MAY IS NATIONAL ELECTRIC SAFETY MONTH



4 COMMON CULPRITS OF ELECTRICAL FIRES

Outdated wiring and overloaded circuits are the most common causes of electrical fires.

Check the following areas of your home to ensure your home's electrical safety is up to par.



Electrical outlets: Faulty electrical outlets are a leading cause of home fires. As outlets age, so do the wires behind them that you can't see. Any loose, damaged or warm-to-the-touch outlets should be repaired or replaced.



Electrical wiring: Outdated wiring is another common cause of electrical fires. Frequently tripped breakers, flickering lights and burning smells are clear warning signs. If your home is more than 20 years old, it may not be able to handle today's increased power load. If you suspect your home's wiring is outdated, leave this one to the pros and contact a qualified electrician.



Overloaded cords and outlets: Extension cords are not permanent solutions. If your big-screen TV, home theater system and other electronics are plugged into one extension cord, it's time to call an electrician and install additional outlets.



Old appliances: Older appliances are more likely to have loose or damaged wiring, which means they're more likely to catch fire. Check older appliances for damage and determine if it's time to upgrade or replace. Also check to ensure you're using appliance-grade outlets. A qualified electrician can help with installation.



Remember to LOOK UP when operating large equipment.

CURRENT WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILL

We offer the following convenient payment options for our members.

- ✓ Use one of our **drive-thru** windows at your local office.
- ✓ Mail your payment to WECC, P.O. Box 1619, Forrest City, AR 72336-1619.
- ✓ Use our online portal at <u>https://ebiz.woodruffelectric.com/</u>
- Drop your payment in the night deposit box after business hours.
- ✓ **Call** 1-888-559-6400 to utilize our EBIZ service.

If you are asked to make a payment using an option that isn't listed above, you may be getting scammed. Be alert and aware of possible scams during this time of crisis.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Energy EfficiencyTip of the Month

When the weather is nice, put your grill to use! During summer months, cooking outdoors is a great way to save energy and eliminate unwanted heat from cooking indoors.



ON TIME. EVERY TIME.

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