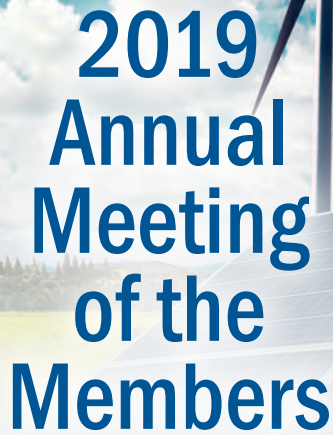


MAY 2019



2019 Annual Meeting of the Members

BUILDING BEYOND THE LINES

Your Annual Meeting notice and ballots will be mailed in early June. Be on the lookout for an envelope marked **BALLOT**. Don't forget to exercise your membership and vote!

Annual Meeting Details

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Vinton-Shellsburg
High School

Registration: 10:30 a.m.

Business meeting: 11:00
a.m.



MAY IS NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

This year's theme is **Electrical Safety During Natural Disasters**, and content discusses the importance of preparing for, weathering, and rebuilding after natural disasters.

SAFETY TIP: Consult with an electrician before operating any electrical equipment or appliances that have come into contact with flood water.

#ElectricalSafetyMonth

5 OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL HAZARDS



1. Power Lines – Always look up and out for power lines. Keep you and your equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines.

2. Outdoor outlets – These should be powered by a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI), which turns itself off if it senses a current leak or a short circuit.

3. Pools – Use battery-powered electronics around the pool. Have an electrician inspect your pool, spa or hot tub before the beginning of each swim season to avoid electrical hazards.

4. Extension Cords – Use extension cords that are rated for outdoor use. Using an indoor cord, which cannot withstand the weather conditions, could result in a shock or fire hazard.

5. Electric Garden Tools – Never use electric garden tools in wet or damp conditions. Check for cracked or frayed cords before use and replace if damaged.

Learn more at SafeElectricity.org

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- » Geothermal heat pumps take advantage of the earth's constant temperature by circulating a water-based solution through pipes buried in the ground. There are significant tax credits available for installing geothermal systems.



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