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# CO-OP NEWS

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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## Tornado damage

On the afternoon of September 10th , your cooperative got to experience the aftermath of the EF2 tornado that developed west of us in Platte County, WY.

The tornado travelled northeast of Guernsey, WY and moved west to east across our northern service territory.

The tornado took out approximately 1.5 miles of line north of Ft. Laramie and three poles north of Lingle, causing about a 5-hour outage.

We are very fortunate as this could have been devastating to us and our members.

A storm like this reminds me of our

vulnerabilities, and that mother nature can take just about anything she wants from us at any time.

I want to thank all the employees for a great job in getting the lights back on that night!

Following are some of the pictures from the aftermath of the tornado.



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\* Amanda Fogle \*



\* Dwayne Muhr \*



## Tornado damage



Your Friends, Your Neighbors, Your News.  
**TORRINGTON**  
**TELEGRAM**

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\* L. Bruce Darrow \*

## National Co-op Month

When you think of October, pumpkins, Halloween, and beautiful fall foliage naturally come to mind. But October is notable for another reason — it's National Co-op Month! This is the time of year when cooperatives across the country, including Wyrulec Company, celebrate who we are and more importantly, the members we serve.

Cooperatives are different from other types of businesses. Similar to how Wyrulec Company was built by members who came together to bring electricity to our community, cooperatives are conveners for the common good.

Your electric co-op exists to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy to you, the members of the co-op. Equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of the members we serve.

As a co-op, we are well-suited to meet the needs of the community because we are locally governed. Wyrulec's leadership team and employees live right here in the community.

Our board of directors, who helps set long-term priorities for the co-op, live locally on co-op lines. These board members have been elected to the position by neighbors like you.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Heating requires more energy than any other system in your home, typically making up about 42% of your energy bill. With proper equipment maintenance and upgrades like additional insulation and air sealing, you can save about 30% on your energy bill.

Source: energy.gov



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We know our members (that's you!) have a valuable perspective. That's why we are continually seeking your input. Whether through community events, our social media channel, or the annual meeting, we want to hear from you.

We hope you think of Wyrulec Company as more than your energy provider. We hope you think of Wyrulec Company as a local business that supports this community and powers economic development and prosperity for the people.

We will continue to learn from our

members about their priorities so that we can better serve you — because your electric co-op was built by the community, for the community.

If you have any questions about your cooperative, you can reach me via email at [rschilreff@wyrulec.com](mailto:rschilreff@wyrulec.com) or on my cell phone at 307-575-2435.



### SIX HELPFUL TIPS

## WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT...

Learn more at

**Safe  
Electricity.org**

- 1** Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Generators, camp stoves, or charcoal grills should be used outside and at least 20 feet away from windows.
- 2** Plan ahead before an outage occurs: Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines, using power-dependent medical devices and charging cell phones.
- 3** Check on your neighbors if you can. Older adults and young children are especially vulnerable to extreme temperatures.
- 4** Go to another location with power if heat or cold is extreme and if conditions are safe to do so.
- 5** Keep refrigerators and freezers closed to maintain temperatures in the appliances for as long as possible. Once the power is back on, when in doubt, throw food out.
- 6** Turn off or disconnect appliances, electronics or other electrical equipment. Power may return with momentary surges or spikes that can cause damage.