

ASHTON TO HOST THE 2025 ENERGY EXPO/MEMBER MEETING

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 21, for Fall River Electric Cooperative's annual Energy Expo and business meeting for members.

Watch for complete details and board election information mailed to each member in mid-May with your next copy of the *FLASHES* newsletter.



OFFICES CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

Fall River Electric offices will be CLOSED for Memorial Day on May 26, 2025. Fall River crews will remain on stand-by to manage any power emergencies. If you experience an outage on the weekend or holiday, call 1.800.632.5726 and a crew will be dispatched immediately.

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day from your friends at Fall River!

HELO HELP COMING

Work will resume later this spring on the multi-million dollar upgrade of Fall River Electric's main transmission system feeding power to members in Island Park and West Yellowstone.



55th Anniversary Of Earth Day: April 22

Earth Day celebrates its 55th anniversary on April 22, 2025, and the movement continues to inspire, challenge ideas, ignite passion, and motivate people to action. In 1970, the first year of Earth Day, the movement gave voice to environmental concerns. Today, Earth Day is celebrated in more than 193 countries.

Earth Day was first celebrated by founder Senator Gaylord Nelson to promote ecology and the respect for life on the planet, as well as to encourage awareness of the growing problems of air, water, and soil pollution.

Earth Day is usually celebrated with outdoor performances, where individuals or groups perform acts of service, such as planting trees, picking up roadside trash, and conducting various programs for recycling and conservation.

Why plant trees? They absorb excess and harmful CO2 from our atmosphere. In fact, in a single year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the same amount of CO2 produced by driving the average car 26,000 miles.

Trees help us breathe clean air. Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases (nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide, and ozone) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark.

Avoid Costly Repairs: Call Before You Dig



Fall River Electric Recycles

Your Cooperative recycles wire and metal, and all our used paper. Transformers that cannot be refurbished are shipped to an out-of-state facility that dismantles them and recycles all their contents. Even motor oil from Fall River Electric service trucks is recycled.

So, let us all join together this spring and start our own personal recycling program. Help the Earth Day movement and plant a tree in your yard or neighborhood park.

Hitting underground electrical wires will not only result in expensive repairs but could also be deadly. Whether you are using excavation equipment or just a shovel, call 8-1-1 before you dig!

Contractors and do-it-yourselfers are financially liable for digging up and damaging underground power, gas, propane, fiber optics, and other buried services. The cost to repair can be in the thousands of dollars but can be avoided with a FREE call before you dig.

Also, springtime means farmers and ranchers may burn dried weeds and other vegetation in and along irrigation ditches. If those fires get out of control and burn power poles or lines, the person or persons responsible for the fire will be required to pay the damages. Keep those fires under control!





Where Service Matters

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DeTienne Earns Journeyman Certification



Taylor DeTienne is awarded his Journeyman Lineman certificate from Fall River Electric Cooperative CEO/General Manager Bryan Case (right) and Operations Manager Randy Wakefield. Taylor is part of the Island Park/West Yellowstone crew.

TAKE SAFETY HOME: Auto Accident Preparedness



Do you know how to prepare for an auto accident? The best way is to drive defensively!

Here are some steps you can take to minimize the impact of an accident:

- **Keep your vehicle registration up to date**, along with your driver's license, insurance information, and any pertinent medical information readily accessible.
- **Remove or secure loose items** in your vehicle that could fly around and injure someone.
- **Keep your cell phone charged** and ready to dial 9-1-1.
- **Consider keeping a first-aid kit** in your vehicle.

If you are involved in an accident, call 9-1-1 and have the police report and document information that will assist later when dealing with insurance companies. Most importantly, be safe!

Upgraded Power Transformer in Rexburg

Due to continued growth in the Burton and Hibbard areas of Madison County, Fall River Electric Cooperative recently upgraded its power transformer at the Rexburg substation by installing a 10MVA (mega-volt-amperes) unit valued at over \$500k. The smaller unit removed from service in Rexburg has been relocated to the storage yard in Ashton to be used at other substations as needed.

These efforts are part of Fall River Electric's plan to maintain a reliable power grid to serve owner-members throughout the Co-op's service territory.

