



Stay Safe: Keep Power Poles Clear!

Attaching signs, posters, birdhouses, or other items to power poles or placing them too close to poles may seem harmless, but it can pose serious safety risks and cause operational challenges for utility workers and the public.



1. Worker Safety

Power poles are regularly accessed by utility workers who perform maintenance or emergency repairs. Nails, staples, screws, or any fasteners used to attach items to poles can damage the protective gear utility workers wear, such as insulated gloves and climbing equipment, increasing their risk of injury.

2. Interference with Maintenance

Anything attached to a power pole can obstruct maintenance tasks, slowing down repairs or routine inspections. Crews may need to remove these items, which can delay the restoration of power during outages.

3. Fire Hazards

Non-approved items on power poles can increase fire risks, especially in dry conditions. Electrical faults or sparks could ignite materials such as paper or wood, potentially leading to larger fires.

4. Legal and Liability Concerns

It is illegal to attach anything to a power pole. If someone is injured or damage occurs due to items attached to poles, you could be held legally responsible for the incident.

While it might seem convenient to use power poles for notices or decorations, it's vital to avoid this practice. Keeping poles clear ensures the safety of utility workers, prevents maintenance delays, and reduces fire hazards.

The 2024 **MEAL TO THE FIELD** Recipients



Raymond & Brenda Pare (Raynda Seeds Ltd) from the Roseberry area

Pictured: BRPC staff member Breanna McClarty, Karla (daughter), Raymond, Brenda, and Grant (family friend).



Linda & Scott Grant from the Strawhill area

Pictured (L to R): Scott Grant, Owen Grant, Jake Grant, Dallas Grant (Scott's brother), and Lyla Grant (Dallas's daughter). Missing: Linda Grant.



Merlin & Tanya Bergquist from the Hampton area

Pictured: Samantha (daughter-in-law), Autumn, Devin (son), Marshall, Merlin, Tanya, Randy (farm hand), and Gord (farm hand).



Melvin & Allie Ansorger from the Clearwater area

Pictured: Melvin and Allie Ansorger, Vern and Jackie Ansorger, son Ben and his wife Jackie.



Dylan Harris from the Waterglen area

Pictured: Don Harris, Dylan Harris, Edith Harris, Jean Clarke, Prudence Harris, and Brian Harris.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the members who entered our 2024 Meal to the Field contest! We had an incredible turnout of submissions, and it was a pleasure delivering meals and sharing in the harvest season with you. Your participation truly made this year's contest special, and we can't wait to do it again in 2025!

Visit our website for more details about our Meal to the Field contest and to find our online entry form when it is available for 2025.

Battle River Power Coop Member Corner



MVP Business Spotlight



>> Badejo Law Group <<

Battle River Power Coop members can take advantage of Badejo Law Group's exclusive offers, including the first 30 minutes free on initial consultations for family law and divorce matters. Members also receive discounts on real estate transactions, notarizing and commissioning of documents, and the preparation of Wills, Personal Directives, and Power of Attorney. For legal expertise with a personal touch, Badejo Law Group is here to support you.

>> Angels' Unique Assistance Inc (AUA Canada) <<

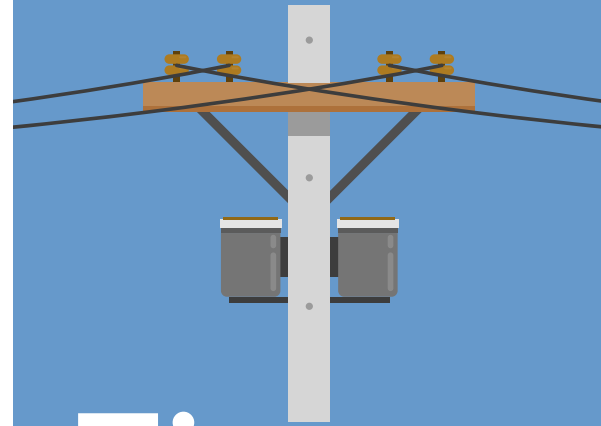
Keep your space clean and fresh with Angels' Unique Assistance Inc (AUA Canada). BRPC members receive 15% off their first cleaning or can choose to waive the initial cleaning fee when signing a monthly cleaning contract.

Whether it's for your home or business, AUA Canada provides dependable and thorough cleaning services that you can trust.

Remember to show your MVP card to access these fantastic offers!

Didn't receive your MVP Card or did you misplace it somewhere? No worries! Give Battle River Power Coop a call at 1.877.428.3972 or email brpc@brpower.coop to get your card sent to you.

If you are a Battle River Power Coop member with a business or know a business that would like to benefit from some free publicity to our member-owners, we would like to chat with you! Send an email to nansee.hughes@brpower.coop with your name, business name, and any details you would like shared with our members for our "Member Corner."



Tips from the Line

To ensure safety and prevent damage, keep power poles clear of signs, posters, or other items.

Obstructions can interfere with maintenance and pose serious risks to utility workers.

Attaching items to power poles can put the person hanging them at risk of serious injury or even death from electrical hazards.

Message from the Board of Directors

The Battle River Power Coop Meal to the Field Contest is an initiative created to show appreciation for the hard work and commitment of our members during the busy harvest season. Each year, the contest offers our members a chance to receive one of ten meals delivered straight to their field, ensuring they can enjoy a hearty, well-deserved break without leaving their work behind.

Contest winners are selected from member entries, and the meals are delivered personally by Battle River Power Coop employees and directors. This unique event brings our cooperative family together, providing an opportunity to connect with members during one of the most important times of the year for our rural communities.

We were thrilled with the overwhelming response to this year's contest! From the Board of Directors, Management, and Staff of Battle River Power Coop, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who entered. Your participation made the event a great success, and we look forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come. It's truly a pleasure to serve and support the members who work tirelessly to keep our agricultural economy thriving.

For more information about the Meal to the Field contest and how to participate in future events, please visit our website at www.brpower.coop. We can't wait to see you all again next year!

Support for Youth Education through Battle River Power Coop Scholarships

As part of our commitment to community and cooperative principles, Battle River Power Coop proudly supports the education of youth within our membership. Each year, we offer five \$1,500 scholarships to dependents of members in good standing who are entering their first year of post-secondary education in a diploma or degree-granting program.

Eligible students must be high school graduates from the previous or current school year, and applications are due by the second Friday of February. To apply, students must meet specific requirements, including submitting transcripts, proof of registration, letters of reference, and a personal statement.

We encourage all eligible students to take advantage of this opportunity. For more details and to download the application, visit our website or contact us at brpc@brpower.coop. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our scholarship recipients at the 2025 Annual General Meeting!



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 September 2024, the RRO is priced at \$0.11893 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed blue bill. For October 2024, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.11242. 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).

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