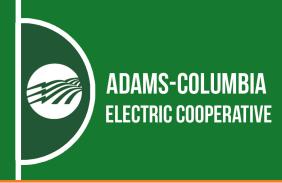
# **CONNECTIONS** NSLETTE

YOUR TRUSTED ENERGY PARTNER

**MAY 2020** 





Your source for Co-op news and information.

#### **PATRONAGE ALLOCATIONS**

The Board of Directors has authorized the allocation of over \$6.6 million in patronage capital. After expenses have been paid, any funds remaining—called margins—are allocated to you. You will see this notice on your May bill. Not all of these funds can be returned to you immediately—a portion must be held for operating expenses and system improvements. Late this summer, the board will determine how much is returned to members as patronage capital retirements. In 2019, Adams-Columbia returned \$2.2 million in retirements to members.

### **SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS!**

As the majority of people are asked to stay home as COVID-19 continues to spread, remember that it's always good to get a breath of fresh air, exercise, and go for a walk/hike. Don't forget to grab your camera and snap some photos too!

We accept photo submissions all year round on our website for our member calendar. Visit our website under Co-op Programs to submit your photos.

#### RESCHEDULED

Back by popular demand: **Electronics Recycling!** 

This event has been rescheduled to October. More information to come.

Limit of 5 items including 1 TV or monitor per membership.

**OUTDOOR PROJECTS ON** YOUR MIND? REMEMBER TO **CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!** 

# **ENERGY SAVING TIPS**

As families and businesses transition to working remotely and children staying home from school, you may see an increase in energy use – and in upcoming electric bills. Simple money-saving steps can help lower monthly electric bills without jeopardizing safety or comfort.

Here are some things you can do today to start your energy savings:

Program your thermostat
Do full loads of laundry in cold water
Convert to LED light bulbs

Air dry dishes with your dishwasher Unplug electronics when not in use

## **NEW METER PROJECT**



The exchange process is just over 70% complete, with 28,700 meters exchanged and approximately 10,500 left to go. Barring any extreme weather events or COVID-19 related delays, we're still on target for a fall 2020 completion, which is slightly ahead of schedule.

Installers are currently in the Westfield (Marquette County) area, after which they'll move to an area including southwestern and south-central Adams County, moving west to east towards Marquette County. This next area of progress will start along Castle Rock Lake and end east of I-39 and will consume the balance of this spring and the bulk of the summer months.

- Meter has been exchanged
- Meters are currently being changed
- Meter needs to be exchanged
- Location of meter technicians

# **LOBBY TO REMAIN CLOSED**

Safety continues to be a top priority for ACEC. This year's COVID-19 pandemic has interrupted everyone's lives and requires us all to practice the safety precautions that the Center for Disease Control issued in March. For your safety and the safety of our employees, we have closed our lobby and restricted access to all vendors in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. We hope we can resume regular business in the near future.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS** 



Jay's Discussion Days

Due to Governor Evers' Safer At Home order, Jay's

Discussion Days will be cancelled until further notice.









