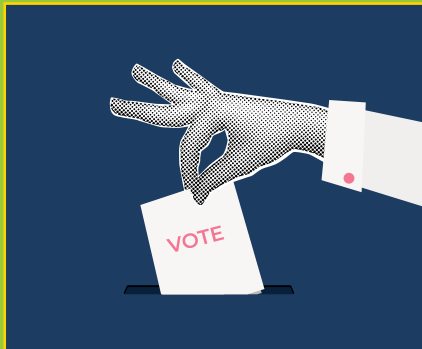




FALL RIVER FLASHES

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



JOIN US AT THE POLLS ON NOVEMBER 4

The 2025 election cycle is what is called an “off-year” election. Voters go to the polls to primarily elect local candidates and decide on bond and levy issues. It is equally as important, however, to vote in an off-year election as any other election. These candidates will fill offices that decide important local issues and set laws and regulations that will affect us, in many ways, more so than candidates elected nationally. As a cooperative, the virtue of voting is in our DNA. We show concern for community—one of the seven cooperative principles—through participation in our democracy. You can participate by registering to vote and committing to cast your ballot on November 4. We look forward to seeing you at the polls on Election Day!



BEHRENS RECOGNIZED FOR BOARD SERVICE

As was reported in the September *FLASHES* newsletter, Brent “Husk” Crowther” was recently elected as the new president of the Co-op’s board. Past president Georg Behrens (center) was presented with a gift for his service from CEO Bryan Case (left) and current president Crowther (right).



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Winter Weather Is On Its Way—Now Is The Time To Prepare

The power system operated by Fall River Electric is very reliable, but some power outages cannot be prevented, especially those caused by winter weather. We want to ensure our own-members are prepared for a power outage in snowy conditions.

You may not be at home when the storm starts, so it is important to have basic supplies of food and water, as well as a way to stay warm without power in several locations, such as your workplace, vehicle, and/or school. You can build your supplies over time by adding a few items each week or month. Gather, in advance, the necessary supplies and items you will need to stay safe after the winter storm passes. For more information, visit www.ready.gov/winter-weather.

Below are recommended areas to focus on:



MEDICAL NEEDS

Be equipped to tend to any current or unexpected medical conditions your family members may have. Ask your doctor about storing prescription medication such as at least a three-days’ supply of heart and blood pressure medication, insulin for diabetics, and other prescription drugs such as inhalers for those with asthma. Include battery backup power for power-dependent mobility devices, oxygen, and other assistive technology needs.

TOOLS AND SAFETY ITEMS

Small items like matches, flashlights, a multi-tool, pocketknife, and a whistle (to signal for help) can make an enormous difference for your family while weathering a storm.

FOOD/SUPPLIES

Have at least a three-days’ supply of non-perishable food and water for your family. Remember to store anything specific to your family’s needs.

WARM CLOTHING & BLANKETS

Warm clothes and blankets can help prevent hypothermia. Do not forget warm, waterproof, and protective footwear, as well as gloves.



In Fall River Electric’s service area, it is not uncommon for crews to find trees that have fallen into power lines or power lines weighed down by snow and ice that drop to dangerously low levels. Our service area includes over 2,500 miles of power lines covering more than 2,700 square miles and many of these lines are in difficult terrain.

DOES YOUR LIFE OR LIVELIHOOD DEPEND ON CONSTANT ELECTRICAL POWER?

If your answer is, “Yes,” then you should consider purchasing and installing a back-up power generator.

A standby generator is permanently installed outside your home or business and runs on propane. Standby generators turn on automatically when the power shuts off, even if you are away from home. A transfer switch monitors utility power and transfers the electrical load to the generator if power is lost. A generator can power everything in your home, including lights, heating systems, appliances, water and sump pumps, security systems, and more.

Generac, Kohler, and Cummins standby generators are the most recognized brands and are available from several local installers. You can also call your local electrical contractor for recommendations. Our sister company, Fall River Propane, can install the propane tank and lines to power your new generator.

Learn more about standby generators on our website at fallriverelectric.com and click on the tab “My Renewable Energy” or copy and paste this link for a toolkit: <https://www.fallriverelectric.com/sites/default/files/2025%20Updated%20Standby%20Generator%20Guide.pdf>.

There’s power in planning. Sign up for NOAA emergency alerts and monitor Fall River Electric’s Facebook page for frequent updates when significant power outages occur. Act now—there is power in planning ahead.





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Powered By Purpose: Celebrating The Co-Op Difference



Every October, Fall River Electric Cooperative takes time to celebrate National Co-op Month and reflect on the unique advantages of being part of a cooperative. For Fall River Electric, it is not just a celebration. It is a chance to reaffirm the values that guide everything.

"I see purpose in action every single day," says CEO/General Manager Bryan Case. "Unlike investor-owned utilities, our co-op does not exist to make profits. We exist to serve you—our owner-members, our neighbors, and our communities. That purpose is what sets us apart. It is why we were founded, and it is what continues to drive every decision we make."

Being a cooperative means being member-owned and locally controlled. That is not just a tagline; it is the very heart of our business model. Members have a voice in how Fall River operates. You elect board members who live right here and understand the unique challenges and opportunities our communities face. Deci-

sions are not made in corporate boardrooms hundreds of miles away; they are made here at home, by people who care about the same things you do.

Co-ops were built to meet community needs, and that purpose extends well beyond delivering electricity. Whether Fall River Electric is supporting local schools, sponsoring youth programs, or partnering with volunteer organizations, your Co-op is always looking for ways to improve the quality of life in the places it serves. Community support is not an afterthought—it is part of Fall River Electric's mission.

Fall River is also planning for the future. As electricity demand grows due to innovative technologies and economic development, Fall River Electric is working to ensure it continues to meet those needs with a reliable energy mix. The members care about affordability and dependability and Fall River Electric is committed to delivering both.

"This National Co-op Month, I encourage you to take pride in your cooperative membership. You're not just a customer—you're an owner, a stakeholder, and a vital part of a larger effort to keep our community strong, connected, and energized," Case says. "Thank you for the trust you place in us. We are proud to be your local electric cooperative. Being part of a cooperative means being part of something special."

Sealing Your Home Saves You Money

Air leaks are one of the greatest sources of energy loss in a home. One of the quickest energy and money-saving tasks you can do before cold weather sets in is to caulk, seal, and weatherstrip all seams, cracks, and openings to the outside. By sealing air leaks, you could save between 10 and 20 percent on your wintertime heating costs! Here are some places to look for leaks:

- **Exterior doors and windows;**
- **Plumbing and electrical wiring where they enter your home;**
- **Open fireplace dampers; and**
- **Electrical sockets and light switches.**



Should you experience a power outage during wintry weather, you can monitor our Facebook page for updates on causes and estimated times when power will be back on. Follow us on facebook.com/FallRiverREC/ to stay up-to-date.

Take Safety Home – Understanding Alerts



As winter weather approaches, now is the time to get acquainted with wintertime weather alerts. Here are the three alerts most commonly used during the winter season:

Winter Storm Warning

This is issued when hazardous winter weather in the form of heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet is imminent or occurring. Winter Storm Warnings are usually issued 12 to 24 hours before the event is expected to begin.

Winter Storm Watch

This alert informs the public about the possibility of a blizzard, heavy snow, and possible drifting of snow on roadways. Winter Storm Watches are usually issued 12 to 48 hours before the beginning of a winter storm.

Winter Weather Advisory

Advisories are issued for accumulations of snow, freezing drizzle, and sleet that will cause significant inconveniences and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to life-threatening situations.

For more information about winter storm preparation, visit www.ready.gov/winter-weather.

