

# Electric Line Newsletter



## Swimmer Safety

As per the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, there have been 14 deaths in the past decade directly linking swimming pools and electricity. Aside from death, swimming pools and electricity have accounted for a multitude of injuries. However, you and your family do not have to become another statistic so long as you are aware of any potential dangers.

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Almost all pools incorporate electricity in some facet or another. There's underwater lighting, heating wiring, electrical products such as radios located nearby, extension cords, cleaning units and a host of other dangers that could provide harm to your family if the electricity finds its way into the water.

The easiest way to remain safe in your pool or hot tub is by having ground fault circuit interrupters. If there is a ground fault, the GFCI will engage and will remove all live electricity in up to 1/40<sup>th</sup> of a second. Timing is essential, and GFCIs can potentially save lives and prevent harm.

There are also more practical ways to stay safe. Common sense is a big one. There's no need to have electrical appliances nearby or in a pool. If you want a television or radio near your pool, be smart and set up a table a safe splashing distance away. Anything that gets plugged in should stay away from pools; as they lead to deadly shocks when in contact with water.

Furthermore, do not swim right after a thunderstorm. Before you open your pool for the summer, have a qualified pool electrician inspect your pool's wiring. Use battery operated appliances instead of ones that require a plug in. Do not set your pool up by power lines. If pool lights are flickering, exit as soon as possible. All of these safety solutions are practical and easy to accomplish, and are worth it when lives are on the line.

There are telltale signs of a potential shock that swimmers should be on the lookout for. Any tingling sensations, cramps, and a feeling of becoming immobilized are all indicators that the waters are coursing with electrical currents. If anyone swimming with you becomes motionless, it is likely that they are in the midst of electric shock. **(Continued on next page.)**

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## Swimmer Safety, Cont'd

If you are swimming and a shock occurs, exit the pool immediately. Once you are out, immediately turn off all power leading into it. Call 911 and use a rescue hook, preferably a fiber glass Shephard's crook, to safely pull those who have been shocked out of the water.

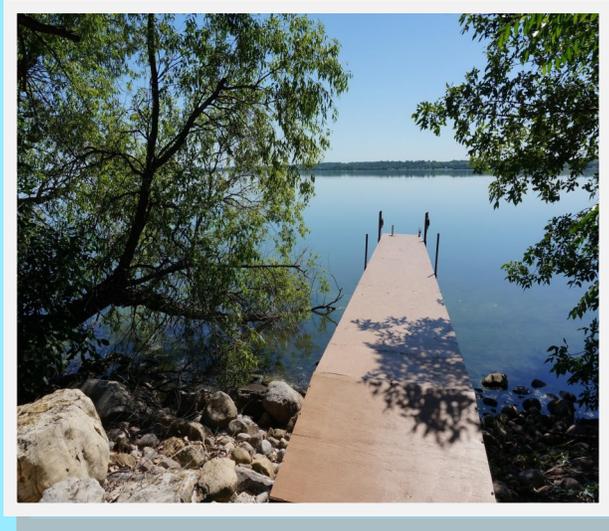
Pools are meant to relieve swimmers on a hot day. The last thing anyone would want is to experience a severe injury while trying to have fun and relax. Follow along with these tips and you can remain from becoming another statistic.

## Kids on the Loose!

Now that summer is officially here, your children are home from school and ready to enjoy some well deserved time off. With nicer weather comes the opportunity to play outside. We encourage children to put down the video games and to soak up some sun; however, we advise that you as parents warn them about the potential dangers they may encounter when outdoors. Remind your children to stay away from powerlines, and to never climb them. Make sure your children know to never retrieve any items that may get stuck in powerlines, and inform them of the danger that climbing lines presents. Do not enter any electrical substation, even just for shelter. Furthermore, keep toys and appliances away from pools. Last but not least, remind them that electrical equipment are not toys, and to always err on the side of caution. Remember, safety first!

## Annual Meeting

We would like to extend a sincere 'thank you' to those who were able to make it to our rescheduled Annual Meeting on May 22nd. We apologize for having to reschedule, but thanks to your cooperation, we were able to have a productive and informative meeting. For more details on what took place, be on the look out for our full recap in "Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News". We look forward to seeing you next year!



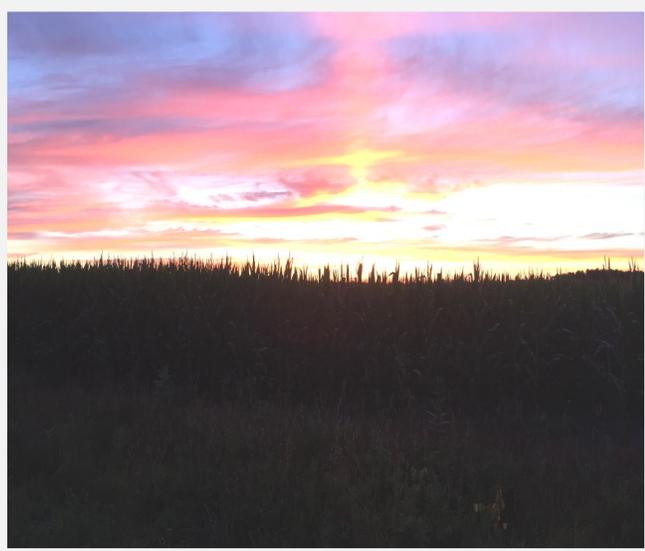
## Important Dates

**June 5th:** World Environment Day

**June 17th:** Father's Day

**June 21st:** Summer Solstice

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## “Life in Rural Wisconsin” 2018 Member Photo Contest

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative is holding our annual photo contest for members’ photos to be featured in our 2019 calendar. Winning photos may be used in future newsletters or cooperative publications.

The rules are fairly simple. Photos must be taken by members of our cooperative, and must be taken within our service area. Photos should accurately depict life in Central Wisconsin, and could potentially include topics ranging from wildlife, varying seasons, picturesque areas, and even different people within our community!

We require that the photos be submitted in landscape format, to ensure that they will fit in the calendar, and can be sent in either color or black and white. Photos must be a resolution of at least 300 DPI, to ensure a quality entry in our calendar.

This contest will run from April 1st until August 28th of 2018. Each member is permitted to submit three pictures. All participants must be 18 years or older, or must have a parent or guardian submit an entry form.

Good luck to those participating! We look forward to your submissions!

## Outage Notification Text Messages

At the cooperative, our member’s safety is always a priority. With that in mind, we would like to offer you the opportunity to enroll in a free text message service to notify you of any outages that affect your meters. With your meter or account information we will be able to let you know if the power has gone out at your meter. If possible, the text messages will also inform you of the reason for the outage and a possible time of restoration.

Signing Up—If you are interested in this service, you can enroll at [www.cwecoop.com](http://www.cwecoop.com). For questions, please visit our website or give us a call.

