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NEWSLETTER

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

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ATTENTION DUAL FUEL CUSTOMERS

All of our electric meters record kWh usage locally, as well as reporting back to our system in Cornell. Usage is transmitted using a technology called Power Line Carrier, where the data is sent using a very low level data signal on the power line.

A power failure message is received in Cornell whenever a meter is without power, due to either an outage, or in the case of a Dual Fuel Meter, a circuit breaker powered off. A requirement of the Dual Fuel program is that the meter be powered on at all times.

Most of our Dual Fuel Meters are connected to the power line via a dedicated circuit breaker, which should be tagged to be powered on at all times.

Please confirm your Dual Fuel Meter is powered on. If you have a meter with a digital display, the display should alternate between readings for Voltage and kWh. If the display is blank, the meter is not powered on. If you have a mechanical meter with the spinning disk, please look for a small red light in the lower half of the meter.

If you have any questions, please contact our Member Services Department.

This is an excellent time of the year to have your heating system inspected and serviced. We encourage you to contact your HVAC contractor for an inspection and tune-up. For Dual Fuel customers you may only rely on your backup heating system for a few hours at a time, but keep in mind it will most likely be the coldest, most miserable days!

PLEASE WATCH FOR FLASHING LIGHTS

It's back to school time! As children get ready to go back to school it's an appropriate time to remember to watch out for their safety as they get on and off a school bus.

If you approach a school bus with flashing warning signals and an extended stop sign you must STOP. The law states that you must stop not less than 20 feet from the bus and remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the operator extinguishes the flashing red warning lights. Failure to do so could result in a fine between \$30 and \$300. This law does not apply to vehicles driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway but does apply if no barrier is present on a multi-lane street or highway.

Passing a school bus while loading and unloading students is illegal. The flashing red lights and stop-arm are obvious signals for motorists to stop. Today's drivers have more distractions in their

vehicles than ever before and they just have to pay attention; you cannot drive distracted and be safe.

Sources:

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