regular cooking, it's probably not necessary to have your oven on as long—or set as high—as the recipe calls for. For recipes that need to bake for longer than an hour, pre-heating the

oven isn't necessary. And residual heat on an electric oven or stovetop will finish the last 5 to 10 minutes of baking time.

- Give your burners a break. For your stovetop to function effectively, it's important that the metal reflectors under your electric stove burners stay free of dirt and grime.
- **Don't neglect your slowcooker.** Or your microwave, toaster oven, or warming plate.
- Give your furnace the day off. If your next party involves a lot work for your stove, think about turning down your furnace to compensate.
- Make contact. Electric stovetops can only transmit heat to pans they are in direct contact with; the less contact your pan has with the burner, the more energy the stovetop will have to expend to heat the pan.

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