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Save the Date for our Safety Breakfast!

We're partnering with Utility Safety Partners to bring an exciting Utility Safety Breakfast to Camrose! Watch our social media channels and our newsletter for more details.

Stay Safe Online!

Online scams are becoming more common, but a few simple steps can help protect you:



Verify before sharing

Never give out personal details unless you're sure who you're talking to.

Confirm money requests

If someone asks for money, hang up and call them back using a trusted number.

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Scammers create urgency to trick you. Take time to check details before acting.

Your safety matters online and offline. A quick pause can prevent costly mistakes.

Energy Price Reduction

Frontier Energy is proud to announce an energy price reduction for 2026!

Starting January 1st, 2026 the new Frontier Energy rate will be \$0.0775/kWh. This rate will be locked in until December 31st, 2026. That's over a cent lower than our 2025 rate!



Call our utility & billing team today to enroll at 1-877-428-3972.

Meal to the Field Winners

This year's Meal to the Field contest was all about celebrating the hardworking crews who keep rural life thriving. Nothing beats the feeling of pulling up to a harvest site with a hot meal and seeing the smiles from teams who have been giving it their all. These deliveries are our way of saying thank you for the long hours, the dedication, and the commitment to keeping our communities strong. Take a look at the pictures below to see some of the winners enjoying a well-deserved break in the field. It is a reminder of why we love supporting the people who power rural Alberta.



Kaitlyn Brown, Vice-Chair of the BRPC Board of Directors, with winners James & Helen Hampshire.



Winner Warren Bloomquist and crew with BRPC Journeyman Lineman Taylor Leibel.



The Nelson Valley Farms crew enjoying their meal with BRPC Custodian Natasha Smith.



The Weslosky Farms Inc. crew, including Justin, Corinna, Laine, Courtney, Kelsey and Logan.

Postal Service Disruption Information

In light of the potential interruption to mail delivery caused by the ongoing postal service labour dispute, we want to ensure that you have access to reliable and convenient methods for paying your bills. If paper bill delivery is interrupted, please be aware that your bill payment is still due on the Current Charges Due Date.

To avoid any missed bills or payments, we encourage you to register for e-billing by calling the Battle River Power Coop (BRPC) office at 1 (877) 428-3972. When you switch to e-billing, you'll also save \$1.00 per month in administration fees! Visit BRPower.Coop for alternative options that are available to help you manage your account during this time.



Cut Your Power Bill Before Winter Hits: Smart Electricity Tips

As the days get shorter and the nights get colder, electricity use tends to climb. Battle River Power Coop wants to help you keep costs down and stay efficient this winter. Here are practical ways to save electricity without sacrificing comfort:

Switch to LED Lighting

Winter means more hours of darkness. Replace old incandescent bulbs with LEDs, as they use up to 75% less energy and last much longer.

Unplug Idle Electronics

Even when turned off, devices like TVs, chargers, and gaming consoles draw "phantom power." Use power bars and switch them off when not in use.

Use Smart Power Strips

These automatically cut power to devices that aren't in use—perfect for home offices or entertainment setups.

Optimize Space Heaters

If you use electric space heaters, run them only in occupied rooms and keep doors closed. Avoid using them as a primary heat source—they're energy-intensive.

Ceiling Fan Trick

Reverse your ceiling fan to clockwise at low speed. This pushes warm air down, reducing the need for extra heating.

Why It Matters

Every kilowatt saved helps keep your bill lower and reduces strain on Alberta's grid. Combined with Battle River Power Coop's competitive rates, these small changes add up to big savings.

How BRPC Keeps Power Flowing All Winter Long

Winter in rural Alberta can be unpredictable. Snowstorms, freezing rain, and high winds can put stress on the electrical system. At Battle River Power Coop, reliability isn't just a promise; it's a plan. Here are three ways we prepare to keep your lights on when the weather turns:

1. Local Crews on Call 24/7/365

When outages happen, response time matters. BRPC has skilled local crews stationed throughout our service area, ready to roll at any hour. Their local knowledge of the terrain and system means faster repairs and safer service for our members.

2. Vegetation Management

Trees and branches can be a major threat during winter storms. We proactively clear vegetation near power lines to prevent damage from falling limbs or trees. This work reduces the risk of outages and helps keep our system safe and reliable, even in high winds or heavy snow.

3. Winter Readiness Inspections

Before the cold sets in, we conduct thorough inspections of poles, lines, and hardware to ensure everything is ready for extreme conditions. These preventive steps help minimize outages and keep power flowing when winter hits hardest.

Why It Matters:

These initiatives mean fewer outages, shorter downtime, and safer communities. Reliability isn't just about equipment—it's about planning ahead and being ready when Alberta's winter throws its worst at us.

Member Owned.
Community Powered.

Battle River Power Coop is proud to help you power through winter efficiently.



Honouring Former Board Chairman Dan Astner



At our recent Board Meeting, Battle River Power Coop took a moment to celebrate a remarkable legacy. While the Chairman position officially changed hands earlier this year, this meeting was dedicated to recognizing Dan Astner's 27 years of leadership as Battle River Power Coop Board Chairman.

Dan first stepped into the role in 1998, during a time of rapid

change for Alberta's utility sector. Back then, BRPC (then known as Battle River REA) was navigating the amalgamation of thirteen Rural Electrification Associations to form the cooperative we know today. Dan's steady leadership guided BRPC through that pivotal era and beyond.

Over nearly three decades, Dan oversaw transformative milestones: from post-amalgamation operations, to our name change in 2015, to the grand opening of our renovated head office in 2024. His tenure is marked by progress and member value, helping BRPC members collectively save millions while reinvesting countless millions more into the communities we serve. These achievements reflect the vision and values Dan championed from the top.

Dan continues to serve as an Executive Board Member, ensuring his industry knowledge and successful business experience remains part of our future. To honor Dan's years of dedication, current Chairman Malcolm Barr presented Dan with a token of appreciation on behalf of all BRPC members: an engraved watch as a lasting thank-you for the time dedicated to such extraordinary and voluntary leadership.

Stay Up to Date with Battle River Power Coop

If you have had any changes to phone numbers, email addresses, mailing address or wish to add other contact details to your account, please connect with us toll-free at 1.877.428.3972 or email: brpo@brpower.coop and we will ensure your account is updated.

Other ways you can stay in the loop with Battle River Power Coop:

- Visit our website www.brpower.coop.
 The website offers on-line account access for members to review their accounts.
- Battle River Power Coop also communicates on popular social media platforms – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.
- Download our Outage App from our website. Our Outage App is updated with the most current information on outages in our service area.

Want to help others learn about our Cooperative?

Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera, click on the link, and leave us a review!





CONTRACT RATE

The Contract Rate for Frontier members is \$0.0885 per kWh until December 31, 2025. For more information on our contract, please visit our website www.frontierenergy.coop.

Members are free to purchase natural gas services or electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta). Code of Conduct Regulation: Advertising Section 7(1).