

WATTS NEW



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NEWS

- The single phase to three phase line upgrade in the Glendo area is now completed. The upgrade included replacement of aging poles and additional capacity to accommodate the growing load in the area. This upgrade will provide better reliability and a reduction in line loss in the Glendo cabin and marina area. We would like to thank our members who experienced scheduled power outages for their patience during this project.
- Starting in June you may notice Wright Trees Service and Intec Services vehicles and employees working around Wheatland REA power lines. Wright Tree Service will be Trimming trees over our entire electrical system and will be escorted through our system with a Wheatland REA employee and driving vehicles with a Wright Tree Service logo on them. Intec Services will be performing the testing, inspecting, and treating of poles. They will be working north of Chugwater and around the Wheatland flats. Their vehicles will have Wheatland REA logos on them. Tree trimming and pole testing are necessary to ensure safety for the public and reliability to our members. Wheatland REA lineman will be busy working on pole changeouts, from previous test years along with performing maintenance and construction of new services.

Mark your calendars

- ◆ Youth Leadership Camp is July 13th-18th!
- ◆ July 29th-August 3rd is the Platte and Albany County Fairs!
- ◆ The Platte County Fair parade is August 3rd!
- ◆ Photographers, calendar time is here! We invite our members to submit photos to be considered for our 2025 calendar. This year's theme is farming and ranching. Submitted pictures must be taken in the Wheatland REA service area. All pictures are due by August 1st. Please send your pictures as a jpeg to a.baker@wheatlandrea.com. Gift cards will be awarded to the contest winners! Remember to include your name, where the picture was taken and a title if you wish!



If you need to make a payment arrangement or want to inquire about energy assistance programs, we are here to help you with that. If you are struggling with a high bill and want to discuss options please give us a call 307-322-2125.

Rebates

Wheatland REA offers rebates! Here are some of the items:
Heat pumps, clothes dryers, induction cooktops, LED lamps or fixtures, refrigerator and/or freezer recycling, outdoor electric power equipment, commercial and industrial electric motors.

Don't forget to always look for the Energy Star!

Rebates must be submitted within 90 days of installation.

Call (307) 322-2125 for more information!



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Do you have scenic picture of a place on our grid? Email us at a.baker@wheatlandrea.com to have your photo featured in our quarterly newsletters.

Did you know?

In 1938 the Wheatland REA only had 62 miles of line and 150 members!

Severe storms are more common in the spring and summer, but they can occur any time of year. Be prepared for storms and know how to stay safe.

Before the storm:

- Assemble a kit of essentials, like water, battery-operated flashlights, and radios. Keep a list of emergency phone numbers, including the electric utility. Be prepared for the possibility of a prolonged outage due to power line and electric equipment damage.
- Lightning can travel up to ten miles away from a storm, so seek shelter when you hear thunder.
- If power goes out, switch off lights, large electronics and appliances to prevent overloading circuits and damaging appliances when power is restored. Leave one lamp or switch on as a signal for when your power returns.

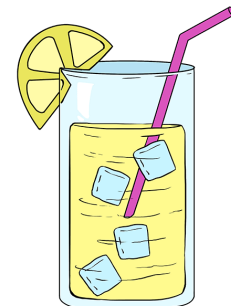
After the storm:

- When venturing outside, stay away from downed power lines and be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an electrical hazard. Assume any dangling wires you encounter are energized and dangerous. Warn others to stay away and contact the electric utility.
- Do not use water-damaged electric items until a qualified electrician has inspected them and ensured they are safe.
- Before re-entering storm-damaged buildings or rooms, be sure all electric and gas services are turned off. Never attempt to turn off power at the breaker box if you must stand in water to do so. If you can't reach your breaker box safely, call your electric utility to shut off power at the meter.



Watermelon Mint Lemonade
Ingredients:

- 1 cup honey
- 1 cup water
- 4 sprigs fresh mint
- 4 cups watermelon, cubed
- 1 cup fresh lemon juice
- 3 cups cold water
- Ice
- Lemon wedges



Directions: Over medium heat, bring honey, water, and fresh mint to a boil, whisking occasionally. Once the syrup has reached a boil, remove from heat and allow to cool to room temperature, about 30 minutes or so. With a blender or food processor, puree watermelon and lemon juice together. Strain the mixture through a sieve to remove the pulp. Pour the watermelon juice and lemon juice into a large pitcher. Remove mint from simple syrup, and pour the syrup into the pitcher. Add in 3 cups of water. Stir the mixture. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve with ice, lemon wedges, and fresh mint, if desired.

We'd love to try your tried and true recipes if you'd like to share! Please submit them to a.baker@wheatlandrea.com