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ANNUAL ELECTION VOTING 2025 >>>

At Big Horn REA, your voice matters. For decades we have been owned and governed by members like you. Your vote in our annual Board of Directors election is your voice in your cooperative, a chance to weigh in on leaders who will represent you and your interests.

We will be holding a director election using mail-in ballots again this year. There are two board candidates for District #2 (Greybull, Shell area) and one board candidate for District #3 (Ten Sleep, Hyattville area) that were nominated by the Nominating Committee on April 2nd, 2025.

The Bylaws of Big Horn Rural Electric Company provide for the election of directors by members using mailed ballots. You will receive your ballot and Annual Report in the mail in a specially marked envelope. No member may submit more than one ballot.

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June



- 2- Bills Sent Out
- 15- Father's Day
- 20- First Day of Summer
- 25- June Bill Due
- 27- Ballots Due

July



- 1- Bills Sent Out
- 4- 4th of July
- 28- June Bill Due

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Please be sure to use the postage paid return envelope that was included with your ballot to return it. This envelope ensures your ballot will be mailed to an independent auditor for the vote tally. Any ballots returned directly to Big Horn REA **WILL NOT** be counted. Ballots must be received no later than Friday, June 27th, 2025, in order to be counted and to receive a \$25.00 credit on your next electric bill. The \$25.00 credit is one per membership – not one on each electric account you have with Big Horn REA.

Thank you for your participation in the election of directors for YOUR cooperative – we need your vote!



Bret Klopp, Greg Tharp and Rusty Burden kicked off our safety demo season in April for the Laura Irwin Elementary School kiddos in Basin!



Irrigation Members only:

By now you have received your horsepower charges for irrigation. If you have changed your horsepower or you think it is wrong, please contact us at the office at 307-568-2419.

(Please detach here and return this portion in the envelope provided)

OFFICIAL BALLOT ONLY ONE VOTE PER DISTRICT.

Director District 2:

- ☐ Steve Helburn
☐ Mike Miller

Director District 3:

- ☐ John Joyce

X

Member's Signature (this must be signed to be valid)

By signing this ballot form, I hereby swear and affirm that I am a current member of Big Horn REA and that I am authorized to sign this ballot form.

Membership No. _____



Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative



National Lineman Appreciation Day is celebrated on April 18th, we celebrated our linemen a day early and with snow! Pictured left to right: Bret Klopp, Clint Getzfreid, Rusty Burden, David Honeycutt, Greg Tharp, Tony Nelson, Tristen Snyder, Todd Herman and Wade Koehn.

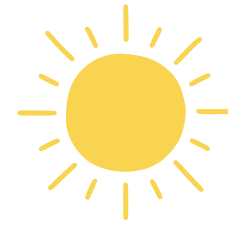
>>> ENERGY EFFICIENCY: TIP OF THE MONTH



Routine maintenance is important to keep your refrigerator running efficiently. Lint and dirt should be cleaned from the refrigerator coils every six months to a year, and more often if there are pets in the home. When coils are coated with lint, dust or pet hair, your refrigerator works harder than it's designed to, which can prevent the appliance from cooling properly and efficiently. The additional work can increase the energy costs of the refrigerator by as much as 35% and shorten the life of the appliance.

Source: energy.gov

WARM WEATHER TOOLS TO GET YOUR YARD SUMMER READY



As temperatures rise and the grass finally turns green, you're probably looking forward to using your outdoor space in the upcoming summer months. There's nothing like relaxing outside and soaking up the fresh air, but sometimes our yards need a little work before we can fully enjoy them. Don't sweat it, with the help of a few tools you'll have your yard summer-ready in no time.

Electric power tools don't require gasoline, oil changes, spark plugs or filters; simply slide in the battery and go. Gone are the days of pulling a cord to get your lawn tools started; electric tools start with the push of a button and are designed to be lightweight and easy to handle. Not only are they easy to use, but they also make it simple for you to reduce your environmental impact. Because they don't require fossil fuels, electric equipment consumes less energy without sacrificing power. Ready to go electric? Check out the top outdoor tools below.

Electric Lawnmowers

Mowing the lawn used to be a chore that required a lot of preparation. Between checking all the parts, filling them with gasoline and lugging them out to the yard, it was quite a production. Then, after all of that you had to yank the cord as hard as you could and pray it started on the first try. It was an exhausting job made more exhausting by constant motor noise.

Enter electric lawn mowers. They're quiet, compact and require little maintenance. Simply keep the battery charged and you'll be ready to mow at a moment's notice. Thanks to high customer demand for the new technology, battery-powered lawnmowers are quickly becoming the standard. Most electric lawn mowers can cut a half acre on one battery. Don't worry if you have a larger lot, many outdoor lawn manufacturers have electric riding mowers and there are several options for commercial-level equipment.

Electric Weed Trimmer

Unlike mowers, weed trimmers require a little preparation whether they're electric or not. While you still must thread the string, you won't have to worry about a sore arm the next day because electric weed trimmers only weigh about 5-7 pounds. Their weight makes them easy to maneuver and will leave your edge looking professional.

Electric Leaf Blower

Your work isn't complete until your patio, driveway and sidewalk are clear of grass and other debris. To finish your yard day, you'll want a leaf blower that doesn't skimp on power. Ditch the cord and opt for an electric leaf blower to move around the yard with ease. Electric leaf blowers are much quieter than their gas-powered counterparts and with zero emissions, they're better for the environment and your health. Not convinced? They're also better for your wallet because they don't require fuel, oil or other pricey pollutants.

Whether you're using it to gather leaves, clean out the gutters or dry the car, leaf blowers are an essential tool to have on hand.

Electric Pressure Washer

If winter weather has your outdoor surfaces looking a little grimy it may be time for a power wash. A good pressure washer can rinse years, even decades, of grime off your exterior surfaces. Use it for your driveway, deck, sidewalk, outdoor furniture, siding and more – just make sure the pressure is set accordingly so you don't cause damage. Unlike gas-powered models that must be used in well-ventilated areas, electric pressure washers can be used anywhere and are more user-friendly.

GET YOUR YARD SUMMER READY

Outdoor LED String Lights

They may not be a tool but they're the perfect finishing touch when yard work is finished. Sit back and enjoy summer nights with the warm ambiance of outdoor string lights. You can hang them on the front porch, around your favorite tree or on the pergola. Wherever you choose to hang them, make sure you choose a strand that uses energy-efficient LED bulbs and follow our outdoor string light safety tips.

Consider This!

If you can, try to stay within the same brand family (Greenworks, EGO, etc.) so you have multiple batteries and charger that can be used interchangeably. When you're using one battery, the other can always be charged and ready for use.

DON'T FORGET!

There are rebates available for electric yard and electric equipment!

Qualifying products include:

- 25% of cost up to \$1,000 for riding mowers.
- 25% of cost up to \$250 for 2-stage snow blower
- 25% of cost up to \$150 for snow blowers, walk-behind mowers, and e-bikes.
- 25% of cost up to \$100 for chainsaws.
- 25% of cost up to \$50 for trimmers, leaf blowers, and power washers.
- 50% of cost up to \$25 for additional batteries with original purchase/application (limit 1 additional battery per product)




WANTED

We would love to hear from our members!



Got a scenic photo of a place on our grid or a recipe created by you?

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If your submission is chosen to be published in our newsletter you will receive a \$25 bill credit!

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