

Water and electricity don't mix!


Make sure to exercise caution inside or out, whenever water is located near electricity. Whether you're working or playing this summer, don't take a vacation from electric safety.

- Use ground-fault circuit-interrupters (GFCI's) in bathrooms, kitchens and garages.



- Keep electronics like radios away from pools and hot tubs.
- Watch for overhead power lines when working outside, cleaning pools, sailing or fishing.
- Never install pools underneath or near power lines.
- Never touch an electrical appliance if you are wet; always dry off completely.

For additional information about summer safety, go to www.safeelectricity.org.




Kids Korner
Energy Education is Fun!
what's a watt?

School's Out

Parents, have you heard those dreaded words?

I'm b-o-r-e-d!

Send your kids to www.cecmo.com. They can check out Kids Korner and Kids Links for fun games and challenges about energy, efficiency and the environment. While they're learning, they'll be entertained - but let's keep that a secret.



What is Energy Star?



Energy Star is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy that identifies products that cost less to operate and protect the environment through energy efficient practices.

Energy efficient choices can save families about a third on their energy bills, with similar savings on greenhouse gas emissions. In 2009 and 2010, federal tax credits are available at 30% of the cost, up to \$1,500.

Don't be confused by the Energy Guide label on appliances. Look for Energy Star. For additional information, go to www.energystar.gov.

Rauh bids farewell to CEC

John Rauh of Perryville retired from Citizens Electric Corporation (CEC) on June 1, 2009, after working for the utility for more than 40 years.

Rauh began his career at Citizens in 1969 as a warehouseman. He was promoted to Assistant Superintendent in 1979, followed by a promotion to Perryville District Superintendent in 1995. He was last promoted in July 2008 to Operations and Maintenance Superintendent.

"Computers and technology have been the biggest change in the way Citizens Electric does business," says Rauh. "Systems like SCADA, GIS and the Outage Management System allow workers to monitor electric loads at our substations, locate properties quicker and predict the source of an outage."

"Even though it does make you feel a little old to work with the grandchildren of men you began work with," says Rauh, "it's very satisfying to ride down the streets of Perryville and know that you had a part in providing electric service to those homes and businesses. It's been a good ride, and I wouldn't trade any of the experiences or the friends I've made for anything."



VP of Operations Ron Klein thanks John Rauh for his commitment throughout the years to our members.