

# Taylor Report

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## Hey Third Graders:

*Sharpen your crayons and put your creative thinking caps on!*

**MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH**, and the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA) is seeking entries for the 2022 electrical safety poster contest. All local third-grade children, whose parents are members of Taylor Electric Cooperative, are invited to submit an original poster that supports electrical safety. All who enter will have a chance to win local and state-level prizes. Just bring your original artwork to Taylor Electric by May 31st for your chance to win the local prize of a \$25 gift card. We will then choose three to send on to WECA for the state-level prizes which include:

**1st – Chromebook • 2nd - \$100 gift card • 3rd - \$75 gift card**

### REGISTRATION AND RULES

**Form MUST be filled out completely to be entered into the contest.**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip : \_\_\_\_\_  
Electric Cooperative: \_\_\_\_\_

By entering the contest, each contestant and/or parent/guardian agrees the submission is the artist's original work and consents to use of the artist's first and last name and artwork in publications, exhibits, displays, social media, and websites, as determined by the local electric cooperative and the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association. Original drawing/artwork will not be returned to the participant.

#### Rules:

- Free entry
- One entry per 3rd grade student
- The poster must be themed around Electrical Safety
- No computer generated images will be accepted
- The poster must not be any larger than 11-x14-inches
- Entries must include completed entry form (above)
- Students name must be written on the back of the poster
- Entries must be submitted to your local electric cooperative no later than May 31, 2022



## MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Electricity lights homes and businesses, provides warmth and keeps appliances and equipment running smoothly. During Electrical Safety Month, Taylor Electric and Safe Electricity provide these electrical safety tips to avoid hazards.

### Staying safe on the road

- Downed power lines can happen because of wind, storms, animals or an auto accident/collision.
- If you see a downed power line, call 9-1-1 to report it and stay in your car. You cannot tell by looking or listening if the power line is deenergized. Wait in your vehicle until an electric utility crew member says it is safe to get out.
- Do not drive over a downed power line. Doing so could cause a domino effect and bring down other lines, poles and equipment.
- The only time you should exit is if your vehicle or cab is on fire. If this is the case, make a solid jump from the car or cab without touching it, landing with both feet together. Then, hop away with your feet together as far as you can.

### Staying safe outside

- Keep at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines. Keep any items you are carrying or using, such as long poles or other extended equipment, 10 feet away from power lines at all times. Carry an extension ladder or other far-reaching tools or equipment horizontally.
- Make sure that all outside outlets are ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected.
- Before digging, call 811. Buried lines such as electric, gas, water, sewer and other lines bring services indoors. Besides the dangers of coming in contact with a gas or electric line, fines due to damage are the responsibility of the homeowner or landowner. Privately owned lines and systems will not be marked by the free service.
- When you see lightning, take shelter inside the house, shop or a hard-topped vehicle for protection. Stay away from high places, and do not take shelter under an isolated tree. Stay away from items that conduct electricity, such as metal fences. If you are swimming or in a hot tub, get out. Water is an electrical conductor that is dangerous during a storm.

For more information on electrical safety, visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).

## Board Report – March 2022

- Approved February disbursements totaling \$580,069. Ten new member applications, and February 2022 construction in the amount of \$44,396.
- Reviewed financial results for February with \$161,340 Operating Margins and \$163,613 Total Margins year to date.
- There were no outages in February, with average YTD outage time per meter of 0.0102 hours.
- Six applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$9,297 to be paid out at the net present value of \$4,724.
- 30 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the March 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$15,378.

# ELECTRICITY 101

To stay safe around electricity, start with these **SEVEN** basic tips:



### 1. DON'T OVERLOAD OUTLETS OR CIRCUITS

Plugging in too many items or drawing too much power on a circuit can cause overheating, fire, and damage to devices.



### 2. DON'T USE FAULTY ELECTRICAL CORDS OR PLUGS

Do not use cords that look frayed, worn or cracked. Do not use broken plugs. Never remove the grounding pin from a three-pronged plug.



### 3. HAVE YOUR ELECTRICIAN'S NUMBER IN YOUR PHONE

Most electrical repairs or installations are not DIY projects. Hire an expert to avoid serious injury or wiring problems.



### 4. BE CAREFUL AROUND H<sub>2</sub>O

Never use electricity while standing in damp or wet conditions. Keep all electrical devices away from water, including cell phones that are charging.



### 5. EVALUATE YOUR APPLIANCES

Do not use appliances in disrepair. Older or broken appliances can overheat, start a fire, and cause serious injuries.



### 6. TEST YOUR GFCIS

Outlets near a water source should be equipped with GFCIs, which help prevent shock and electrocution caused by ground faults. Test monthly to make sure they are working.



### 7. MAKE SURE YOUR HOME IS UP TO CODE

Your home should be properly wired and electrically sound. Contact a reputable electrician to evaluate your home.

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- The results from the Nominating committee were presented, candidates for the board seats up for election in June include Lisa Kohn, Catherine Lemke, Dave Makovsky, Sara Matyka, and Paul Woods.
- The board was updated on the attorney group changes.
- DPC CEO Brent Ridge was in person to update the board on activities at DPC.



## NEVER FORGET THOSE WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

The office will be closed on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day. Have a safe holiday weekend!