

What's Happening

August 5

Rock Energy "Member Appreciation Day"

- 8:30 to 10:30 am
- Rock County
Fairgrounds (1301 Craig
Ave. / Janesville, WI)

August 11

National Safe Digging Day



September 4

Labor Day

- REC Offices Closed

August is Back-to-School Safety Month

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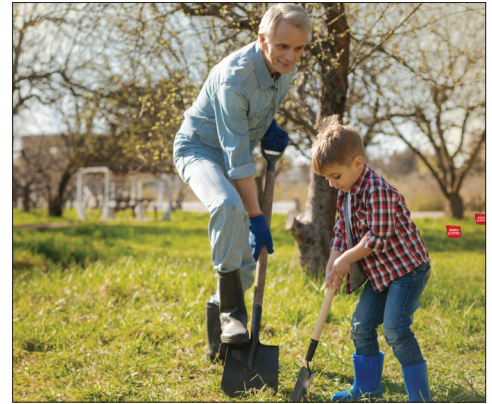
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Plan Ahead, Call 8-1-1 Before You Dig

August 11 is National Safe Digging Day

Digging without locating underground utilities could leave neighborhoods in the dark; cause thousands of dollars in damages; or cause severe electrical shock. This is true regardless of how much area your project will cover or whether you consider the job to be large or small. To help stay safe, make use of the national underground utility locating service for free by calling 8-1-1. And remember, it's also state law. If you don't call, you could be fined. Here are some key things you need to know when it comes to digging on your property and calling 8-1-1:



utilities can shift, and it's important to be certain of where they are before digging.

- The 8-1-1 "Call Before You Dig" number will route you to your local utility locating service. Make sure to tell the operator where and when you plan to dig and what type of work you will be doing. From there, it takes a few business days for a professional to come mark your public utilities with flags or spray paint.
- There are different colors of paint and flags that mark the underground utilities, and each color is universal to what utility is buried (see color descriptions below).
- Even if you in the past had utilities located by calling 8-1-1, it is best to call before every digging project. Underground

- It is important to understand that 8-1-1 locators do not locate privately installed facilities. For private utilities, you will need to hire a private utility locator. Some examples of private utilities include: underground sprinkler system, invisible fences, data communication systems, private water systems, or gas piping to a garage.
- Once all of your underground utilities have been located, it is time to start digging, but be sure to wear all of the proper protective gear before putting the shovel into the earth.








For More Information:

NATIONWIDE
www.call811.com
or call 811

WISCONSIN
www.diggershotline.com
or call 800-242-8511

ILLINOIS
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WHAT DO THE FLAG COLORS REPRESENT?

-  – Electric
-  – Communications, Telephone/CATV
-  – Potable Water
-  – Sewer/Drainage
-  – Gas/Petroleum Pipe Line
-  – Reclaimed Water
-  – Premark Site of Intended Excavation

Rock Energy Gas Rate Adjustment

For the first time since 2018, natural gas base rates will be modified, effective with gas billings after August 15, 2023.

Due to increased inflationary costs, residential members will see their monthly facilities charge increase by \$3, with a slight decrease in their delivery charge per therm. For residential accounts, this equates to a 0.5% annual increase over the five-year period. For commercial/industrial accounts, rate modifications will equate to a 0.25% annual increase over the five-year period.

The cooperative remains cost competitive, while maintaining and upgrading the system to accommodate the needs of our current and future members. Please contact the office if you have any questions.



Teens Represent Rock Energy at 2023 D.C. Youth Tour

Pictured above are the 12 youth Wisconsin delegates on the Washington DC Youth Tour, which took place in June. Rock Energy delegates Samantha Hopkins (front row, far left) and Emma Steinke (front row, second from left) participated in the tour.

FREE & EASY ways to save energy

(Spoiler Alert: Your clothes and dishes won't know the difference)

Major home appliances account for approximately 16% of an average home's energy consumption.

16%



1. Run full loads of laundry instead of several smaller ones.
2. Use cold water to wash your clothes.

3. Keep your refrigerator at 35° to 38°F and your freezer at 0°F.
4. Regularly defrost manual-defrost freezers and refrigerators.



5. Skip the heat-dry setting on your dishwasher.
6. Fully load your dishwasher before washing.

7. When buying new appliances, consider Energy Star versions.
8. Unplug appliances you're not using.



Time to replace that old appliance? Replacing older versions with energy-efficient models can save the average household more than \$500 per year.

Source: SafeElectricity.org



REC OFFICES CLOSED SEPTEMBER 4 FOR LABOR DAY

Rock Energy offices will be closed and REC personnel will be out on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices during the holiday and at the payment kiosk outside our South Beloit office, 15229 Willowbrook Road. The offices will be back open on Tuesday, September 5, at 7:30 a.m. Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are available. If you need to report a power outage or a natural gas incident, please call 866-752-4550.