

BURT COUNTY

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It's Your Power!



During this festive time of year, we'd like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your family and hope that the season brings an abundance of good friends, good times and good tidings to your doorstep. We value your business all year long and look forward to serving you next year.

Happy Holidays from all of us at Burt County Public Power District.

Burt's Briefs

Considering Changing from Diesel to Electric on Your Pivot?

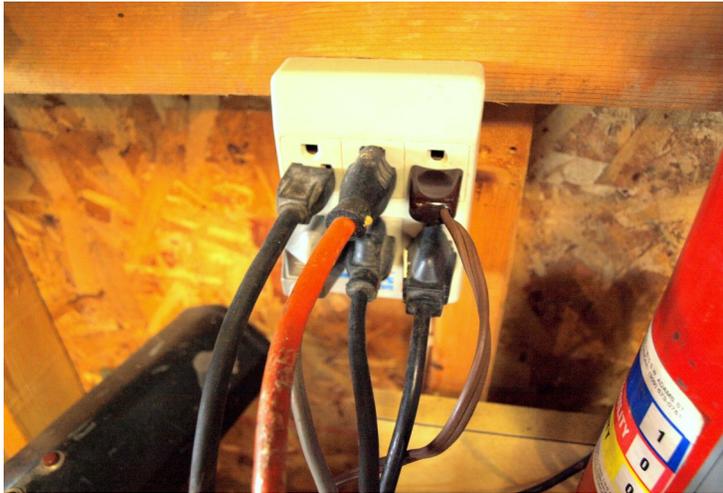
The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy's 2019 Clean Diesel Rebate Program is now accepting applications for replacement of eligible diesel irrigation engines with all-electric equipment.

Applications must be submitted by January 17, 2020 to be considered. The replaced diesel engine must be scrapped. NDEE will reimburse 60% of the cost of the electrical equipment, installation, and required electric line extension up to a maximum rebate of \$20,000.00.

Contact our office at 402-374-2631 or 1-888-835-1620 for more information.



Avoid Overloading Your Home's Electrical System



We're often told to not overload our schedules or our plates, but what about our home's electrical system? Turns out it is not a good idea, since doing so can cause damage and put your family at risk.

Overloading the circuits in our home is sometimes not as obvious as cramming too many events on our calendar or overfilling our ice cream bowl (although it can be!).

An overload simply means that you have too many things running on one or more electrical circuits or pathways in your home and there is more demand than supply. When this happens, it can cause a minor inconvenience like damage to an appliance or a major one like a power outage or a fire.

To prevent overloading circuits, consider the following tips offered by Burt County Public Power District and Safe Electricity:

- Although tempting, don't plug too many things in by using extension cords, power strips and multi-outlet converters. Overdoing it can overload and overheat a circuit.
- Be on the lookout for loose connections or damaged or corroded wires, which can also cause an overload or fire.
- If you continually upgrade your home with more lighting, appliances, and electronics, your home's circuits may not be able to handle the increased load.
- Do not plug in multiple devices or appliances into an outlet at the same time, exceeding the outlet's capacity. Do not use extension cords with major appliances.

Consult an electrician if you notice the following:

- Warm or discolored outlets or outlet cover plates.
- Flickering, dimming or blinking lights or any other strange lighting behavior.
- Items in your home frequently cause a mild shock.
- Other strange happenings like a burning odor that has no source or unusual sounds coming from outlets.
- Fuses that blow or trip frequently.

Do what you can to avoid overloading the circuits in your home. Although the majority of a home's electrical system is out of sight, out of mind, don't take overload symptoms lightly and consult an electrician with concerns.



The Grinch's Christmas Tips...

Imagine you could ask the Grinch for Christmas decorating tips. He would certainly tell you to overload your circuits with Christmas lights and use an old, rickety ladder to put them up. He'd tell you to buy a

dry, old Christmas tree and put out lots of candles wrapped in ribbons and paper.

But, unless you want the Grinch to steal your Christmas and send you to the hospital, you should read these Christmas safety tips. Christmas decorating can be as safe and beautiful as you want. All it takes is a little time and care and even the Grinch could learn the beauty in Christmas.

The Christmas Tree—Choosing and caring for a Christmas tree may mean the difference between a safe holiday and a dangerous one. It's important to understand the danger of an improperly cared for tree. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, there are six times more fires caused by Christmas trees in late December as there are in early December. A dry tree can catch fire with the flame from a candle or match and is capable of completely engulfing a typical family room in less than 40 seconds.

Christmas Candles—Candles cause twice as many fires in December as they do in the average month. Proper safety should be practiced all year around candles, but especially during the holidays. Fires are most often started by candles left burning unattended, either by someone leaving the room or falling asleep.

Using Ladders to Hang Decorations—Many Christmas decorations require the use of a ladder to put them on the roof or ceiling. Be sure to use caution when using ladders around overhead power lines.

Christmas Lights—Twinkle, traditional, bubble, there are many different types of Christmas lights. They are all pretty, but they all have the ability to burn down the house or give you a jolt. Be sure to inspect your lights before putting them up each year for frayed wires.

Pretty Holiday Plants—Holly and mistletoe have long been a holiday tradition. They have one thing in common, they're both poisonous. Many other holiday plants are also poisonous, although the poinsettias are not. Be sure when selecting your holiday plants to know what's safe and what's not.



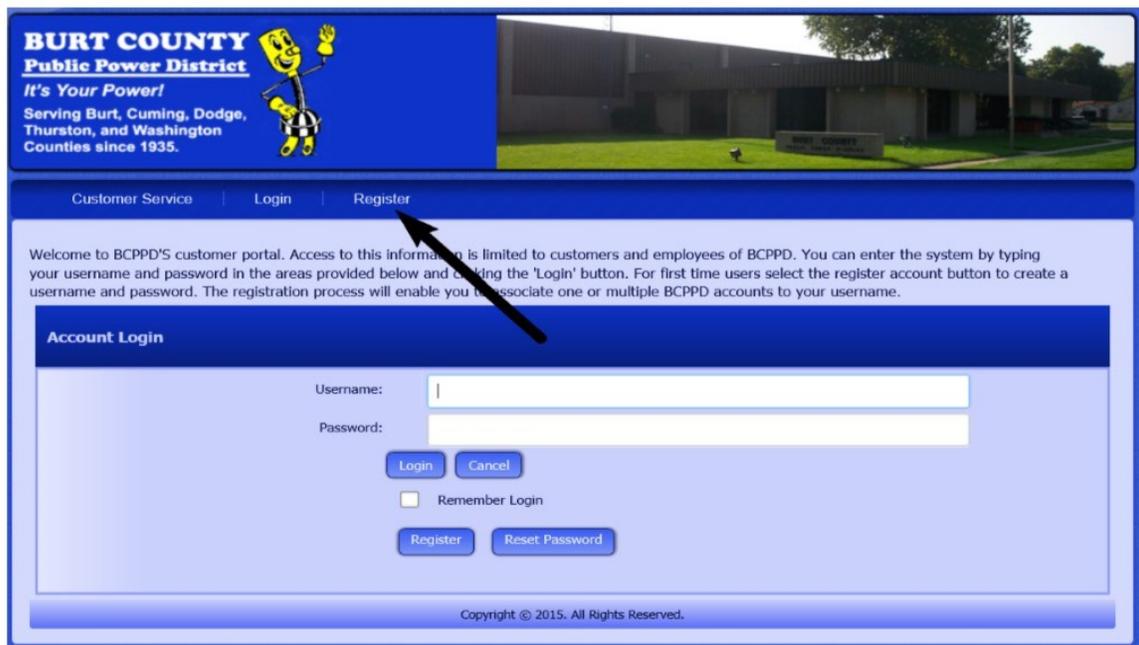
**Our office will be closed
Christmas Day and
New Years Day.
In case of emergency please
call 1-888-835-1620.**

Pay Your Electric Bill Online

Step #1—Go to www.burtcoppd.com and click on the Online Bill Pay Link



Step #2—Click Register to register your account and gain access to Online Bill Pay.



Nebraska Extension News

By John Wilson , Extension Educator

Confronting Cropping Challenges

Getting the latest information on issues facing crop farmers AND an opportunity to renew your private pesticide applicator license will all take place at a series of meetings in December. This is the fourth year for Confronting Cropping Challenges and each year our attendance keeps growing. This year the program will be offered at five locations with each program running from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The dates and locations are:

- Monday, December 16, American Legion in Neligh
- Tuesday, December 17, Fire Hall in Wayne
- Wednesday, December 18, Nielsen Center in West Point
- Thursday, December 19, Ag Park in Columbus
- Friday, December 20, Rybin Building (Fairgrounds) in Arlington

Topics that will be covered this year include:

- Frogeye Leafspot on Soybeans and Fungicide Resistance
- Defoliating Insects on Soybeans
- Herbicide Trait Selection and Carryover
- Alfalfa Management
- and for those needing to be recertified, a Private Pesticide Applicator Certification Update.

If you just want the crops information, you can attend the first four sessions and then leave. If you need to have your private applicator license renewed in 2020, you can stick around for the final session to be recertified. Please note, this is for renewal only, not for initial certification. Even though this training is being offered in 2019, you will not lose a year of certification on your license.

The cost for the program is \$10 if you are only attending the first four sessions. If you are being recertified, the cost will be \$50. The additional \$40 is the same as you would pay to be recertified at a traditional private pesticide applicator training. The real advantage to this program is private applicators can receive a lot of good, useful cropping information and a condensed version of the pesticide certification information that you have received at traditional private applicator training programs in the past.

Those I've talked to that were being recertified thought this was a great alternative to the traditional pesticide training programs they had attended to get recertified in the past. Many said they would attend future programs, just for the crops information even if they didn't need to be recertified.

I hope you'll be able to attend the location most convenient for you, especially if you need to have your private pesticide applicator license renewed next spring. If you will not be able to attend any of these meetings and need your private pesticide applicator license renewed, there will be the traditional recertification meetings after the first of the year.

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Meetings

In accordance with Nebraska Statute, notice is hereby given that the regular meetings of the Board of Directors of the Burt County Public Power District are held on the 1st Thursday of each month, commencing at 9:30 A.M. at the district office located in Tekamah, Nebraska. In the event that a holiday falls on the said 1st Thursday, the meeting date shall be as set by the Board of Directors and published in the Legal Notice.

An agenda for each regular meeting of the board is available for public inspection during business hours at least three (3) days prior to each meeting; provided however, that the Board of Directors shall have the right to modify the said agenda to include items of an emergency nature.

Office Hours

7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

If none of these dates work for you and you need to renew your private pesticide applicator training in 2020, go to <https://pested.unl.edu/> and click on "Certification & Training" in the red bar across the top of the page. This will take you to a page that lists your options.

- Clicking on 1. Private Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) sessions will take you to a list of all the private PSEP sessions offered across the state. You can sort these by date or location by clicking on the heading at the top of those columns.
- Clicking on 2. Online private self-study program *UPDATED* will take you to a page where you can do a self-study version of the training online. The self-study "green book" will NOT be available as an option in 2020!

For more information on the Confronting Cropping Challenges series of programs or on recertifying your private pesticide applicator license, contact your local Nebraska Extension office.

