



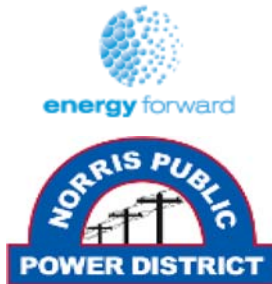
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Happy Labor Day

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In observance and honor of Labor Day, all Norris Public Power District offices will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2018. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.



Have a SAFE and Happy Holiday!

To report outages, please call 1-800-858-4707.

In case of an emergency, please call 911.

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Slow Down - Back to School Means Sharing the Road

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School days bring congestion. Yellow school buses are picking up their riders, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings and stressed parents are trying to drop their kids off before work.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present, especially before and after school.



If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car.

It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- * Never pass a bus that is loading or unloading children if you're on an undivided road.
- * If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- * The area ten feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children. Stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- * Be alert. Children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

Source: National Safety Council - www.nsc.org

EnergyWiseSM Tip: Beat The Peak

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Why does your electric bill seem to shoot up during the summer? Most blame air-conditioning as the culprit. While cooling usually consumes the largest portion of home energy bills during hot months, there is another reason why you must reach deeper into your pocket to pay summer electric bills.

To support high electricity usage on very hot days, Norris Public Power District often requires supplemental electricity from additional generating facilities. For most utilities in the United States, these peak periods occur weekdays, between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Sometimes “peaker” plants, which run on natural gas and usually do not operate 97 to 99 percent of the year, can be switched on quickly to satisfy periods of peak power demand. Other times, less-efficient fuel oil and coal plants are added to the generation mix to meet increased electrical needs.



Estimates show that 10 to 20 percent of the overall annual cost of providing electricity comes from supplying electrical demand during the 100 most-expensive hours of the year. In Nebraska these “peaks” usually occur during the summer; therefore, most Nebraska utilities bill their customers using a summer rate. In general, summer rates are often designed 25 to 35 percent higher than winter rates to cover additional peaking power costs.

The wholesale purchase price Norris must pay for the electricity you use is significantly impacted by what time of day you are using it. If you use it most during the peak period, Norris will pay more for additional energy resources needed. But if you can reduce or shift your usage to another time of day, Norris will pay less. That reduces the need for future rate increases to you.

Norris wants to help you make the most of your energy dollars this summer while keeping you cool. For more ideas on how you can make your home or business EnergyWiseSM, along with possible energy efficiency financial incentives, contact Norris at 1-800-858-4707 or visit www.norrisppd.com.

No Bake Banana Split Dessert

Ingredients:

1 stick butter, melted
1 box graham cracker crumbs
1 (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
¼ cup butter, softened
3 cups powdered sugar
4 bananas, sliced
1 (20 oz) can crushed pineapple, drained
1 (16 oz) container Cool-Whip, thawed
(*or 1 ½ cups heavy whipping cream*)
1 (4 oz) jar maraschino cherries, stemmed
1 cup walnuts or pecans, chopped
Hot fudge sauce, slightly warmed
1 tablespoon rainbow sprinkles



Instructions:

- In a medium bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs and melted butter.
- Firmly press into a crust in the bottom of 9 x 13 glass or porcelain dish, let it chill in the freezer for about 10 minutes to firm up.
- In a medium bowl, cream together the cream cheese, ¼ cup butter and the powdered sugar until creamy, about 5 minutes.
- Don't be tempted to add milk, it will take a few minutes. The mixture will blend up perfectly.
- Spread the cream cheese mixture over the cooled graham cracker crust.
- Add a layer of sliced bananas over the cream cheese mixture.
- Spread pineapple chunks evenly over the bananas.
- Evenly spread the Cool-Whip over the pineapple-banana layer using a rubber spatula.
- Garnish with the pecans or walnuts and maraschino cherries.
- Drizzle the chocolate fudge over the dessert and then sprinkle the rainbow sprinkles over the surface.
- Chill for at least 4 hours before cutting to allow the layers to set.

Recipe By: sugarapron.com