



Battle River POWER COOP

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Save the Date!

Battle River Power Coop will be hosting their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at the Norsemen Inn.

Keep an eye on your monthly newsletters, our website, and our social media platforms as more details are shared.



Government Energy Rebate Extension

The Government has announced that it will extend its energy rebate program into 2023. Eligible customers include residential, farm, irrigation and commercial electricity sites consuming less than 250 MW hours per year in 2022. Yard and security lights are ineligible.

The rebate amount for March and April, 2023 will be \$25.00 per month.

Call for Nominations – NOW OPEN

By statute, Battle River Power Coop is required to hold elections for five Director positions on the Board, annually. The incumbent Directors up for re-election in 2023 are letting their names stand, while supporting the democratic election process for all challengers.

Battle River Power Coop is calling YOUR name to join our Board!

Are you passionate about issues concerning rural Alberta? Are you interested in an opportunity to contribute to your community and your Coop?

If this sounds like you, call (780) 672-7738 today and we will send you the nomination package or find our nomination package on our website.

Deadline for applications is Friday, April 28, 2023.

An Important Message from the Alberta Government

During the months of January through March, electricity consumers on the Regulated Rate Option (RRO) received some relief from high power bills as part of the Affordability Action Plan. As of March 31, 2023, any costs above the 13.5 cent price ceiling will be deferred until rates drop and will be repaid over 21 months (April 2023 to December 2024).

For more information, visit www.alberta.ca/affordability-programs.aspx.

Stove Types

Residential stoves are pretty simple, no-nonsense appliances, but they've been making headlines lately with a public debate over gas vs. electric models. The three primary types of cooktops—gas, electric and induction—are all adept at their primary purpose: delivering heat to pots or pans. They also have unique pluses and minuses in how they're constructed, how they work and the side effects they may create.

Gas

How it works:

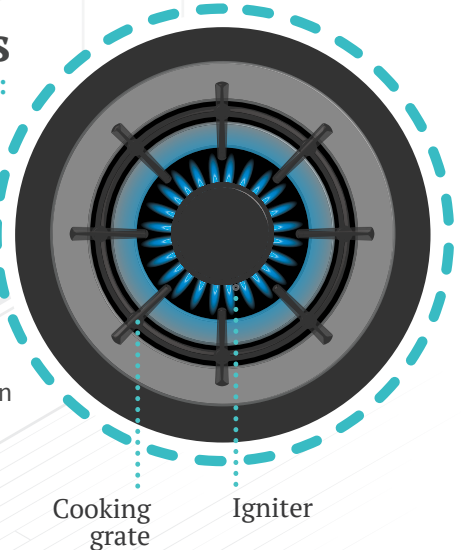
Flammable gas is ignited and transfers heat to cookware.

Pluses

- High heat output
- Works even when the power is out

Minuses

- Harder to clean
- May contribute to indoor air pollution



Electric

How it works:

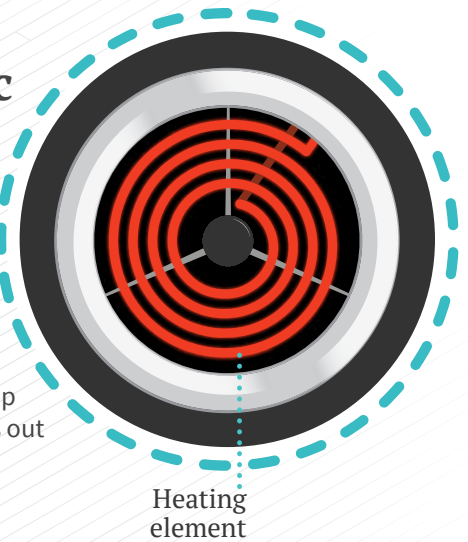
Electricity is run through resistive metal coils, which heat up based on the amount of current.

Pluses

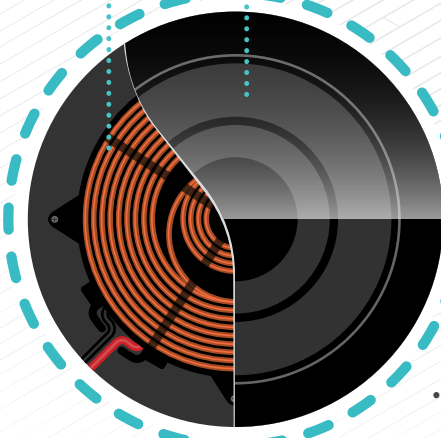
- Less ambient heat released
- Less expensive to buy and run

Minuses

- Can be slow to heat up
- Won't work when power is out



Copper induction coil
Ceramic cooktop



Induction

How it works:

A metal coil generates an electromagnetic current that excites particles in specialized steel or iron cookware.

Pluses

- Safer – no residual heat
- More precise temperature control

Minuses

- Won't work if power is out
- More expensive to buy

New MVP Business



Welcome Umer Law to the Battle River Power Coop MVP!

We are excited to bring Shazia Umer and Umer Law to our Member Value Program! Umer Law is a law firm based in Edmonton, Alberta that focuses on family/divorce, corporate, and immigration law.

For Battle River Power Coop members, Umer Law is offering:

Simple Will, Power of Attorney, & Personal Directive Package: 10% off on Regular Prices

Real Estate Transactions: 10% off on Regular Prices

Visit www.umerlaw.com for more information.

Thank you to all the businesses who have offered savings to our members! Keep an eye on our website under Community as we continue to add businesses as they join.

Member Survey - Illumina Research Partners

Battle River Power Coop will be initiating a member survey once again in April 2023. The survey will be administered by phone and will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

This survey is an important tool that helps us to ensure that the level of service we provide is meeting the needs and expectations of our member-owners. The information gathered will be an important tool for Battle River Power Coop to continue being the “smart choice for electricity delivery in rural Alberta.”

We appreciate the time you take to answer the survey. The personal information collected through the survey will be used to evaluate the quality of Battle River Power Coop’s electric distribution to our member-owners and provide strategic planning initiatives. The collection of this information is authorized under the Personal Information Protection Act and in accordance with Battle River Power Coop’s Privacy Code.



Tips from the Line

1

When purchasing vegetation for shelter belts, remember to be mindful of where the powerlines and power poles are.

2

Make sure to plant the appropriate trees and shrubs for each zone.

Message from the Board of Directors

The term of office for a Board of Director is three years, with retiring Directors being eligible for re-election. Annually, Battle River Power Coop is required through statute to hold elections for one third of the fifteen Board of Directors. In 2023, the incumbent Directors will be letting their names stand for re-election. Battle River Power Coop is now accepting nominations from its membership for the upcoming annual election for directors. This is an important democratic step ensuring that the Membership selects dedicated individuals to serve on the board.

The main purpose of a cooperative Board of Directors is governance through setting strategic goals and develop an overarching vision for the organization. Members interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors should carefully review the requirements and prepare a thorough nomination package. This package typically includes a nomination form, a statement of the nominee's qualifications, prior Board experience, if any, and other relevant information or supporting documents. The nomination process is an important opportunity for our member-owners to help shape the direction of the cooperative by selecting qualified candidates to serve on the Board of Directors. As a member-owner, if you want to help #BRPowerCoop be sustainable and innovative, consider being a Director on our Board.

A nomination package can be obtained by calling (780) 672-7738 or by going to our website www.brpower.coop. The deadline of April 28, 2023 is important to keep in mind, as nominations received after this date may not be considered.



REGULATED RATE OPTION



The RRO may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. It is not a 'regulated' rate, rather it is a default rate. If you do not have an energy contract, then you are on the RRO.

For February 2023, the RRO is priced at \$0.13500 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed blue bill. For March 2023, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.13500. Detailed information on the monthly RRO is available on: www.brpower.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).

BATTLE RIVER POWER COOP IS AVAILABLE FOR POWER TROUBLE CALLS 24/7/365 CALL TOLL-FREE: 1.877.428.3972



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: brpc@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 the Google Play or Apple Store. 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!

