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# NEWSLETTER

**Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative**

**May 2015**

## Is Your Central Air Conditioning Controlled?

Chippewa Valley Electric is offering a \$25 rebate to new participants in our Central Air Conditioning Load Management Program. In order to qualify for the rebate, the member must sign up for the control before June 1, 2015.

In addition to the \$25 rebate, the member will receive a \$6 per month credit during June, July, and August.

Central air conditioning has a special control strategy that cycles only the compressor rather than shutting down the entire system for extended periods. When we need to control central air conditioning systems, the compressor is cycled in 15-minute increments during the control period.

The blower is not interrupted, as there is generally enough residual cold in the ductwork for the control to go unnoticed.

If you would like to receive the rebate and the AC credit, please contact our office for a rebate form, or the rebate form can be downloaded from our webpage at [www.cvecoop.com/forms/ACagreement.pdf](http://www.cvecoop.com/forms/ACagreement.pdf).

## Office Move CVEC Moves Into Temporary Headquarters During Building Project

In April we opened at our temporary office (formerly Dr. Lane's dental office) located at 208 Main Street, Cornell. The move was necessary because of our new building project. We anticipate working out of the temporary facilities until the end of the year. Thank you in advance for your patience as we may experience some logistic and communication problems during this time.

**Please note:** Our payment drop box has also been relocated to 208 Main Street, Cornell on the east side of the building.



In honor of Memorial Day  
our office will be closed Monday, May 25.

# Consider Safety When Planning Landscaping Projects

Putting in some new landscaping or trees this year? Or perhaps planning your garden? Here are some tips to keep you safe around electricity.

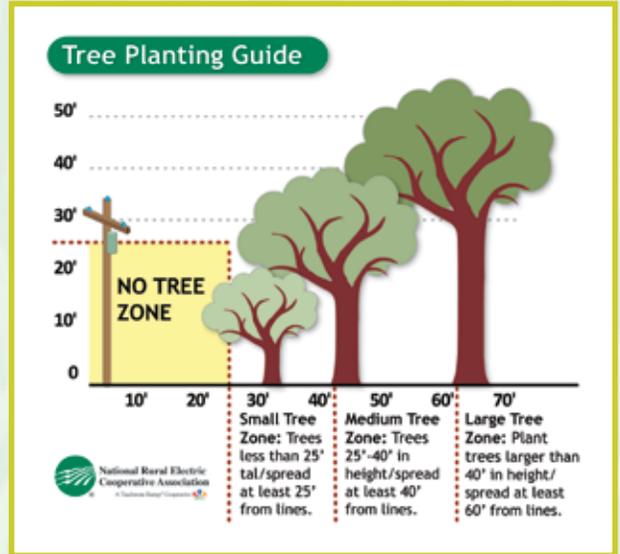
As you plan your tree and landscape plantings, consider that trees and shrubs need space to grow both above and below ground. Reduce fire hazards, power outages, and the need for frequent pruning with proper selection and planting of trees near utilities.

In our part of the country, we use dense windbreaks to protect homes from harsh winter winds. Winter sun should be able to reach south-facing windows. Refer to the helpful graphic at right to determine which species to plant in various locations on your property.

Tall trees surrounding your home, such as maple, oak, pine, and spruce, provide summer shade to lower cooling costs and keep out cold winter winds. Medium trees, 40 feet or less in mature height, include hawthorn, pagoda dogwood, star magnolia, and Amur maple, while smaller trees suitable for planting near distribution utility lines might include crab apple, sumac, burning bush, or winterberry.

These tree recommendations are for planting near local distribution power lines. The only trees that may be planted within the 80-foot wide electrical transmission line right-of-way are ornamentals or dwarf fruit trees that grow no taller than 12 feet at maturity.

- Take care to plant trees away from underground utilities, as tree roots can grow to interfere with underground pipes, cables, and wires. Future repairs could damage the health of nearby plants and trees.
- Always look up for nearby power lines before you cut down any tree or trim branches.



If a tree falls into a power line, contact Chippewa Valley Electric.

- Keep areas around electric meters, transformers, or other electrical equipment free of any vegetation that could limit utility service access.
- If you have trees that appear to be growing into or leaning toward power lines, contact Chippewa Valley Electric. Never try to prune them yourself.

## Call Before You Dig

Do your outdoor projects include installing a new mail box or bringing in a backhoe for trench work? At least 72 hours before engaging in any type of digging, call 8-1-1, the national "Call Before You Dig" number, to have the location of underground utilities on your property marked. Underground utilities, such as buried gas, water, and electric lines, can be a shovel thrust away from turning a spring project into a disaster. Calling 8-1-1 before you dig is free, it is easy, and it's the law.

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