

# energy update



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## WE LOVE OUR MEMBERS!

You're invited to  
our 4<sup>th</sup> annual  
**MEMBER  
APPRECIATION  
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**THURSDAY, JUNE 26**

**3:30-6:30 PM**

**Postville Big Four Fairgrounds**



All members are invited to join the ACEC staff for a fun family event, featuring a complimentary meal, an opportunity to win prizes, activities for kids, and a chance to chat with fellow members, staff and our Board of Directors.



**ANNUAL  
MEETING**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**ACEC ANNUAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, SEPT. 8**

# May is **ELECTRIC** SAFETY MONTH!

Children often do not understand the danger of electricity and electrical equipment. In their innocent and imaginative minds, what can potentially be dangerous may go unnoticed or even appear enticing and fun. Take an opportunity to point out overhead power lines and any other electrical equipment to children and explain what they are.

**Safe Electricity recommends teaching children to follow these rules:**

- Never climb trees near power lines.
- Kites, drones and model planes should be flown only during good weather conditions in large, open areas, like an open park or a wide field.
- Never climb a utility pole or tower.
- Don't play on or around pad-mounted electrical equipment.
- Never go into an electric substation.
- Immediately seek shelter if lightning or thunder is present while playing outdoors.



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## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Routine maintenance is important to keep your refrigerator running efficiently. Lint and dirt should be cleaned from the refrigerator coils every six months to a year, and more often if there are pets in the home.

When coils are coated with lint, dust or pet hair, your refrigerator works harder than it's designed to, which can prevent the appliance from cooling properly and efficiently. The additional work can increase the energy costs of the refrigerator by as much as 35% and shorten the life of the appliance.

Source: *energy.gov*

## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



If you suspect you're dealing with a utility scam, it's crucial to slow down and take your time before taking any action. Scammers will often pressure you to make quick decisions or immediate payments. Instead, take the time to verify the legitimacy of the communication by contacting your utility directly. Use a phone number from a reliable source, such as your bill or the utility's website. Taking this simple step can help protect you from falling victim to utility scams.

Source: *Utilities United Against Scams*

