



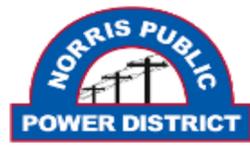
Norris Public Power District

E-Newsletter

Linemen met at the Nebraska State Capitol on April 8, 2019, including Norris Linemen Eric Seitz, Mike Wiltse and Norris Manager of Operations and Safety, Trevor Wehrer.

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Governor Honors Nebraska's Lineworkers

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Recognized annually on the second Monday in April in Nebraska, Lineworker Appreciation Day pays tribute to the men and women whose skills and expertise are needed to build, maintain and repair the power lines that provide electricity to customers. While the rest of us are home or at work relying on electricity, lineworkers are out keeping the lights on through natural disasters, severe weather and other obstacles that occur.

On April 8, 2019, Governor Pete Ricketts recognized Nebraska's lineworkers during a proclamation ceremony held at the Nebraska State Capitol. Lineworkers met Senators and were recognized during the Legislative Session. "Nebraska has about 6,000 miles of transmission lines, and about 100,000 miles of subtransmission and distribution lines, that are maintained by over 1,800 lineworkers," said Governor Ricketts.

Join us in saying thank you to Nebraska's lineworkers by using the hashtag #ThankALineman on social media or connect with Norris Public Power District on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Tips for Spring Energy Savings

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- CLEAR THE AIR:** Open windows to allow fresh (free!) air to circulate.
- COOK OUTSIDE:** Enjoy a few hours of sunshine by using your grill or smoker to add festive flavors to meals.
- SEARCH AND SEAL:** Cracks and spaces let conditioned air outside. Caulk and weather strip to seal leaks.
- NATURAL LIGHT:** Open blinds and curtains

and turn off the lights to save energy.

- BE FAN FRIENDLY:** Use ceiling fans to circulate airflow.
- ATMOSPHERIC ADJUSTMENT:** Remember to adjust your thermostat settings for the milder months ahead.
- TUNE UP:** Schedule an appointment with your HVAC technician to identify any potential problems with your system.
- TAKE CHARGE:** Consider disconnecting electrical devices you don't use regularly until you need them. Plugged-in devices use energy even when not in use.
- MOVE OUTDOORS:** Time spent outdoors offers opportunities to turn off lights, televisions, computers and home appliances. You'll be more active, have more fun and save money.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

April is National Safe Digging Month

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In observance of National Safe Digging Month in April, Nebraska811 announced results from a recent national survey. The results revealed that 42 percent of homeowners who plan to dig this year for projects like landscaping, installing a fence or mailbox, or building a deck, pond or patio and other do it yourself projects, will put themselves and their communities at risk by not calling 811 a few days beforehand to learn the approximate location of underground utilities.

Digging without knowing the approximate location of underground utilities can result in serious injuries, service disruptions and costly repairs when gas, electric, communications, water and sewer lines are damaged.

A national public opinion survey of homeowners conducted by the Common Ground Alliance (CGA), which is the national association dedicated to protecting underground utility lines, people who dig near them and their communities, revealed that **47 percent of homeowners who plan to dig this year have no experience with the 811 call before you dig process.** The most popular planned projects cited among surveyed homeowners include:

- Planting a tree or shrub (47 percent)
- Building a fence (24 percent)
- Building a patio or deck (21 percent)
- Installing a mailbox (8 percent)

CGA's 1,700 members, the U.S. Department of Transportation and most governors have proclaimed April as National Safe Digging Month to bring extra attention to the issue of underground utility line safety and reduce the risk of unnecessary infrastructure damage. Nebraska Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley proclaimed April as Safe Digging Month on Monday, April 8, 2019.

As part of National Safe Digging Month, Nebraska811 encourages homeowners to take the following steps when planning a digging project this spring:

- Always call 811 a few days before digging, regardless of the depth or familiarity with the property.
- Plan ahead. Call on Monday or Tuesday for work planned for an upcoming weekend, providing ample time for the approximate location of lines to be marked.
- Confirm that all lines have been marked.
- Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings.
- If a contractor has been hired, confirm that a call to 811 has been made. Don't allow work to begin if the lines aren't marked.
- Visit www.call811.com for complete info.

An underground utility line is damaged once every nine minutes nationwide because someone decided to dig without first calling 811, according to industry data collected by CGA. There are more than 20 million miles of underground utilities in the United States, per data compiled by CGA from various industry groups. That figure equates to more than one football field's length (105 yards) of buried utilities for every man, woman and child in the United States.

Everyone who calls 811 a few days before digging is connected to a one call notification center that will take the caller's information and communicate it to local utility companies. Professional locators will then visit the dig site to mark the approximate location of underground utility lines with spray paint, flags or both. Once a site has been accurately marked, it is safe to begin digging around the marked areas.

Robin's Egg No-Churn Ice Cream

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Robin's Egg No-Churn Ice Cream

Ingredients:

- 3 Cups Heavy Cream
- 2 – 14 oz. Cans Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 2 Cups Robin's Egg Malted Milk Ball Candies (crushed, plus a few handfuls for topping)

Directions:

- In an electric mixer bowl, beat heavy cream until soft peaks form.
- Pour the two cans of condensed milk into the whipped cream, and fold carefully, trying not to deflate the cream. Fold the 2 cups of Robin's Eggs into the mixture.
- Put the ice cream into a loaf pan, and top with the remaining Robin's Eggs.
- Freeze until firm, four hours or overnight.

Recipe By: [Delish.com](#)