



KEC Community Solar Project Update



To date, KEC has sold more than 30 percent of the units in our

Community Solar Project. Locally, solar energy varies significantly from winter to summer and as we move into summer we look forward to increased energy production. The 50KW solar array is located in Worley and members may purchase individual units for \$475. Each unit represents a portion of the energy produced by the solar array. The solar array is divided into 288

units and each unit is expected to generate approximately 234 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year. Members can purchase up to five units on a first come, first served basis. [1584078]

It works like this: KEC takes care of all the costs including maintenance and insurance. Members purchase units that represent ownership in a portion of the energy produced by the solar array for the 25-year expected life of the system. The energy production generated by the

system each month is divided into 288 units and members will receive a kWh credit on their bills according to the number of units they own.

What happens if you move: You may keep your unit(s) as long as you stay within KEC's service territory. If you move outside of the service territory, you may transfer the unit(s) to another active KEC member or KEC will buy back the unit(s) at a pro-rated price. **To sign up contact us at 208.765.1200 or kec@kec.com.**



Join Us for the KEC Golf Classic on June 22

Join us on Friday, June 22, for KEC's 19th Annual Golf Classic at the Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course. The

tournament starts at 2 p.m. and proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Operation Round Up® Scholarship Program. If you're interested in playing golf, the registration cost includes green fees, a golf cart and drinks. The cost per team is \$800 and includes a banner sponsorship. Individuals can play for \$160 each. There will be a forecaddie assigned to each team. The forecaddie will work on a gratuity basis with the average rate of \$25 per bag for 18 holes. For more information call 208.292.3270. [1816788]

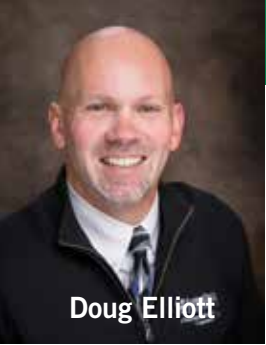
Thank you to our Signature Sponsor:



May is National Electrical Safety Month
This month, we encourage all members to take extra time to plug into safety.

#ElectricalSafetyMonth

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Doug Elliott

Safety Above All Else

May is National Electrical Safety Month. According to the Electrical

Safety Foundation, each year thousands of people in the United States are critically injured as a result of electrical fires, accidents and electrocution in their own homes. Many of these accidents are preventable.

Safety at KEC

At Kootenai Electric Cooperative (KEC) we take electric safety very seriously. "Safety" is a universal word that is mentioned often and used loosely. Communities large and small as well as companies across all industries are committed to safety. Unfortunately, when it really counts, steps to keep the public, workers and loved ones safe are often ignored in the interest of expediency or convenience.

For KEC, safety is the number

one priority. This is not empty talk. Over time, KEC has created a culture of safety by putting our employees' safety and the safety of the community above all else. KEC's mission is to provide our member-owners exceptional service and dependable electric power at competitive rates. But equally important is to return our workers home safely to their loved ones. To do this requires ongoing focus, dedication and vigilance.

Following leading national safety standards

Working with electricity is an inherently dangerous job, especially for lineworkers. KEC has a safety team whose focus is keeping employees and the community safe around electricity. We established and follow safety protocols based on leading national safety practices for the utility industry. We require our lineworkers to wear specialized equipment when working next to

or with power lines. There are specific protocols that our lineworkers follow when dealing with electricity. Our safety team has regular meetings to discuss

upcoming projects from a safety perspective. They monitor and track near-misses of accidents in order to understand them, share "lessons learned" and improve in the future.

We also expect all of our crews to speak up and hold each other accountable for safety. By cultivating a culture of openness and transparency, we promote problem solving, rather than defaulting to a blame game. We examine the data gleaned from near-misses and accident reports to discern patterns and use safety metrics to improve in those areas where we have fallen short. As appropriate, we brief contractors on our safety protocols and set expectations for their engagement.

Keeping the community safe

Because we live and work in the community we serve, we care about our neighbors. KEC participates in local events to educate the community on electrical safety. Remember: be mindful when it comes to electrical safety and don't hesitate to call us at 208.765.1200 if you have any questions. You may also visit www.kec.com for safety tips. [1254119]

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Doug".

Doug Elliott
KEC General Manager

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When streaming online content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop.

Source: energy.gov



Save at Silverwood This Summer

Save at Silverwood Theme Park with your Co-op Connections® Card! Silverwood Theme Park is the largest theme and water park in the Northwest and is the top visited attraction in Idaho!

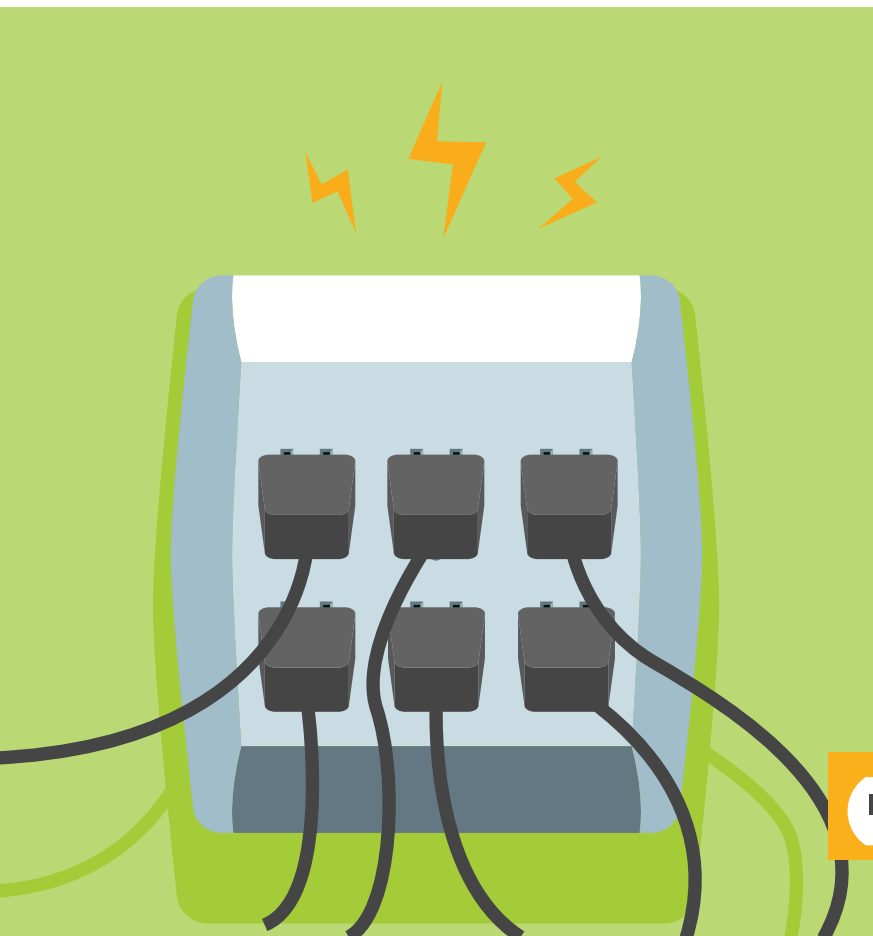
Use your Co-op Connections® Card discount to take advantage of a special online only discount on day passes. This program allows members to save time and money by purchasing and printing tickets using their home computers. **Here's how it works:**

Visit www.silverwoodthemepark.com and click Buy Tickets.

From there KEC members can receive the following discounted pricing during the regular 2018 season:

- General Admission: \$46, regularly \$51 (ages 8-64)
- Youth/Senior: \$25, regularly \$28 (ages 3-7 and 65+)

Tickets must be purchased online to receive the discount and members need to use the promo code: **connections**. These tickets are non-refundable and must be purchased online using a credit or debit card. This offer is not valid at the gate. [1832768]



Know the warning signs of overloaded outlets:

- Flickering/blinking lights
- Warm or discolored wall plates
- Burning odor from receptacles
- Mild shock or tingle from appliances, receptacles or switches
- Frequently tripped circuit breakers

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NEWS BRIEFS

KEC OFFICE CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY

The KEC office will be closed on May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. [1423012]

KEC BOARD MEETINGS

Members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. Meeting dates vary— call Constance Felten at 208.292.3211 for details. [1375022]

WIN A \$50 ENERGY CREDIT

Six KEC account numbers are hidden in this newsletter. If you find your number contact us at 208.765.1200 and receive a \$50 credit on your bill.

CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Before you start any digging project be sure to call 811. Digging without calling can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm you and those around you and potentially result in fines and repair costs. Calling 811 gets your underground utility lines marked for free and helps prevent undesired consequences.

Heating and Cooling Tips for Manufactured Homes

If you own a manufactured home, take measures to ensure you have an efficient heating and cooling system. You can also make simple improvements that save energy and make your home more comfortable.

\$ Install ceiling fans

Install ceiling fans throughout your manufactured home. Ceiling fans are energy efficient and can be used to keep warm or cool air moving throughout your home. Be sure to turn them off when you're away. Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not rooms.

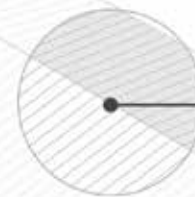


\$ Option for smaller budgets

\$\$ Option for flexible budgets

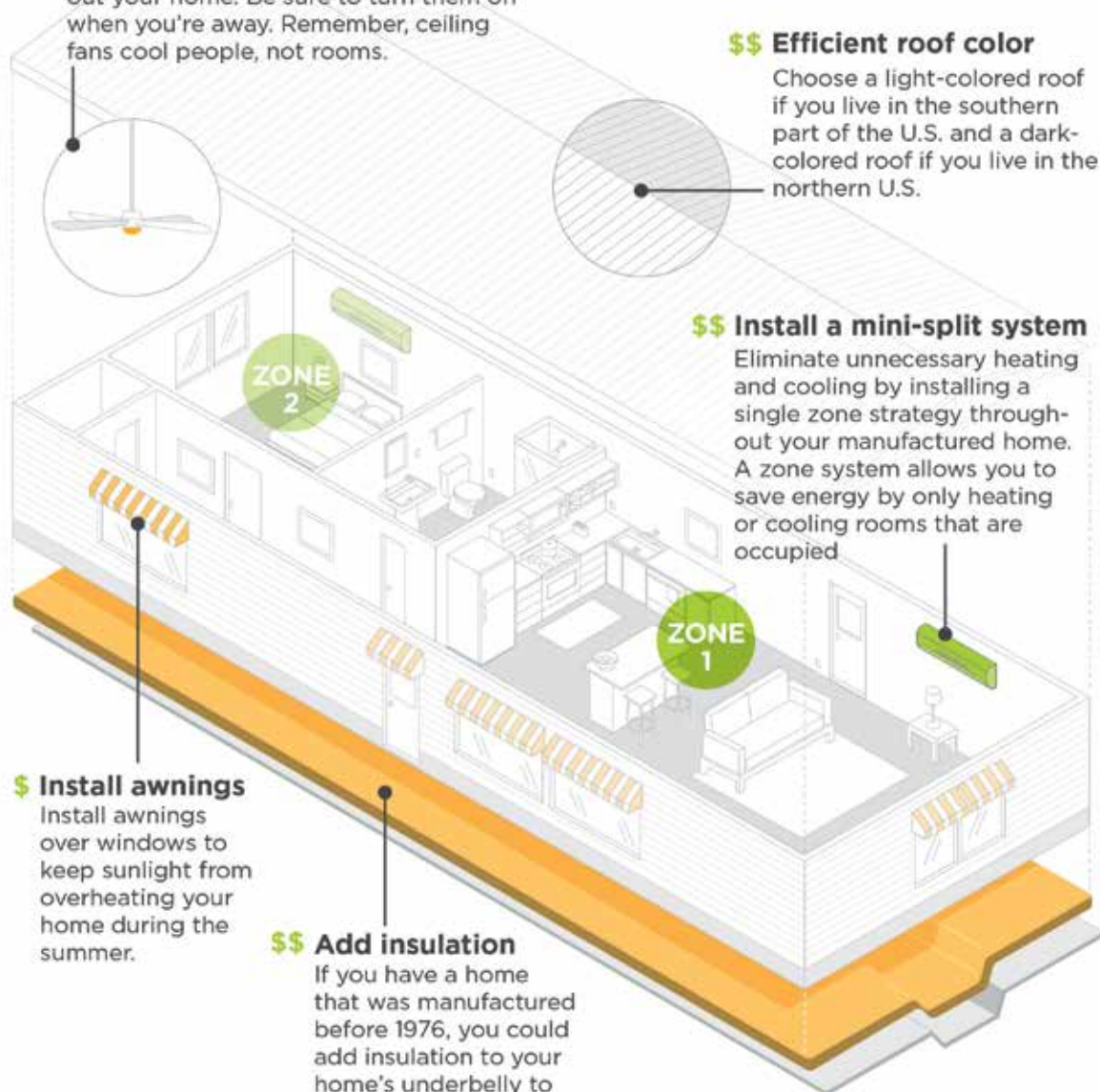
\$\$ Efficient roof color

Choose a light-colored roof if you live in the southern part of the U.S. and a dark-colored roof if you live in the northern U.S.



\$\$ Install a mini-split system

Eliminate unnecessary heating and cooling by installing a single zone strategy throughout your manufactured home. A zone system allows you to save energy by only heating or cooling rooms that are occupied.



\$ Install awnings

Install awnings over windows to keep sunlight from overheating your home during the summer.

\$\$ Add insulation

If you have a home that was manufactured before 1976, you could add insulation to your home's underbelly to reduce any heat loss.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy