

Lightning Awareness Week June 20 - 24, 2016

Stay Safe From Lightning—When Thunder Roars, **GO INDOORS!**

As the air is heated by the sun, energy is created with air movement, and lightning typically comes from towering storm clouds. Fortunately, accidents involving lightning are very avoidable. Perennial Public Power District and Safe Electricity have the following suggestions to stay safe from the dangers of lightning:

- There is no safe place from lightning when you are outside. It is important to be aware of weather forecasts and watch for developing thunderstorms, which occur more often in spring and summer.
- Lightning can strike many miles ahead of a storm front. If you hear thunder, seek shelter immediately, because that indicates lightning is within 10 miles of you. Safe shelters include inside a building or in an enclosed metal-topped vehicle.
- If you are inside a building, the National Weather Service advises you to stay off corded telephones, or away from any electrical device that could carry an electrical surge if lightning

64% of lightning fatalities occur during outdoor recreation activities



research collected from the National Weather Service

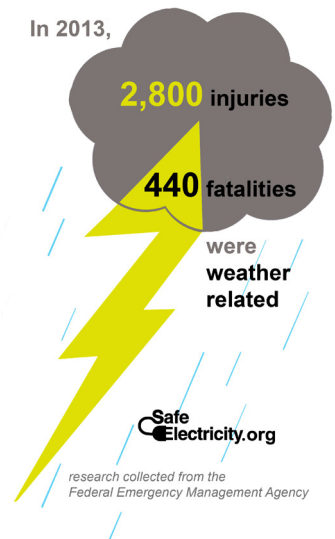
were carried into your home through wiring. Turn off or unplug such appliances, stay away from television sets, and do not depend on surge protectors to absorb a lightning strike. Conductors can also include the plumbing in your house.

➤ Authorities warn against outdoor activity until 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder is heard.

➤ If a person is struck by lightning, call 911 and care for the victim immediately. You are not in danger of being electrocuted by the victim.

➤ The potential long-term effects of a lightning strike can be just as brutal as the accident itself, so always take precautions. Check weather forecasts, and plan to be inside a safe shelter.

➤ For more information, visit SafeElectricity.org.



Source: SafeElectricity.org

Ground breaking ceremony

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on March 11, 2016 for the Fortigen LLC anhydrous ammonia plant that will be built near Geneva. State and local officials spoke at the ceremony including Governor Pete Ricketts, Nebraska Senator Laura Ebke, and Geneva Mayor Rod Norrie.

Governor Ricketts said “When we’re talking about growing Nebraska, this is exactly what we need. It’s about Nebraskans coming together.”

Geneva Mayor Rod Norrie said the plant will be a huge economic boost to the community and the county. Making the plant possible was a community effort with lots of players behind the scenes. The plant will be built on 15-20 acres on the eastern edge of Geneva across from the current industrial site.

Shawn Rana, CEO of Fortigen LLC, said the \$75 million plant will produce anhydrous ammonia fertilizer for local farmers. More than 150 construction workers will be needed to build the plant. Once the plant is up and operational 25-30 full-time employees will be hired.

Perennial crews will begin construction of a temporary electrical service this summer for the construction phase of the project. Additionally, Perennial will construct a substation on this site to serve Fortigen LLC. Construction is slated to start this spring with an anticipated completion of the plant by the first quarter of 2017.



Photo courtesy of Gary Pelster, NPPD

Source: Patt Lentfer, Executive Director
Fillmore County Economic Development



SmartHub® Notifications

Want a reminder that your bill is due? Or how about a prompt that your bill is past due? Are you interested in knowing when your payment posted to your account?

Notifications in SmartHub can do exactly that - email or text important information about your account. You tell SmartHub when and how to contact you. Some notifications even allow you to get specific, such as a scheduled payment notifications.

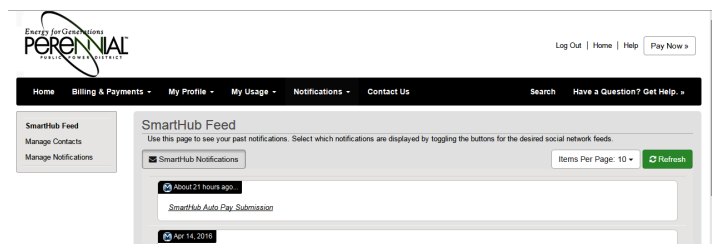


Of course, to send you a notification, you need to have contact information stored in the system. Be sure you’ve added contacts before setting your notifications. Some common notifications include:

- Bill Available
- Payment Due
- Payment Confirmation
- Delinquent Notice
- Credit Card Expiration
- Scheduled Payment Notification

To sign up for notifications click on the Notifications tab and then click on the Manage Notifications link. You can select Billing notifications or Miscellaneous notifications.

Do you want to see past billing notifications? The SmartHub Feed serves almost like an activity log for your account. Pay a bill and there will be a message about it in the SmartHub Feed. Sign up for recurring payments and SmartHub notes it here. So not only will SmartHub contact you via email or text at our direction using Notifications, you can come here to see any actions taken in SmartHub affecting your account.



Load Control Reminders

Did you change your load control option for the 2016 season?

When load control options are changed either before or during the irrigation season, the well service must be energized and the load control switch's green light must be on to indicate power to the load control switch. Please call 402-362-3355 during business hours (7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, so we can work together to update your load control options.

Does your irrigation service have a variable frequency drive (VFD)?

Some VFDs can interfere with Perennial's load control signals. In the event a VFD interferes with load control signals, Perennial will assist you in finding a solution that will allow you to continue to participate in the load control program.

What information does Perennial need when reporting irrigation well outages?

Please have your meter number, account number, or well number available when contacting Perennial for service. This helps us locate your account quickly and accurately. Please remember we need directions to the meter, not the well. Sometimes the well and meter are across the road from each other in different sections.

Does Perennial control wells on Sundays or holidays?

Yes, all irrigation wells in the load management program are subject for up to 6 hours of control on Sundays and holidays.

Load control hot-line

402-362-4786

Website

www.perennialpower.com

KRVN 880 Rural Radio

Monday - Saturday
first message at 8:29 a.m.

Text/Email notification

To sign up for text/e-mail notifications, please contact our Customer Services Department.

Operations Report

Distribution Projects:

Perennial PPD crews have completed rebuilding the 3 mile project of distribution line between Geneva and Milligan, south of Highway 41. Crews are working on a 2 mile distribution line upgrade south of Henderson. Additionally, crews will start a 3.5 mile line rebuild north of the Henderson interchange in June.

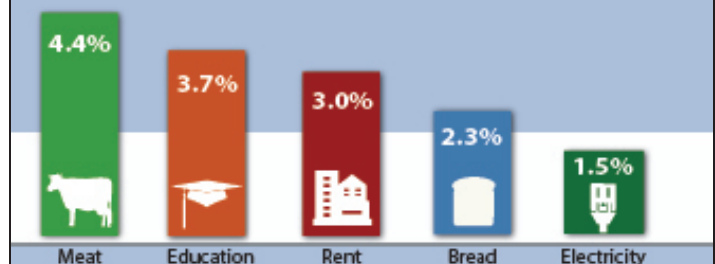
Perennial crews plan to install a temporary service for construction of the Fortigen plant east of Geneva. Miscellaneous service work that is required will continue to be completed on an as needed basis.

Right-of-Way (R.O.W.) clearance will continue in the villages that Perennial serves as well as rural areas. Along with Perennial crews, The Green Tree Company will do tree trimming in Henderson and Waco and Crowl Tree Service will continue to work clearing R.O.W. in the Benedict and Arborville area.

Electricity Remains a Good Value

The cost of powering your home rises at a slower pace than many of your typical expenses. Compare the average price increase of these expenses each year over the last five years, and the value of electricity shines.

 Average Annual Price Increase
2010-2015



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index

Energy Efficiency Tip

Avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Community Calendar

~June 10-12~

Milligan June Jubilee

~June 17-19~

Ohiowa Days

~June 24-26~

Waco Days

~June 24-26~

Strang Days

~June 26~

Henderson Garden Tour

~July 8-10~

Henderson Community Days

~July 13~

Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park Vintage Games Kid's

Camp

~July 9~

Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park Pancake Feed

~July 17-21~

Fillmore County Fair

~August 4-August 7~

York County Fair

Perennial will be closed

Monday, July 4, 2016.

Have a safe 4th of July!



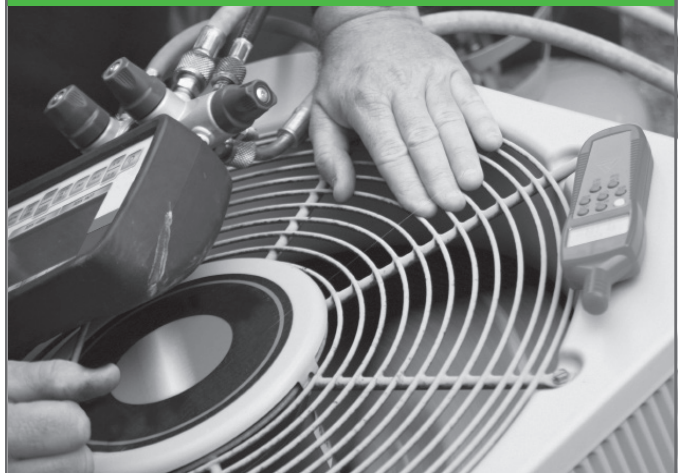
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York, NE 68467

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7:30 a.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.
Monday ~ Friday

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COOLING SYSTEM TUNE-UP PROGRAM

When was the last time you had your home's cooling system tuned up? If it has been of few years, now is the time to have your heating and cooling contractor - inspect, service, and clean it. Typically tune-ups on cooling systems that have been neglected for a few years can provide 5-15% energy savings, or more. Not to mention the unit can better perform from a comfort and equipment longevity stand point.

Fortunately there is a \$30 EnergyWiseSM incentive available to homeowners that have their cooling system tuned-up, regardless of what type or age of cooling system it is (air conditioner, air or water source heat pump).

Even though the cooling system may be serviced or tuned-up frequently, the customer is only eligible for the EnergyWiseSM \$30 incentive a minimum of every three years.

More details and applications are available on our website: www.perennialpower.com. The EnergyWise incentives link is under the Energy Library tab.