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From the desk of Travis Mathes, Manager of Member Services

The interest in solar power in our area is at an all-time high. Many of you may have been targeted on social media by solar dealers trying to sell you solar panels at your farm, home, or business. These social media ads claim that you will get large rebates and high returns on your investment if you install solar. They even offer to finance the entire project for you. Don't fall victim to this sales scheme. These dealers are also using the sales pitch, "You will never have to pay your electric provider again." This is a false statement. According to current Missouri Statute your utility will always bill you for your service availability and security lights, therefore, you will still have a monthly bill from your utility. Missouri currently does NOT offer incentives like our neighboring states do, which can have a major effect on the bottom-line price that you pay for a solar system. Most of the time when the company offers a rebate, the company is simply inflating the cost of the panels to offset the rebate. I want to caution you on the financing options offered by these companies as well. I have seen companies offering low interest up front, no money down, financing options for solar, but when you read the fine print after 24 months the financing will jump as high as 25%.

If you are thinking about solar, please, give me a call and let me talk to you about our net metering agreement and policy. Unlike the solar company that has one objective – to sell their products and services – we will look at the total energy picture and help you determine if solar is right for you. We want to insure you will get a return on your investment and/or achieve the ultimate objective you are looking for by installing solar panels. Members must have a net metering agreement in place with Lewis County REC, prior to installation of an alternative energy source. At Lewis County REC we recognize that member interest in green energy sources and renewables is at an all-time high, and we stand ready to help our members determine their options. Being a member owned electric cooperative, commitment to community, is one of our core principles and looking out for the best interest of our member/owners falls under that principle. Before you sign a contract with any company to install alternative energy, please, reach out to us and let us be at the table with you to make sure you are not being taken advantage of. If you have any questions give me a call today and I will be happy to work with you, as well as, provide a list of local, trusted installers that will give you an accurate quote and help you assess what alternate energy is best for you. Until next month, stay cool and healthy, and enjoy the last days of summer as fall is just around the corner!



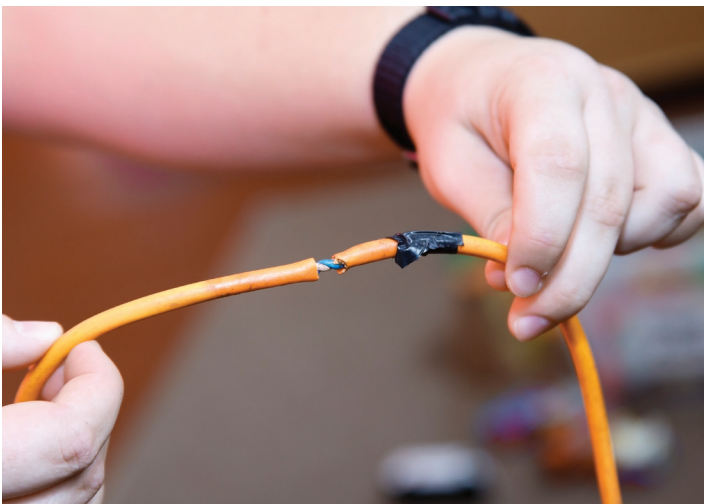
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date on what is going
on at Lewis County REC,
as well as, learn about
safety, and energy
efficiency.**

Back to School Safety

- Slow down.
- Be especially careful when driving on neighborhood streets and around school zones, always expect the unexpected.
- Be alert for children walking to and from school as you back out of your driveway or leave your parking garage.
- Watch for children on bicycles, especially at intersections and driveways.
- Stop your car when you see lights flashing on a school bus.
- Do not start driving until the red lights stop flashing.
- When you approach a school bus picking up a child, it is the law to stop. When the flashing lights come on and the red stop sign extends that means STOP.



SAFETY FIRST!

You might be tempted to “fix” a damaged extension cord by wrapping it with tape. Instead, throw it away and buy a new one. Quick fixes can fail, leaving the potential for shock. Consider having an electrician add a new outlet to eliminate the need to use cords.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Suffering from summer heat? Change out those old incandescent bulbs with new LED bulbs. They use 75% less energy, last 25 times longer and run much cooler than incandescent bulbs. Only about 10% to 15% of the electricity used by incandescent bulbs gets turned into light. The rest is adding heat to your home!

TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

CALL (TOLL FREE) 1-888-454-4485
(LOCAL) 215-4000

24 HOURS A DAY

CALL THE TOLL FREE NUMBER
DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS (7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
FOR ALL OTHER SERVICES

Before calling:

- Check your breakers or fuses
- Check with your neighbors to see if they have power
- When calling please give the following information:

Your name • Meter Number • and/or location number