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Time to enroll in Budget Billing

April and May mark the annual enrollment season for members interested in the Wyrulec Budget Billing Plan. This plan is offered for those members served under the Residential Sales Classification of the General Service - Single Phase tariff. Budget Billing is designed to help eliminate the seasonal highs and lows of electric energy bills, allowing the consumer to receive a consistent or "budgeted" billing amount from month to month.

Like all services, members pay for the electricity used, but instead of paying for this usage in the month following use, these costs are spread evenly over a twelve-month period. At the end of this period, the twelfth month serves as the "true up" month. Should the settlement amount be a credit balance,

the amount will either be returned to the member or credited to the account, depending on the request of the member. * Nicole Dean * If the settlement amount is a balance owed by the member, the total balance will be due and payable on the due date indicated on the bill for the settlement month.

In order to apply or renew an account in the Budget Billing Plan, a member shall meet the following requirements:

1. The Member must, prior to enrollment, have received service at the same billing location for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months or more.
2. The Member's account for electric service must be current before a Budget Billing Plan is started.

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Safety Day at Wyrulec

Safety is our #1 priority at Wyrulec Company. In order to train our employees to be prepared for several emergency situations, Wyrulec Company has planned a day of safety training on April 12th. Employees will have May Day emergency procedures training in the morning followed by Air Link and landing zone training in the afternoon. Our office is still open and we are available to assist our members but we will be transferring calls to our dispatch service from 8:30-10:30 a.m. during the emergency procedures training.



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3. The member shall execute a standard form "Budget Billing Plan Agreement."

The deadline to enroll in the Budget Billing Plan is May 31st, 2017. If you

are currently on the Budget Billing Plan and are eligible for renewal, an application will automatically be mailed to you. * Rand Albiston * All eligible accounts must complete the application process on an annual

basis. To inquire about or to apply for the Budget Billing Plan, please contact our office at (307) 837-2225 or toll free at (800) 628-5266. We look forward to hearing from you!

Take note of power poles when planning a controlled burn

Properly controlled burns can have many benefits for agricultural land. Controlled burning, or prescribed burning, can recycle nutrients, prevent ecological overcrowding, reduce the likelihood of unmanned fires, and prepare agricultural sites for planting and seeding. However, if these burns are not managed safely, they can result in property damage, power outages, injury, and even death. Safe Electricity urges you to make safety a priority and shares important information on the special considerations that need to be taken around power lines.

First, make yourself aware of laws and regulations, cautions Molly Hall, executive director of the Energy Education Council's Safe Electricity program. * Dale Irthum * Burns should only be conducted by those who are experienced with fire and burn paths.

Before burning, consider public safety. Avoid burning near public roads or airports, as this can create a potentially dangerous visibility hazard.

Alert all those who could be affected by the burn including neighbors, the local fire department, and law enforcement. Depending on local regulations, you may also need to obtain a burn permit.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommends that those conducting a burn have a plan that includes intended irrigation methods, the nec-

essary weather conditions for the fire to take place, smoke management procedures, what protective equipment you will use, and natural characteristics of the site.

When factoring in the natural characteristics of the planned burn site, take special note of power poles and lines. They pose their own set of hazards for

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Consider what property might be damaged if the burn gets out of control and who to contact, who might be needed on site to help control the burn, passers-by who might be endangered or whose visibility might be affected, and protective equipment needed. * Joseph Hanlon *

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prescribed burns. Burning a power pole could result in a widespread power outage and be costly for the individual responsible for the fire. The damage to poles depends on the duration of the fire but also on past

weathering. Planning ahead and properly controlling these burns can reduce injury and damage.

Cut down grass and weeds and water the area near the poles so as not to encourage fires to encroach. Be careful to keep water streams out of

power lines.

If a power pole catches on fire, call the fire department and alert your utility to handle the possible electrical dangers. Even if you think you have been able to put out the fire yourself,

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Youth Energy Leadership Camp a great time for 9th, 10th, 11th graders

The Rural Electric Youth Energy Leadership Camp involves about 65 highly motivated high school-aged men and women from Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Colorado whose rural homes are served by one of the Nebraska Rural Electric Association's member-systems, such as Wyrulec Company. * Wayne Tatman * The camp offers educational and recreational experiences, leadership training, environmental awareness, character building, and social interaction.



Through workshops and guest speakers, students learn about energy generation, electric safety, and careers in the rural electric program. The week includes sports tournaments, canoeing, dancing, a get-acquainted party,

and free time to socialize and make new friends.

Students compete to win a free trip to Washington, D.C., as ambassadors and/or return to next year's camp as junior counselors.

Those selected by Wyrulec Company will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the Youth Energy Leadership Camp at the State 4-H Camp near Halsey, Neb. Camp begins around 3:30 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, July 10 and will end around noon on Friday, July 14. Wyrulec Company will provide transportation to and from the camp.

To enter, complete the RSVP form below and mail it to Wyrulec Company by May 20, 2017. If you need more information, contact Amber at Wyrulec Company, 307-837-2225.

2017 Youth Energy Leadership Camp RSVP Form

Name _____ Age _____ Current Grade _____

Address _____ Phone number (____) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Name of parents or guardian _____

Sponsoring rural electric system _____

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alert the utility to the fact that it caught fire. The creosote, a preservative, on the inside could still be burning the pole from the inside out.

Even partial damage to a power pole may result in the need for its replacement. In addition, if the pole catches on fire, it could create shock or electrocution hazards to those who may be nearby, or spark fires in unintended directions from downed lines.

Carbon particles in smoke can conduct electricity, and it is also possible for smoke produced during the burnings

to conduct electricity and cause an electrical discharge from the line. To reduce this risk, the fire should not cross under power lines.

Also keep environmental factors, such as temperature, humidity, wind direction, and wind speed in mind. The wind speed in the area should be low and in a steady direction so the fire won't get out of control as easily. Environmental factors are subject to change, so check forecasts as well as actual conditions before you begin the burn.

"As always, safety should be a priority,"

adds Hall. Ensure that you have the proper clothing, equipment, and tools. For personal safety, all those near the flames should wear clothing made of natural fibers or approved for firefighting.

For information on safety around electrical equipment, see SafeElectricity.org.

The Energy Education Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety and energy efficiency. Established in 1952, the Council serves as a forum for diverse utility and energy organizations to collaborate on the mutually vital issues of efficiency and safety. Learn more at: EnergyEdCouncil.org, SafeElectricity.org, EfficiencyResource.org

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Easter promise

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Easter is April 16 and this puzzle is full of words with ties to Easter. Letters in parentheses are not in the puzzle.

April	March	Reflection
Baptism	Palm	Renewal
Calendar	Penance	Season
Chocolate	Pesach	Son
Cross	Fat (Tuesday)	
Crucifixion	Forty (days)	
Days	Full (moon)	
Eggs	Good (Friday)	
Equinox	Gregorian (calendar)	
Friday	Holy (week)	
Gras	Julian (calendar)	
Hats	Mardi (gras)	
Holiday	Sedar (dinner)	
Lamb	Vernal (Equinox)	
Lent		
Lilies		

Puzzle Prizes

Name: _____

How should we contact you / contact info: _____

adult child

Mail entries to:

Wyrulec Company, April Puzzle
 PO Box 359, Lingle, WY 82223

or drop them off at:

Wyrulec Company
 3978 US Hwy 26/85,
 Torrington, WY 82240

Deadline May 1 — Five winners will be drawn from all those submitting puzzles by May 1.

Count your eggs

Enjoy this collection of satisfying, yolk-cracking information that relates to your co-op membership. If you find your name, call Wyrulec Company at 307-837-2225. We'll arrange for you to get a \$25 chocolate bill credit.



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