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JNEC's February 2023 Newsletter

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BE PROACTIVE IN PREVENTING ELECTRICAL FIRES

Take steps to help prevent electrical fires by identifying possible issues before they occur.

When assessing your home, the first step is to hire a qualified electrician to check all wiring to ensure it is up to code and that the electrical system can handle the demands of your electronics, appliances, lights and other electrical needs. Beyond that, watch for possible issues as they arise.

Symptoms of issues include flickering lights, discolored outlets and switch plates, damaged cords, frequently tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses. Check these electrically related items in your home:

1. **Electrical outlets:** Check for loose-fitting plugs and loose wall receptacles. Replace missing or broken wall plates. If you have young children, install tamper-resistant outlets if your home does not have them. Avoid overloading outlets with adapters and too many appliance plugs.
2. **Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs):** Make sure GFCIs are installed in your kitchen, bathrooms, laundry room, workshop, basement, garage and outdoor outlets. GFCIs help protect against electrical shock. Use the Test and Reset buttons monthly to ensure that they are working properly.
3. **Cords:** Check cords to ensure they are not frayed or cracked, placed under rugs, tightly wrapped around an object or located in high traffic areas. Do not nail or staple them to walls, floors or other objects.
4. **Extension cords:** These are not intended to be permanent solutions, so use them temporarily. If you find that you need more electrical outlets, consult your electrician.
5. **Light bulbs:** Verify that your light bulbs are the intended wattage for the lamp or fixture they are in.
6. **Appliances/electronics:** If an appliance repeatedly blows a fuse, trips a circuit breaker or gives you an electrical shock, it is time to discard it and replace it with a new version. Use surge protectors to protect expensive electronics. Make sure your appliances and electronics are placed in dry locations.
7. **Circuit breakers/fuses:** Check that circuit breakers are working properly. Fuses should be properly rated for the circuits they protect.
8. **Electrical wiring:** If an outlet is not working, it may be an indicator of unsafe wiring. Also, check for loose wires and lighting fixtures. Listen for popping or sizzling sounds behind walls. If light switches are hot to the touch or lights spark and flicker, immediately shut them off at the circuit breaker and contact a qualified electrician to make repairs.
9. **Arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs):** AFCIs, which monitor the flow of electricity throughout your home, should be properly installed. If an AFCI detects any abnormality, it shuts the system off to prevent a fire. Upon inspection, an electrician can assess whether your home is properly protected.
10. **Service capacity:** If fuses blow or trip frequently, you may need to increase the capacity of your electrical service or add new branch circuits. Contact a qualified electrician.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Washing windows and screens is a great way to practice energy efficiency during spring cleaning. Clean windows and screens make your home brighter by allowing more sunlight in, reducing the need for lamps and fixtures.

Clean screens also allow more fresh air in the home when the windows are open to recycle indoor air. Natural light and clean air are energy savers, and they enhance overall health and productivity.

Source: [energy.gov](https://www.energy.gov)



Operation Round Up

A Successful Membership Program in 2022

To Join Operation Round Up call JNEC at 409-423-2241 or 800-231-9340 and tell our Member Service Representative that you want to be in Operation Round Up!


Operation Round Up is an innovative community service fundraising program. Beginning in January 2002, a voluntary and exciting member-funded program supporting worthwhile projects in our communities was implemented at Jasper-Newton Electric Cooperative, Inc. (JNEC). Operation Round Up funds are spent locally. An Operation Round Up committee consisting of members representing each district in JNEC's service area decides how donations are distributed.

Operation Round Up is successful with over \$51,250.00 distributed in 2022. Since 2002, JNEC members have contributed over \$1,503,873 to their local communities. Every month, your additional pennies, nickels, and dimes are added to this special fund that helped in 2022. The following local community activities and projects throughout JNEC's service area:


BUNA PUBLIC LIBRARY
NEWTON VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT
BUNA FFA ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION
DEWEYVILLE 4H CLUB
BUNA OPERATION
GRADUATION 2022
FRIENDS OF THE KIRBYVILLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY
DEWEYVILLE 4H & FFA
ALUMNI
DEWEYVILLE PROJECT
GRADUATION 2022
NEWTON COUNTY ESD #5
DEWEYVILLE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT
KIRBYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT
KIRBYVILLE CHRISTIAN
OUTREACH
THE HELPING PLACE
KIRBYVILLE FFA ALUMNI
KIRBYVILLE OPERATION
GRADUATION 2022
NEWTON COUNTY PUBLIC
LIBRARY
EAST TEXAS BAPTIST
ENCAMPMENT
NEWTON FOOD SHARE
EVADALE OPERATION
GRADUATION 2022
HUGHES CENTER OUTREACH

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COUNCIL
TROUT CREEK VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT
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DEPARTMENT
JASPER COUNTY HISTORICAL
MUSEUM
BURKEVILLE 4H
THE FOOD MINISTRY
SALVATION ARMY-NEWTON
SERVICE UNIT
ROGANVILLE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT
NEWTON COUNTY PUBLIC
LIBRARY
NEWTON FAIR BUYERS
COMMITTEE
JASPER COUNTY JR
LIVESTOCK FOUNDATION
KIRBYVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE
EAST TEXAS PREGNANCY
HELP CENTER
BEECH GROVE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT
SANTA'S TOY BRIGADE
BUNA LITTLE DRIBBLERS
CHAMPION OAKS RANCH
EAST TEXAS MUTUAL AID
SOUTHEAST TEXAS FIRST
RESPONDERS
KIRBYVILLE YOUTH SOCCER
LEAGUE

JASPER COUNTY TRI-COMMUNITY VFD
MASA HOPE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH
BUNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



JASPER-NEWTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT



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