



## OFFICES CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Owner-members are reminded that Fall River Electric offices will be CLOSED for Independence Day on Friday, July 4, 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 800.632.5726 and a crew will be dispatched immediately. Have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July weekend from your friends at Fall River!



## FALL RIVER CARES

Fall River Electric Cooperative continues to support its core principle of “Concern for Community” by supporting Teton Valley’s Tin Cup Challenge. The Tin Cup Challenge Event Day will be held on Saturday, July 19, at Driggs City Park starting at 9 a.m. Since 2008, the challenge has raised more than \$23.6 million directly benefiting member nonprofits. You can donate to your favorite nonprofit during the Tin Cup’s Giving Period which begins June 14th and closes on July 26th. One hundred percent of your donation through the Tin Cup goes directly to the nonprofit(s) you select.



## See You At The Expo!



The earlier pages of this booklet have provided you with the names and statements from each of the four candidates vying for three open seats on the Co-op’s Board of Directors. The board provides strategic direction and long-term guidance to the Co-op’s CEO and management team to ensure your Cooperative remains financially solid and follows its mission of providing safe, reliable energy and other services which bring value to the Co-op’s membership. Because of the board’s vital role in the Co-op’s future, it is equally important for you to take seriously your responsibility to vote. With this newsletter you will find your mail-in ballot as well as instructions on how to vote online if you prefer to use that method of voting. We encourage you to take an active role in ensuring your board represents your interests and voting is the key.

Additionally, we hope you will take the time on Saturday morning, June 21st, to attend our Energy Expo in Ashton that kicks off at 8 a.m. with a FREE breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and a drink. We know the demands of modern life keep all of us busy. Checking smartphones, email, and all the other electronic tasks find us multitasking and wanting to protect the spare time we have. Invitations to attend meetings and get-togethers are weighed carefully as we decide what is important. Often, we ask ourselves, “What’s in it for me?”

As a member of one of the communities Fall River Electric serves, you have a valuable perspective that we would like you to share with us. At our Expo and annual business meeting, our Co-op leaders will discuss challenges and opportunities facing our ability to deliver safe and reliable power, review the financial health of the Co-op, and elect new directors to our

board. After all, Fall River Electric belongs to you, the owner-members it serves!

Bring the family! We will have lots of activities for the kids from bounce houses, to bucket truck rides, a climbing wall, and cotton candy. Test drive our Tesla electric vehicle and visit some two dozen vendor booths with information on energy, health and wellness, home improvements, and much more. Our Cooperative department booths will have STEM activities for your family, too, and be sure you stop by the Member Services booth for a FREE maple or blue spruce tree sapling. Kids and their parents who visit all five of our Co-op booths will receive a FREE school backpack (see page 4 for a photo of the backpack).

The first five hundred members that attend will receive a FREE energy conservation kit, including:



- Thermostatically controlled outlet – perfect for heat tape, engine block heaters, heat lamps, & stock water tanks;
- An advance power strip, ideal for electronic equipment like game consoles, DVD players, or monitors;
- Two 9-watt LED bulbs;
- Two 36-inch self-stick door sweeps that you can cut to the length you need to seal from the cold; and
- A set of 2 New Zealand wool dryer balls to help reduce drying time and lower your energy usage.

Members that attend the business meeting at 10 a.m. will be entered into a random drawing to win a \$1,000 energy credit or a 65-inch big screen TV or one of dozens of other prizes. Do not miss the linemen’s high-voltage electrical safety demonstration for a chance to win a professional chain saw.

It is all part of the fun for all Fall River Electric Co-operative owner-members on Saturday, June 21st, at North Fremont High School in Ashton.

## Brian Curr Retires After 35 Years

Longtime Fall River Electric staff member Brian Curr recently retired after providing nearly 35 years of service to the owner-members of the Co-op. A luncheon was held in Brian’s honor with family, friends, and co-workers in attendance. Brian was presented with a Henry rifle and his family gave him a quilt, created by his wife, and made from old Fall River Electric shirts Brian had worn over the years.



Where Service Matters

800-632-5726  
208-652-7431

#### ASHTON

1150 North 3400 East  
Ashton, ID 83420

#### DRIGGS

1605 N Highway 33  
Driggs, ID 83422

#### WEST YELLOWSTONE

436 Madison Ave  
West Yellowstone, MT 59758

#### All Our Offices Are Open

Monday - Friday  
8:00am - 4:30pm

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Keep up to date, including on power outage information, by "liking" Fall River Electric on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fallriverrec](http://www.facebook.com/fallriverrec).

## Join The "Green Team"

Want to be greener? Fall River Electric Cooperative offers owner-members two ways to increase green energy for your home.

Number one is our Cooperative Solar that allows members to benefit from solar energy production, even if they cannot put solar on their own rooftop. Subscribing members to this community solar program will be guaranteed a "one-to-one" kilowatt hour exchange for the next twenty-plus years! For every kilowatt hour of solar generation, you will receive a credit for a kilowatt hour. Each month you will see that credit on your statement for the kilowatt-hours of solar power your units generate. No need to spend thousands of dollars for your own rooftop solar system when you can sign up with Fall River, plus you will be contribut-



ing to helping our local environment! For more info on Cooperative Solar visit our website at [fallriverelectric.com/cooperative-solar](http://fallriverelectric.com/cooperative-solar).

Second is Green Power, a program where we offer members all their energy in a combination with locally produced, small hydropower and clean, renewable green energy from landfill biomass gas. You can sign up for this program on our website at [fallriverelectric.com/green-power](http://fallriverelectric.com/green-power).

Two ways for interested owner-members to contribute to a more sustainable energy future.



**Cooperative Solar**  
FALL RIVER ELECTRIC

## Take Safety Home: Emergency Communication

If a disaster happens and you are not with your family, how will you be able to reach them to let them know you are safe or need help? Create an emergency communication plan, so you know how to reach each other and where to meet in an emergency. Planning starts with three simple steps:



- 1. Collect the needed info.** Create a paper copy of contact information for your family and other important people or offices like doctors, schools, or caregivers.
- 2. Share that information.** Make sure every member of your family carries a copy of your contact list in their backpack, purse, or wallet. Use [ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://ready.gov/make-a-plan) to complete your plan.
- 3. Practice your plan** during a regular household meeting.

If a disaster occurs, remember that text messages may get through when a cell call cannot. Once your contact list is complete, decide on a safe, familiar place where your family can meet and reunite. It is never too late to plan ahead.

## May Is Electrical Safety Month



May is Electrical Safety Month and Fall River Electric's concern for safety extends beyond our staff members. We care deeply about the safety of our owner-members, so we encourage you to plug into safety. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, thousands of people in the U.S. are critically injured and or killed because of electrical fires, accidents, and electrocution in their own homes.

To promote safety education in our local communities, we conduct free electrical safety demonstrations for elementary school students throughout our service area. This year we hosted over eight hundred students from twelve of the elementary schools. Additionally, we host three electric safety demonstrations for members at our annual Energy Expo each year.

We constantly encourage the public to contact us if they see a downed power line or any other type of dangerous electrical situation. We strive to provide our communities with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity and to serve as your trusted energy advisor, now and well into the future.