



FALL RIVER FLASHES

April 2026

Committed to safely and economically provide reliable energy and other services which bring value to its membership.



PATRONAGE CAPITAL SUMMARIES ARRIVE THIS MONTH

As a reminder to Fall River Electric members: Patronage Capital earnings summaries will be arriving in the mailboxes of each owner-member this month! This summary represents your share of the excess "margins" generated in 2025, plus amounts earned previously. All Patronage Capital amounts earned are based on the amount of electricity you used.

The mailing you will receive this month represents a summary of your Patronage Capital since you have been a member but does not represent funds that can be cashed out at this time or applied to your present statement.

AUTO PAY SIGN UP

Save time and money by automating your bill payments to avoid late fees and service disconnection.

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Here's What You Could Miss At This Year's Energy Expo

Fall River Electric's annual Energy Expo and meeting of members is a community gathering where neighbors can meet new friends or catch up with old acquaintances. Our lives are busier than ever and more of our connections seem to be made on social media. This year's annual meeting is a chance to interact with each other face-to-face and share a human connection, and also a time to learn more about the electric utility YOU own. While it is true that folks in rural America seem to do a better job of connecting with neighbors, very few organizations are uniquely positioned like Fall River Electric to bring together all members of the local communities they serve. It's a special event we love to do year after year!

Just a short 87 years ago, your Cooperative was created by a small group of rural families that desired the convenience that electricity could bring to their homes and their farms. Today, you have the opportunity that has been occurring since 1938 to elect board members to represent you in planning for the future of Fall River Electric. This year we are electing three new board members and there will also be a bylaw change up for vote. In addition, attendees will enjoy presentations on the direction of the electric industry, a review of the excellent financial condition your Co-op is in, and a wealth of helpful information on health, energy, and the community at the Co-op's Expo.

Perhaps even more exciting are the FREE prizes to be given away to hundreds of members who



attend, including a FREE Idaho-shaped bamboo cutting board to the first three hundred and fifty members who attend. The bamboo cutting board is durable, easy to clean, moisture-resistant, eco-friendly, and stylish.

There is also a FREE breakfast of hotcakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, hash browns, and your favorite beverage, as well as games and bucket truck rides for the kids—and even more prizes at the business meeting where one lucky owner-member will receive a FREE \$1,000 energy credit certificate!

If you have never attended Fall River Electric's annual expo, we urge you to take the morning of June 13, 2026, to join your neighbors and fellow co-op owners ... even better, bring your neighbors along. Breakfast starts at 8am, the expo opens at 7:30am, followed by business meeting at 10am at Teton High School in Driggs, Idaho. Fall River Electric's staff, management and board looks forward to seeing you at YOUR annual meeting June 13.

Take Safety Home: Call Before You Dig



Before you start your spring landscaping or construction project, be sure you locate any underground utilities, such as buried power lines, gas and water lines, and communication cables. If you dig them up, you will be responsible for the cost of their repair. Digging up power or gas lines can also be extremely dangerous!

A FREE locate service called **Digline** is available by calling 8-1-1. Call two to three business days before you plan to dig to have all the buried utilities located.

Every spring, Fall River Electric crews are called out because of fire damage to power poles and equipment. Avoid burning around poles

or underground transformers. Depending on the type of structure, the cost to replace or repair can be in the tens of thousands of dollars and landowners are responsible to cover these costs.

Farm operations will soon be in full swing, too. When moving equipment like grain augers or tillage equipment or handling sprinkler pipes or moving pivots, **LOOK UP!** Make sure you have the proper clearance to overhead power lines. When disc or till, watch out for power poles and their guy wires.

Let us all stay safe as we get out in our fields and yards this spring season!



Know what's below. Call before you dig.





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Lowest Electric Rates In The Nation



The latest figures from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) puts the average national residential electricity price at 17.24 cents per kilowatt-hour, up 6% from a year ago! California, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island are among the most expensive states in the continental U.S., while Idaho, Arkansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma rank amount the least expensive states.

Fall River Electric Cooperative rates are even less! At just 10.4 cents per kilowatt-hour, Fall River's rates are some of the nation's lowest. Our average residential rate is based on usage of 1,500 kWhs per month, PLUS the Access Fee and a Demand charge of 11 kW.

And did you read in last month's (March 2026) *FLASHES* newsletter? Fall River Electric will NOT HAVE A RATE INCREASE IN 2026! While nearby investor-owned utilities, municipal power companies, and even co-ops have raised rates from 3.7% to as much as 13.09%. Excellent financial management by your Co-op's board, management, and staff are keeping Fall River Electric rates some of the lowest in the nation.

April Celebrations: Earth Day & Arbor Day



Earth Day is an event observed annually on April 22 and is held to promote environmental awareness and calls for the protection of our planet. Today, Earth Day, 2026, will be celebrated in more than 190 countries with the theme: "Our Power, Our Planet."

Traditionally, Earth Day is viewed as a time to celebrate and honor the importance of Mother Nature. It is usually celebrated with outdoor performances, where individuals or groups perform acts of service, such as the planting of trees, picking up roadside trash, and conducting various programs for recycling and conservation.

Earth Day is followed quickly by Arbor Day, which is celebrated on Friday, April 24, in most states and is a fun time to plant trees.

Why Trees? 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.

So, let's join together this spring to plant a tree while rededicating our personal efforts to recycle, reuse, and reduce.

Fall River Electric will be celebrating Earth Day at the Teton County Fairgrounds in Driggs on Saturday, April 25, from 10am to 1pm. There will be all kinds of activities, food, and more, so bring the family!

