

FROM THE MANAGER/CEO

# Leave the pole alone

## Placing a sign on a utility pole could endanger a life

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**WHAT DO** yard sale signs, basketball hoops, deer stands, satellite dishes and birdhouses have in common? They're often found illegally attached to utility poles. But this isn't only a crime of inconvenience. Safety issues caused by unapproved pole attachments place the lives of lineworkers and the public in peril.


It may seem innocent, but a small nail partially driven into a pole can have deadly results around high-voltage electricity.

New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative line crews climb utility poles at all hours of the day and night even in the worst of conditions. Anything attached to utility poles can create serious hazards for our line personnel. Sharp objects like nails, tacks, staples, or barbed wire can puncture rubber gloves and other safety equipment, making the linemen vulnerable to electrocution.

Our linemen have reported poles used as community bulletin boards, satellite mounts, and even support legs for deer stands, lights, and carports. Not only do

these attachments put our line crews at risk, anyone illegally placing these items on poles comes dangerously close to energized power lines with thousands of volts of energy pulsing overhead. It's always wise to keep any structure at least 10 feet away from utility poles.

Unauthorized pole attachments violate the National Electrical Safety Code, the accepted manual containing guidelines for safe electrical engineering standards. Utilities strictly follow this code, which includes a section that reads, "Signs, posters, notices and other attachments shall not be placed on supporting structures without concurrence of the owner (the utility is the owner of the pole). Supporting structures should be kept free from other climbing hazards such as tacks, nails, vines and through bolts not properly trimmed."

Please help us keep our linemen — and our community — safe. Don't attach any of these unauthorized and dangerous items to utility poles. Fixtures not belonging to the cooperative or another utility will be removed by co-op line personnel; the co-op is not responsible for any losses if an item is damaged or destroyed during removal. 

### November Calendar

- November 11 - closed in observance of Veterans Day
- November 18 - Last day to make payment arrangements with Brawna for past due accounts (call Brawna at extension 224)
- November 22 - Disconnect accounts with past due balance
- November 28 - Regular payment and meter reading due date

### CO-OP CONNECTIONS UPDATE

So far this year, the Co-op Connections card has paid out 210 prescription claims with a total savings of 33.67 percent. Just a reminder — you can use the card if you do not have a prescription plan or on prescriptions that are not covered by your plan. You can use this if you have a deductible or lapse in coverage. If you have not received a card or have lost your card, please call Wendy at extension 230 to receive a new card.

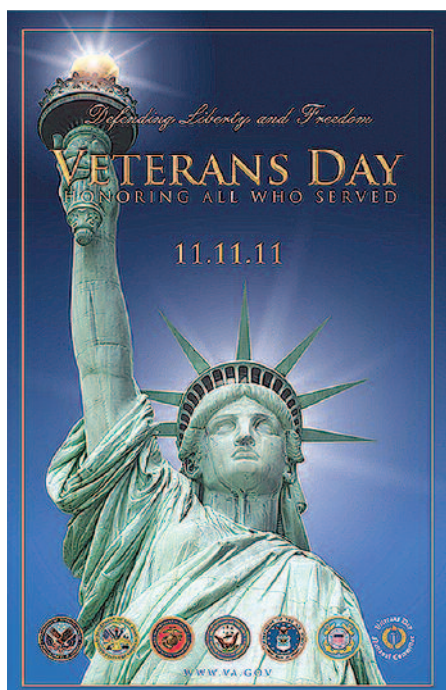
Go to <http://co-opconnections.com> and check out other discounts you can save on in addition to your prescriptions!

# History of Veterans Day

**WORLD WAR I** — known at the time as “The Great War” — officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations.”

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11 a.m.



An act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday — a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.”

Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen in the nation’s history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans’ service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “armistice” and inserting in its place the word “veterans.” With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on Oct. 8, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first Veterans Day Proclamation, which stated: “In order to ensure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans’ organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the administrator of Veterans’ Affairs as chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the executive branch of the government to assist the national committee in every way possible.”

The next development in the story of Veterans Day unfolded in 1968, when Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which sought to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees — and encourage tourism and travel — by celebrating four national holidays (Washington’s Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day) on Mondays.

Veterans Day was set as the fourth



**OFFICIAL:** President Dwight Eisenhower signs the law changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day. From left are Alvin J. King, Wayne Richards, Arthur J. Connell, John T. Nation, Edward Rees, Richard L. Trombla, Howard W. Watts.

Monday in October and the first observance under the new law was Monday, Oct. 25, 1971. Many states did not approve of this change as residents were confused, and in fact, many states continued to observe the holiday on its original date of Nov. 11. In 1975, after it became evident that Nov. 11 carried historical and patriotic significance to many Americans, President Gerald R. Ford signed a new law returning the observation of Veterans Day to its original date, to be effective in 1978. If Nov. 11 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the federal government observes the holiday on the previous Friday or following Monday, respectively.

Many local communities celebrate Veterans Day with parades and speeches. Nationally, it is celebrated with an official wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

Veterans Day should not be confused with Memorial Day. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Memorial Day (always observed on the fourth Monday in May) honors U.S. servicemen and women who died in service to their country as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all U.S. veterans (living or dead), and especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime. ☀

*Information reprinted from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) and [www.history.com](http://www.history.com).*

## Myths and tips about proper thermostat settings

The thermostat in your home controls when your heating or cooling system operates. You can save energy and money by learning how this simple device operates.

One common myth is that the higher you set it when you return home, the faster your furnace will heat up your house. This isn't true since most fur-



naces deliver heat at the same rate no matter how high it is set. So the best thing to do is to just set it at the temperature you'd like, and your furnace will heat your home as fast as it can. Setting the thermostat higher on heat pumps, however, may cause your heat pump to heat up faster, wasting energy because the backup heat may come on. Raise the temperature of your heat pump only 2 to 3 degrees at a time.

Another myth regards the efficiency of adjusting the settings down or up for

heating and cooling, respectively, when you don't need it, such as at night or when no one is home. This myth states your furnace will work harder than normal to heat your home back to the desired temperature after the thermostat has been set back, resulting in little or no savings. This is not true, as has been proven by years of research and field observations. The longer your home stays at an increased temperature when cooling or reduced temperature when heating, the more energy and money you'll save. This is because your heating and cooling costs depend mostly on the difference in temperature between outdoors and indoors. When you turn the thermostat up in the summer or down in the winter, you are simply reducing this temperature difference. If you adjust your thermostat back 10 or 15 degrees during the hours while you're away at work or while sleeping, your energy savings can be anywhere from 5 to 15 percent on your energy bill.

You can install a set-back thermostat that will automatically adjust your home's temperature at pre-set times. However, you can also achieve these same savings if you remember to change your thermostat faithfully anytime you leave home or go to bed.

If you have a heat pump and want to install a set-back thermostat, you'll need to buy one that is designed specifically for a heat pump. Lowering the desired temperature of a heat pump can actually

result in its operating inefficiently, which in turn cancels out any of your savings. The best way to save money when using a heat pump is to choose a moderate setting and leave it there all day and night.

Making the simplest changes and performing routine maintenance can save energy and money. Here are a few more tips to follow to help you save:

- ▶ Inspect and clean your heating unit.
- ▶ Replace all filters on a regular basis.
- ▶ Open shades during the day to let the sunshine in and warm your home during the winter; close the shades during the summer.
- ▶ Insulate hot water pipes and ducts that run through open areas of your home.
- ▶ Insulate your basement, crawl space and attic. Insulation should be at least R-30 in the attic, R-13 in the walls and R-19 in the crawlspace. A well-insulated home reduces energy consumption by as much as 8 to 10 percent per year.
- ▶ Install a programmable thermostat to set your thermostat back automatically while you are at work or asleep.
- ▶ Use energy saving settings on appliances like refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines and dryers.
- ▶ Caulk all leaky windows and apply weather stripping to doors, sealing in any air leaks in your home.
- ▶ You can add an insulating blanket to your electric water heater only, as this poses a safety risk to gas heaters.

Use these tips and watch your savings mount!

## It's that time of year again!

Trying to find that perfect gift? Want to avoid last-minute shopping, the crowds, the chance the person will return your gift for a different size or color? Then call New Enterprise REC for a gift certificate. Gift certificates come in all different values, and any person would greatly appreciate the gift. You may either clip the coupon and mail it in with your payment or call us and pay over the phone with a check, Visa or MasterCard.

### New Enterprise REC Gift Certificate

Recipient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Gift: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchaser's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How should the certificate(s) be signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Mom & Dad, The Smith Family, Joe & Betty, etc)

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I wish to remain anonymous

Mail letter to recipient

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## Thanksgiving



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