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MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Manager's Message

Dear Members: _____ *by Marlene Morss*



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Remember....

- May is National Electrical Safety Month
- May 10th—Mother's Day
- May 25th—Memorial Day
- June 21st—Father's Day

Considering COVID-19, the Board of Directors of High Plains Power has decided to not host the 22nd Annual Meeting. This decision is made with due regard to the safety and health of our members and employees. The resolution is a precaution against the spread of the coronavirus during what would have been a three to four-hour event that brings about 350 attendees into close proximity. With the uncertainty of the severity and resurgence, it was decided to postpone this event until 2021.

One concern is that a large percentage of those who attend the meeting are older members who are in the age group the Center for Disease Control says is at increased risk from the virus.

One of the agenda items at an Annual Meeting is to provide members an update on your cooperative. President Mark Park, Treasurer Jim Miller and my reports will all be posted later on our website – www.highplainspower.org. We will let you know when these reports are available.

May is National Electrical

Safety Month. We use electricity every day. This invisible force has become so commonplace that it can be all too easy to overlook possible electrical safety hazards. Electric safety is our concern and it must be yours also. If you have any questions regarding electrical safety, please contact our office. We also provide a safety demonstration for school groups, farm/ranch groups, first responders, etc. Call us and we can arrange a time and place to provide this educational, beneficial demonstration at no cost!

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation. Since I am writing this article in April, who knows what other impacts, changes, restrictions, no restrictions will be in place by the time you receive this in May. Know that our main interest and concern is safety for our employees and for our community.

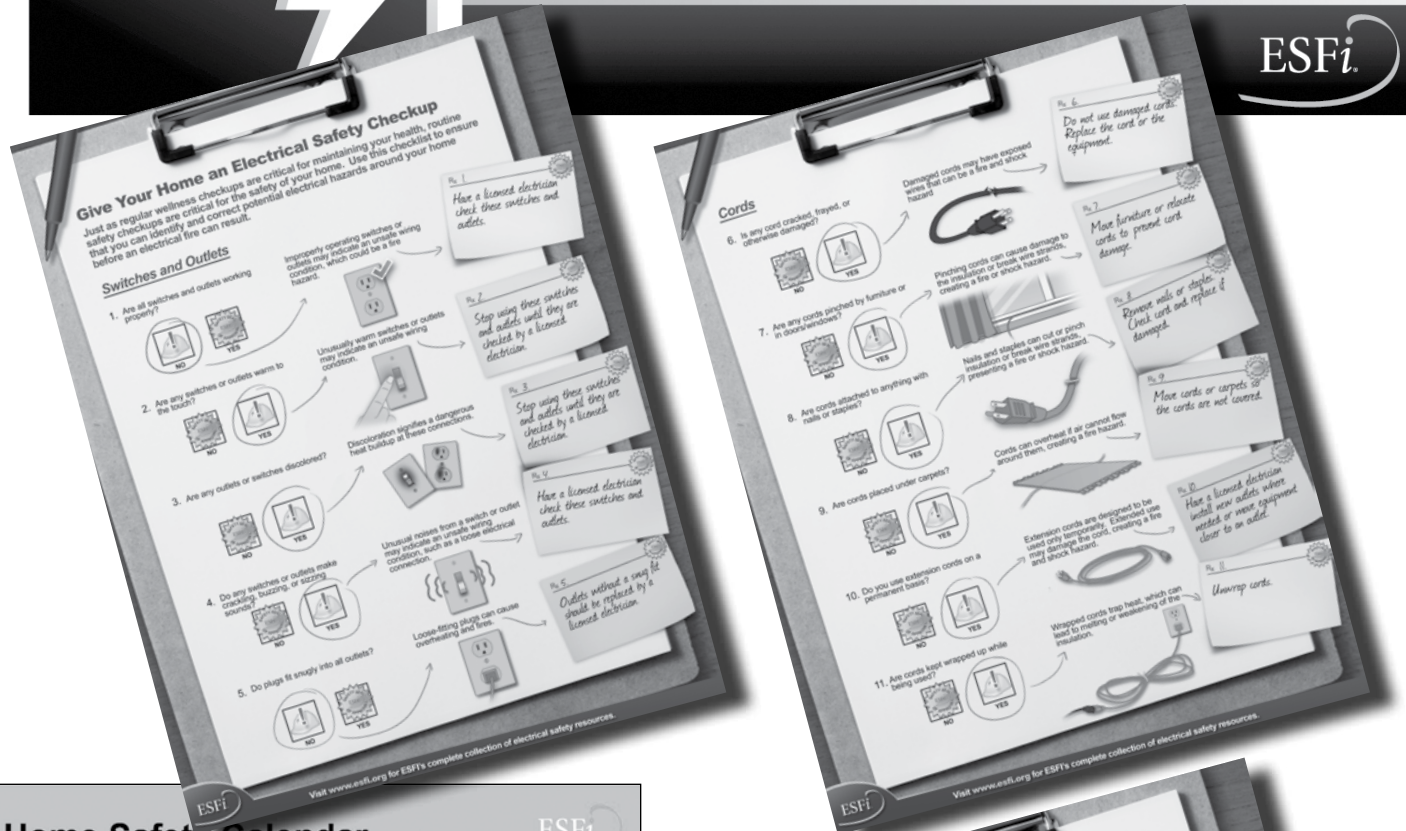
Please remember your mother on May 10th. Together, let's honor the women who raised us and guided us.

God bless and keep safe and healthy during this uncertain time.

High Plains Power would like to say thank you to all the Frontline Heroes! We appreciate everything you do!



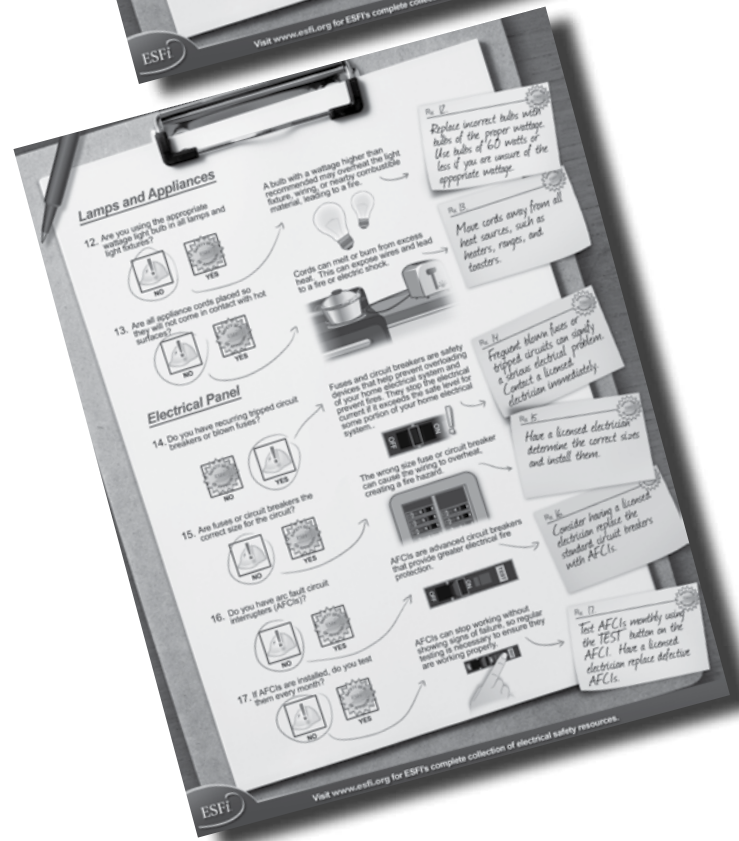
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH



Home Safety Calendar

Use this handy calendar to help keep your home safe all year long. Visit <http://virtuallhome.esfi.org> to learn more about home electrical safety.

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Memorial Day (or Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering and honoring those who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday, is observed every year on the last Monday of May.

In 1915, following the Second Battle of Ypres, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a physician with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, wrote the poem, "In Flanders Fields". Its opening lines refer to the fields of poppies that grew among the soldiers' graves in Flanders.

"In Flanders Fields"

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*



In 1918, inspired by the poem, YWCA worker Moina Michael attended a YWCA Overseas War Secretaries' conference wearing a silk poppy pinned to her coat and distributed over two dozen more to others present. In 1920, the National American Legion adopted it as their official symbol of remembrance.

"We Shall Keep the Faith"

*Oh! You who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet – to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.*

*We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.*

*And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.*

On Memorial Day, the flag of the United States is raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until noon. It is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day. In 2000, Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act, asking people to stop and remember at 3:00 PM.



REMINDER

Just a reminder that sign up for Budget Billing is in April and May.

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HighPlainsPower.org

or you can pick one up from our Riverton office.

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