

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

DUAL FUEL HEATING SYSTEMS TO BE TESTED NOVEMBER 16

As the heating season fast approaches, we are preparing for another Wisconsin winter. This includes a test of our load management system.

If you currently participate in our dual fuel or off-peak heating program, the load management system will be tested on Wednesday, November 16 (Thanksgiving is the following week).

Your electric heating system will be shut off at 5 p.m. and will remain off throughout most of the evening. Heating systems will be randomly turned back on beginning at 9:15 p.m., and all systems should be back on by 11:15 p.m.

During the time the electric heat is

off, customers will rely on their backup heating system. If you experience any problems with your heating system during this test, please contact your heating contractor. If you experience any problem with our load management receiver (*pictured at right*), contact Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative at 715-239-6800 or 1-800-300-6800.

This test is a benefit for you as well as the cooperative. We want to make sure your backup heating system and the load control device work properly before we get into extremely cold weather.

If you have any questions regarding this test, please call the office.



CHARLES VAN SICKLE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Federated Youth Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce that it will award the second Charles Van Sickle Scholarship this winter. The \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a pre-law or law student who has an interest in cooperative law. The scholarship is made possible by an endowment established in 2013 to honor Wisconsin's renowned electric cooperative lobbyist and attorney, the late Charles Van Sickle. The scholarship will be awarded prior to the Spring 2017 semester.

Please contact Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative for additional information and eligibility requirements. Email cvec@cve.coop or call 715.239.6800.



REBATE REMINDER

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative reminds its members that there are a variety of rebates available with the purchase of qualifying energy efficient products. Rebates are in place through December 31, 2016, or until funds, by incentive or in total, are depleted. Documentation must be submitted no later than six months after purchase date, or by December 31, 2016, whichever date comes first. Please submit rebate requirements as soon as possible to ensure that you can take advantage of our rebate program.



Rebate forms and information are available online at cvecoop.com/services/rebates.php or contact our office at 715-239-6800.



A house move on September 29, 2016, in Chippewa County on County Highway O, between Cornell and Cadott, required a number of workers and various equipment and vehicles to accomplish the complex task.

A total of four Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC) linemen were involved, bringing two bucket trucks, a digger truck, and a co-op pickup truck. Two officers with accompanying squad cars from the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department were needed to lead and anchor the move in order to divert any oncoming traffic. The moving company, Mitchell Movers from Chippewa Falls, brought a moving truck, two pickup trucks marked Oversize Load to bookend the house, and six workers to drive, guide, and tree trim as needed.

The home was originally located in Xcel Energy's service territory and was

moved into CVEC's territory, traveling a total of 1½ miles to its new location. Moving at the speed of approximately 2 mph, or walking pace, the house move was completed in four hours. The total width of the house, porch included, was measured at 37 feet, with a height of 30 feet 2 inches. Due to the width of the house, any trees that were an obstacle

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during the move had to be trimmed. The tree trimmer was perched on the peak of the porch to trim any interfering branches. If you look carefully you will see him in the photo on the opposite page, bottom left, on the right side of the porch roof, sitting amidst the sawdust and debris on the porch roof.

At various locations, members of CVEC's line crew met the moving truck as the home encountered CVEC power lines. CVEC de-energized portions of lines, untied them, and raised the lines for the house to safely pass underneath. After each clearance, CVEC's line crew returned the lines to their proper juncture and re-energize them.

A lot of planning and joint effort is involved with moving a home. Thanks to the cooperation and organization of all personnel involved, the home was safely moved to its new location.



Right: The house passed under the lines which had been deenergized, untied, and raised.

Opposite page: The house travels along County Highway O.



Left: The home needed to be loaded higher on the trailer to clear the bridge.

Below: The house at the driveway of its new location. CVEC linemen reattached the raised, de-energized lines with jib on bucket truck.







We have expanded our Med-A-Lert offerings to better meet the needs of our clients!

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makes a great
Christmas gift for
a loved one!

Today we are introducing three new offerings to our Med-A-Lert service.



Med-A-Left in case of emergency

We still have our **Basic** package, with Linear equipment, tried and true, and only **\$25/month**.



We have added an option with **Fall Detection**. We still use the Linear system, but have added a pendant that has a Fall Detection feature. The Linear system with Fall Detection is only **\$27/month**. This pendant is water

resistant (not waterproof as with the Basic package), and has a replaceable battery.





Two-way voice is now an option with our **Enhanced** system. This system has all the features of our Basic package, but in addition allows you to communicate with the Response



Center directly via the pendant. This is a great option for those who are frequently outside of the home, gardening, doing yardwork, or even going to the mailbox. A spare rechargeable battery for the pendant is kept charged in the base unit. The Enhanced system is only \$30/month.

All of the above systems have the basic requirements: Working landline phone jack & power receptacle

Complete mobility is available for the active individual with the **mobile mySHIELD** option. The mySHIELD is a cellular device, about 2 inches square. Pressing the alert button on the unit immediately puts you in direct contact with the Response Center. Your location is sent along with the call. Alerts can be sent as a text message to a number you choose to notify of an event, low battery, or power on/off. The cellular service provider is Verizon. The mySHIELD is an option wherever there is reliable Verizon cellular coverage. The mobile system is **\$35/month**.



Installation is available with all of our systems for a one-time fee of \$38.50. During the installation we will review all of the features of the system, place a test call, and verify the list of responders.

CALL TODAY - 715.239.6800 or 800.300.6800

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