

Live Lines

Woodbury County Rural Electric Cooperative

April 2011



Yes, please enter our names in the drawing for the trip. We understand that if our names are drawn, we will be billed \$50.

Circle first and second choice of dates:

- July 14-15 1st 2nd
- July 27-29 1st 2nd *(if available)*
- Aug. 7-12 1st 2nd

I/we have have not participated in this tour in the past

Name _____
 Spouse's Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____

Clip coupon and return to REC office by May 6, 2011

The Recipe Corner Frontier Chili Dinner



- 7 oz. Macaroni
- 1 (15 oz.) can Hormel Chili
- 1 (10 oz.) can tomato soup

Cook macaroni and drain. In the same saucepan, combine the Hormel Chili and tomato soup. Put the macaroni back into the pan with the soup and chili. Simmer until hot.

Calling all old, inefficient appliances!

It's recycling time for old, working refrigerators, freezers and window air conditioners! And it's time for Woodbury County REC members to benefit by receiving a \$25 reward for recycling those energy hogs. Call (800)469-3125 or 873-3125 to schedule an appliance pickup by a certified recycling company.

Rebates and incentives for 2011

Woodbury County REC has rebates and cash incentives for the purchase of the following equipment in 2011. All equipment and appliances must be "Energy Star" qualified to receive a rebate. To get the specifics for each rebate or incentive, call the REC office at 873-3125.

Electric Heating equipment –

- Air-to-air heat pumps (up to \$600 per unit)
- Ground source heat pumps (up to \$2,000 per unit)
- Add-on heat pumps (up to \$600 per unit)

Cooling equipment –

- Central Air-conditioners (up to \$200 per unit)
- Window Air-conditioners (\$25 per unit)
- Add-on heat pumps (up to \$600 per unit)

Water heaters – \$200 (if meets qualifications)

Electric Appliances –

- Clothes washers (\$50)
- Refrigerators (\$25)
- Freezers (\$25)
- Dishwashers (\$25)

Building insulation –

Up to \$500 (if meets qualifications)

Appliance recycling program –

Call for details




Be Careful - When doing any spring cleanup activity that involves a ladder - **LOOK UP**. Make sure your ladder is not going to come in contact with any overhead power lines. That includes the smaller insulated lines coming into your buildings. Just because those wires are insulated does not mean they are safe to touch.

The Woodbury County REC office will be closed on April 22nd for Good Friday. Call the regular phone numbers at (712)873-3125 or (800)496-3125 in the event of a power outage.

An Old Friend To Be No Longer

An old friend, the incandescent light bulb, will soon be going the way of the Model T Ford. The so called “light bulb law”, which phases out incandescent light bulbs starting in 2012, is part of the “Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007”. This law states that all light bulbs must be 25% to 30% more efficient than today’s bulbs by the year 2014. By 2020, lighting efficiency must increase to 70% better than today’s bulbs. One way of doing that is to ban the sale of incandescent bulbs and replace them with a more “green” earth friendly option.

Incandescent Phase Out Schedule	
2012 – 100 and 150 watt bulbs	
2013 – 75 watt bulbs	
2014 – 60 and 40 watt bulbs	

The result of the law will be that most people

will switch to the more efficient –albeit more expensive – compact fluorescent bulb (CFL) on the market now. Although CFLs may cost 4 to 5 times more than an incandescent bulb, they could last up to 10 times longer and use 75% less energy. Therefore, in the long run CFLs are more economical.

Other lighting options on the market today are halogen and LED bulbs which again are more expensive but longer lasting and less power hungry.

Nominating Members For Election To The Board of Directors

The following is the process involved in the nomination of R.E.C. members for election to the Board of Directors. Three Directors will be elected at the 73rd Annual Meeting of Woodbury County Rural Electric Cooperative which will be held on August 17, 2011.

Bylaws Article III, Section 3. Nominations

It shall be the duty of the board of directors to appoint, not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation on the committee to the geographical areas served or to be served by the Cooperative. No officer or member of the board of directors shall be appointed as a member of such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors, but any fifteen (15) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. A ballot marked “Ballot for Directors” containing the names of all the nominees posted, alphabetically arranged and stating the residence of each, shall be mailed with the notice of the meeting. The Secretary shall also mail with the notice of

the meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations made by the committee on nominations and the nominations made by petition. Such statement of the Secretary shall also inform the members of the manner in which they may vote by mail for directors as provided in this Section. Any member who is absent from any such meeting may vote by mail for directors by marking on the ballot an “X” opposite the names of the number of candidates equal to the number of directors to be elected and enclosed the ballot in a sealed envelope bearing his name and addressed to the Secretary. When such ballot so enclosed is received by mail from any absent member it shall be accepted and counted as a vote for directors by ballot of such absent members at such meetings. The provisions of this section shall not be mandatory in the case of recall of one or more directors as provided in section 8 of Article I of these bylaws. If a husband and wife hold a joint membership and are absent from any such meeting they may vote by mail for directors by jointly marking and enclosing the ballot hereinabove provided for.