





# HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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## November CEO Message

Winter is coming whether we like it or not. One thing we can do is be prepared to stay safe and warm during winter storms. Everyone at HCE cares about your safety and we want everyone to be prepared. Our service is very reliable, but events out of our control can still cause outages.

The extreme temperatures we face along Montana's Hi-

Line during the winter months can be dangerous. Heavy snow and ice can result in downed power lines. During these situations, HCE's crews work as quickly and safely possible to restore power. The safety of our members and our employees is our number one priority.

Here are few things you can do to be prepared in the event of a power outage this winter:

- **Stay warm** Have a safe alternative heat source in case of a loss of power. Fireplaces and wood burning stoves are options, but exercise caution and never leave them unattended. Do not use gasoline, propane, or natural gas heating options indoors. Always follow the manufacturer's directions and make sure the heating source is ventilated properly.
- **Be prepared.** It is recommended to have several days' supply of food that does not need to be cooked on hand. This could include for example: crackers, cereal, canned goods, bread, and peanut butter. The Center for Disease Control also recommends each person should have five gallons of water available in case of an extended power outage.
- **Safety first.** Don't travel during a storm if you don't have to. If you must travel, bring a survival

kit, and do not travel alone. Assume there may be downed power lines if there is a power outage. If you encounter downed lines, ALWAYS ASSUME THEY ARE LIVE. Stay as far away as possible. Report the outage and downed lines to HCE at 1-877-394-7804 (24/7).

HCE offers a selection of Generac generators available to order through our warehouse in Havre and our Master Electrician can be scheduled to install them. If you are interested in purchasing a Generac generator, stop by or call our HCE warehouse at 406-394-7804 for more details.



We will be closed during Thanksgiving,  
Thursday the 25th - Friday the 26th.

Please call 1-877-394-7804 to report  
any service outages.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

# Space Heater Safety Tips

Space heaters are a great way to warm specific rooms in your home without having to crank up the thermostat, but using space heaters doesn't come without risk! Use the tips below to keep your home safe.

**DO:** Plug your space heater directly into the wall outlet.

**DO:** Buy a unit with an automatic shutoff in case the unit tips over, or you forget to shut it off.

**DO:** Keep your space heater in low-moisture rooms.

**DO:** Keep your space heater at a safe distance (at least 3 feet) from kids, pets and flammable items.

**DO:** Always follow the directions and take a broken space heater to a qualified appliance service center.

**DON'T:** Leave your space heater unattended. Always unplug it before you leave the house or go to bed.

**DON'T:** Use an extension cord to plug in your space heater. It can cause the heater to over-heat, and can be a tripping hazard.

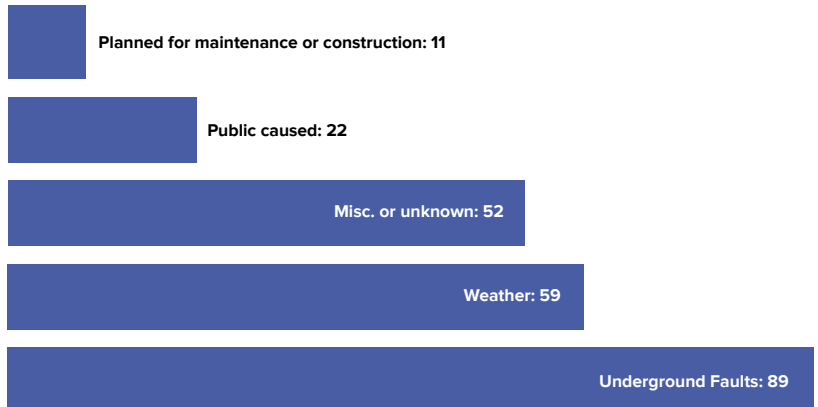
**DON'T:** Place your space heater near curtains, clothing, furniture or bedding.

**DON'T:** Try to repair a broken space heater yourself.

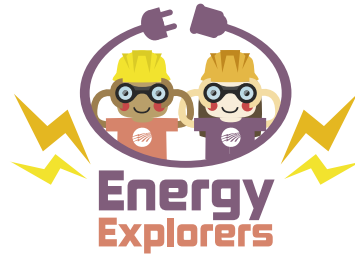
**DON'T:** Put your space heater in your bathroom. The moisture can damage the unit, which could cause it to malfunction.

## HCE Happenings

Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately 233 account hours affected by outages. Of these hours:



# LINEWORKER GEAR WORD SEARCH



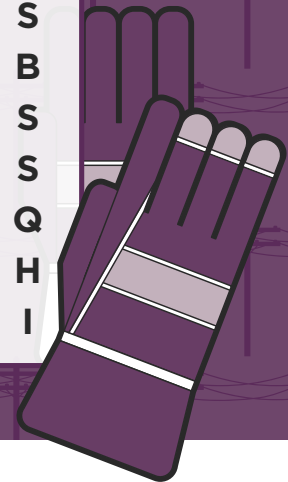
Did you know lineworkers wear special protective gear to keep them safe while working on power lines and other electrical equipment?

Read the descriptions to learn about a lineworker's gear and find the **bolded words** in the puzzle below.

- **Safety goggles** keep debris away from lineworkers' eyes while on the job.
- **Hard hats** protect lineworkers from head injuries and falling debris.
- **Work boots** provide extra protection while lineworkers work with heavy materials that could fall near their feet.
- **Flame-resistant** clothing keeps lineworkers safe from electrical hazards.
- **Insulated gloves** protect lineworkers from electrical shock while working on power lines.
- **Equipment belts** hold several tools that lineworkers need to get the job done.



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# SWAP AND SHOP

Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members!

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## **Rapelje 10th Annual Holiday Fair**

The Rapelje Community Scholarship Committee is sponsoring the 10th Annual Holiday Fair in the Rapelje School Gymnasium on Saturday, November 20, 2021, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Admission is \$1. Rapelje and surrounding area community members are welcome to participate in the Holiday Fair. There will be raffles, door prizes during the event and wonderful food. The goal is to raise money to provide scholarships for the students.

## **Looking For**

Looking for an older model Chevy Pickup with a 6-cylinder motor that runs, preferably a 2WD. Also looking for a 292 Chevy that runs. Call 406.932.4748.

## **Thermador Cook Stove**

Has gas burners and electric oven. Size: 30" wide x 36" front height x 42" back. Asking \$150, call 406.378.3233.

## **2003 H2 Hummer\***

Lifted 2003 H2 Hummer with 85,000 miles for \$23,000. Excellent condition with giant subwoofer, off-road tires, Brimbo super sports brakes, LED headlights, sunroof, custom exhaust and undercarriage train horns with in-cabin air compressor. Call 406.669.3336.

## **Tiffin Allegro Open Road Coach**

2012 Tiffin Allegro Open Road Coach model 30'AG. In excellent condition, stored inside, only 33,000 miles. Pictures sent on request. Asking \$88,500, call 406.570.4909.

## **Collectibles For Sale\***

Selling Hazel-Atlas "Orchard" clear glass, apple-shaped dishes, plates and cups; Cornishware by T.G. Green Ltd. "Jersey blue" with white polka dots; Teapot and 4 mugs; 1 gallon brown and cream color crockery jugs with handles; Vinyl LP records (1956-1976), mainly soundtracks; gilt-framed mirror with beveled glass (21.5 high c 39.5 wide) from 1940's; American Beauty Dolls of Hollywood (10.5 inches tall

& in original box); Smurf deka brand plate, cup and bowl made in USA; Smurf metal license plate ("Honk if you like Smurfs"); Eagle galvanized 2.5-gallon red gas can; Call 406.671.4787 or email buffalo@itstriangle.com.

## **Ford Rangers**

Two Ford Ranger 4x4's both supercabs and run great. One is a 1989 5-speed with 133,000 miles, very clean. Second is a 1993 with an automatic transmission, 4.0L-v6 with 129,000 miles, needs some body work and paint. Take your pick, \$2,500. Call 406.378.2288.

## **Hot Tub**

Hot tub for sale, needs work. Call 406.378.3212.

## **McCormick Deering Combine**

1956(ish) McCormick Deering Combine. Ran great last time it was started about 10 years ago. Need to get it hauled off the place. FREE to interested person(s). Call 406.572.3317.

## **Farm For Sale**

1175-acre farm NE of Harlem. 840 crop land, balance pasture. Available after harvest. \$750.00 per acre crop land and \$225.00 for grazing. Located in Township 32N Range 25E Sections 4,9,5,6,8 Blaine County. Montana cadastral site has satellite pictures of the farm. Call 406.355.4773.

## **HON Lateral File\***

HON 2 drawer lateral file with 3 shelves that lock, 42" wide x 66" high x 19" deep. Asking \$800.00, call 406.547.2409.

## **HON Office Desk\***

38000 series, steel body 30" wide x 66" long with two drawers, locking. Asking \$450.00, call 406.547.2409.

## **Custom Built Kitchen Island**

Island dimensions are 29 1/2" x 71 1/2" x 36" with a 2" maple butcher block top over an oak base with casters. The island has a large center storage

area with an adjustable shelf that is accessible from both sides, four pull-through drawers, and a bookshelf on one end. Asking \$1,000, call 307.277.5782.

## **Mercury Boat Motor**

Mercury outboard boat motor. 6HP, 4 cycle, long shaft. Asking \$1,200, call 406.547.2184.

## **Antique Caterpillar Grader**

Caterpillar pull-type grader from late '40s. All manual with a 12-foot blade. Asking \$1,750, call 406.376.3268.

## **Misc Items**

Portable air compressor; new bolts variety of sizes by number; two 5Hp. electric motors; 1985 Versatile 5000 series blade, 35.5 ft; like new Protec toolbox- fix most full-size pickups. Call 406.378.3212.

## **Wanting To Buy**

1955-1958 Chevy car or pickup for project. Also looking for a 410 shotgun. Call 406.326.2287.

## **Baby Items**

One full-size baby crib, 1 small crib, 1 bassinet, 1 baby scale, and 2 play & pack cribs. Call 406.378.3212 for pricing.

## **2015 Yukon Denali**

Loaded with 96,000 miles. Asking \$36,500, call 406.390.3587.

## **Wurlitzer Fun Machine**

One Wurlitzer Fun Machine with all books-used very little. Call 406.378.3212 for pricing.

## **Receiver Hitch**

Fits on the back of the vehicle to haul items, call 406.378.3212.

## **Weight Bench**

Weight bench with weights. Call 406.378.3212.