

Safety Tips for Before, During and After the Storm

Storm season is in full swing. Many summer storms have the potential to produce tornadoes—they can happen anytime, anywhere, and can bring extreme winds as we've seen in recent years.

In April, a video of NBC Washington chief meteorologist Doug Kammerer went viral. During a live broadcast, Kammerer called his teenage son to warn him of a tornado that was headed straight for their home. Knowing the kids were likely playing video games and not paying attention to the weather, he told them to head straight to the basement. Kammerer debated if he should call his family on-air, but he knew it was the right thing to do. Luckily, the kids made it safely through the storm.

As adults, we understand the importance of storm safety, but younger children and teens may not realize the dangers storms pose. That's why it's so important to talk to your family and have a storm plan in place. Here are a several tips you can share with your loved ones.

Before the Storm

- Talk to your family about what to do in the event of a severe storm or tornado. Point out the safest location to shelter, like a small, interior, windowless room on the lowest level of your home. Discuss the dangers of severe thunderstorms; lightning can strike 10 miles outside of a storm. Remember: when you hear thunder roar, head indoors.
- Make a storm kit. It doesn't have to be elaborate—having a few items on hand is better than nothing at all. Try to include items like water, non-perishable foods, a manual can opener, a First-Aid kit, flashlights and extra batteries, prescriptions, baby supplies and pet supplies. Keep all the items in one place for easy access if the power goes out.

During the Storm

- Pay attention to local weather alerts—either on the TV, your smartphone or weather radio—and understand the types of alerts. A thunderstorm or tornado watch means these events are possible and you should be prepared; a warning means a thunderstorm or tornado has been spotted in your area

and it's time to take action.

- If you find yourself in the path of a tornado, head to your safe place to shelter, and protect yourself by covering your head with your arms or materials like blankets and pillows.
- If you're driving during a severe storm or tornado, do not try to outrun it. Pull over and cover your body with a coat or blanket if possible.

After the Storm

- If the power is out, conserve your phone battery as much as possible, limiting calls and texts to let others know you are safe or for emergencies only.
- Stay off the roads if trees, power lines or utility poles are down. Lines and equipment could still be energized, posing life-threatening risks to anyone who gets too close.
- Wear appropriate gear if you're cleaning up storm debris on your property. Thick-soled shoes, long pants and work gloves will help protect you from sharp or dangerous debris left behind.

Summer is a time for many fun-filled activities, but the season can also bring severe, dangerous weather. Talk to your loved ones about storm safety so that everyone is prepared and knows exactly what to do when a storm strikes.

Sign up to receive alerts:

Go to <https://bit.ly/42ZRtRr> or scan the QR code to sign up for text message alerts and email notifications.



Practice Storm Safety

Have a plan in place and make a storm kit.

Listen to local alerts and know where to shelter.

Stay off the roads if trees and power lines are down.



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Name: Ben Wiederin

Title: Lineman

Years of Service: 13

Tell us about your family - I am married to my wife Kristina who is a Teachers Assistant at SCC Elementary. We have two daughters, Madison (8) and Josie (3) with a baby due in October.

When did you start with the Cooperative? - 2010

Favorite Coop Memory - Bringing my kids into work for Lineman appreciation day and letting them see the trucks and all the tools.

Where did you grow up? - I grew up South of Lohrville, IA.

What food could you eat every day? - Surf & Turf



**Thank you for your commitment
to our electric cooperative!**



To Appoint Nominating Committee

Excerpts from bylaws

The following is the process involved in the nomination of Calhoun County Electric Cooperative members for election to the Board of Directors. Two directors will be elected at the 87th Annual Meeting which will be held on September 7, 2023. Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than 40 nor more than 90 days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations, consisting of three members from each district from which a director is elected. No members of the Board may serve on such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least 30 days before the meeting a list of those candidates nominated from each district from which a director is to be elected. The committee is encouraged, but not required, to nominate at least two candidates for each director to be elected. Any fifteen (15) or more members from a district from which a Director is to be elected, acting together, may make other nominations for Director from their district by petition not less than 20 days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee in your district, please call Keaton Hildreth, CEO, at 712-297-7112



Save the Date
**Member Appreciation Event
& Annual Meeting**
Thursday, September 7, 2023

Office Headquarters in Rockwell City

Details to follow



BENEFITS OF TREE TRIMMING

Clearing trees and overgrown vegetation is vital to provide safe, reliable power to our consumer-members.

We clear certain areas in our service territory, known as rights of way, to:

- Keep power lines clear of tree limbs
- Restore power outages more quickly
- Keep crews and members of our community safe
- Reduce unexpected costs for repairs

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S'MORES BARK

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 1/2 cups milk chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup white chocolate chips
- 1 cup marshmallow fluff
- 3 sheets of graham crackers

DIRECTIONS:

1. Melt 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips and spread the chocolate over a wax lined pan. Be careful not to make it too thin. (I used a 10 by 15 pan and didn't go all the way to the edge.) Place the first layer in the refrigerator for about a half hour.
2. Melt the white chocolate chips in the microwave. Then pour in the marshmallow fluff and microwave for about 30 seconds. Quickly spread the marshmallow layer over the hardened first chocolate layer.
3. Crumble the graham crackers and press them into the marshmallow layer. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.
4. Melt 2 cups of chocolate chips and very gently spread it over the graham cracker layer. Put the bark in the freezer for about two hours. Take it out and break it apart.
5. Keep refrigerated for good and more solid bark.
6. Leave it out for slightly more delicious, but slightly more squishy bark.



Privacy Policy

Our Commitment to Privacy

At Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, confidentiality is very important to us. As we continue to improve and expand our services and delivery channels, we recognize our customers' need and desire to preserve their privacy and confidentiality. Calhoun County Electric Cooperative recognizes the trust you have placed in us and are committed to safeguarding the privacy of our customer's information. The following policy affirms our continued commitment to preserving customer confidentiality.

The Information We Collect

We receive and retain information about our customers through many sources:

- Information we receive from you on applications or other forms;
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates or others; and
- Information we receive from a consumer-reporting agency.

The Way We Use Information

We limit the use and collection of nonpublic personal information to that which is necessary to maintain and administer financial services. We do not share this information with outside parties unless:

- The information is provided to help complete a customer-initiated transaction (such as credit reporting agencies, document processing companies, etc.);
- The customer has requested it;
- The disclosure is required by law (e.g., subpoena, investigation of fraudulent activity, etc.); or
- The disclosure is required by banking regulation

(e.g., Fair Lending Reporting Act, Home Mortgage Disclosure Act).

Limiting Employee Access To Information

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative limits employee access to customer information to those with a business reason for knowing such information. All of our employees are educated on the importance of confidentiality and customer privacy. Any employee that violates the financial privacy of our customers will be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures and possible termination.

Protection of Information via Established Security Procedures

To prevent unauthorized access, maintain data accuracy, and ensure the correct use of information, we have put in place appropriate physical, electronic, and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the information.

Maintaining Accurate Information

We have established procedures so that our customers' financial information is accurate, current, and complete in accordance with reasonable commercial standards. Calhoun County Electric Cooperative will respond to requests to correct inaccurate information in a timely manner. At Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, we value our customer relationships. We want you to understand how we use the information you provide and our commitment to ensuring your personal privacy. If you have any questions about how Calhoun County Electric Cooperative protects your information, please contact us at 712-297-7112 or toll free at 800-821-4879. You can also contact us by e-mail info@calhounrec.coop.

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June Member Challenge

1. Name two items that should be included in a "storm kit".

 2. CCECA's Member Appreciation Event & Annual Meeting will be held on
_____.
 3. What are the areas called that we clear in our service territory? _____.
- Name _____



Find the answers within the stories, features, and content of this newsletter and you could win a prize. Send your answer to member_challenge@calhounrec.coop, clip and mail to: Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, PO Box 312, Rockwell City, IA 50579 or submit on our website: www.calhounrec.coop. You may mail your entry along with your electric bill payment, but remember there is a deadline! Entries for this issue **must be received by July 1st**. Three names will be drawn from all correct entries. Members will receive a \$10 credit on their account. Members who answer the questions correctly and participate at least three times throughout the year will be eligible for a \$100 bill credit, through a random drawing, at the end of the year.

Congratulations to the April member challenge winners:
Josiah & Amy Kaufman, Stephen Kral, James Whitehill