



# Light Reading

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## Call Before You Dig

Dial 8-1-1, the national "Call Before You Dig" phone number, at least 72 hours before engaging in any type of excavation work. They will notify the proper service providers to mark the approximate location of any underground lines or equipment on your property. ■

## Go Green with eBill

Turning off your paper bill may seem like a small action, but it can have a big environmental impact.

According to PayItGreen, if one in five households in the U.S. switched to electronic bills, statements and payments, we could annually save:

- 151 million pounds of paper
- 8.6 million household garbage bags from going to the dump
- 2 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions
- Enough gas to drive from New York to Los Angeles and back 918 times
- 12,000 acres of land from deforestation

This feature also gives you the ease and convenience of entering your meter read online. Set up your eBill with Inland today at inlandpower.com. Click on "Create an Online Account". You will be prompted to join. Be sure to have your member number handy. ■

## March into Safety

**When doing springtime chores, take precautions to be safe around electricity**

With an early spring predicted for Inland Country, March is the month when folks start to work on outdoor springtime chores. However, outdoor chores can also bring electrical hazards.

For example, ladders contacting power lines cause 9 percent of electrocution-related deaths each year. Landscaping, gardening and farming equipment cause another 7 percent.

To avoid electrical hazards, make sure you and your family follow these simple tips:

### General

- Avoid damp conditions when using electricity. Keep all electrical devices and cords away from water.
- Place waterproof covers on all outdoor outlets.
- Install ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) in outlets where water may be present.
- Only use extension cords marked for outdoor use; match power needs of an electric tool or appliance to the cord's label information.



**For your safety and the safety of those you love, be sure to call 8-1-1 before you dig.**

### Special tips for kids and kids at heart

- Never climb trees near power lines. Even if the power lines are not touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch.
- Fly kites and model airplanes in large open areas like a park or a field, safely away from trees and overhead power

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## Did You Know?

If every American home replaced just one incandescent light bulb with an ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL), we could save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year, about \$700 million in annual energy costs, and prevent 9 billion pounds of carbon dioxide emissions per year, equivalent to the emissions of about 800,000 cars.



## Become an Inland Ambassador

Inland Ambassadors are co-op members who want to learn about the issues we face on the local, state and national levels.

We'll keep you informed with newsletters, Web site postings and other helpful updates.

In turn, we will occasionally ask you to contact legislators about energy policies that might help or hurt Inland.

Make your voice count. Join today. Contact Catherine at [catherinec@inlandpower.com](mailto:catherinec@inlandpower.com) or (509) 789-4273.

If you are already a member of the Inland Ambassadors, you do not need to sign up again. |

## Annual Meeting March 27

Spring is in the air. That means that it's time for our annual meeting on Saturday, March 27, at the Northern Quest Resort and Casino in Airway Heights.

Registration opens at 9 a.m. and the meeting begins promptly at 10 a.m. |

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## CFLs Boost Inland's Energy Conservation Efforts

### BPA Invites You to Join Campaign

Inland Power has a tradition of investing in conservation which dates back to our weatherization programs in the early 1980's. That tradition has grown into today's robust set of programs designed to save you both energy and money.

Now, energy conservation has taken on an even more important role at the cooperative. Why?

**Answer:** Long recognized as a "least-cost resource", investing in conservation and energy efficiency today will lessen our need to purchase new higher cost generation resources in the future.

**Answer:** Beginning in 2010, Inland is required by state law to meet clean energy targets and pursue all available conservation that is cost-effective, reliable and feasible. Failure to meet these targets will result in a fine to the utility.

**Answer:** Due to increased demand for electricity, Inland will soon be faced with purchasing power in excess of our current allocation from the Bonneville Power Administration.

To launch our 2010 conservation campaign, we are partnering with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)



**Energy conservation is more important than ever before. By each of us doing our part, we can save a significant amount of energy.**

so you can receive eight energy saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) in the mail. We hope you will install and benefit from these bulbs right away. If you haven't already used CFLs, you will see for yourself that they use 75 percent less energy and lasts about 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs.

Please visit us at [inlandpower.com](http://inlandpower.com), or call us, to learn about our many "It Pays to Save" rebate programs and find other no-cost/low-cost tips on how you can reduce your energy consumption and lower your electric bills. |

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lines. If a kite gets stuck in a tree that's near power lines, don't climb up to get it. Contact Inland at (509) 747-7151 for assistance.

- Never climb a utility pole or tower.
- Don't play on or around pad-mounted electrical equipment.
- Never go into an electric substation for any reason. Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment, which can be deadly. Never retrieve a ball or toy that goes inside. Call us instead.

#### Power Tools

- Inspect power tools and appliances for frayed cords, broken plugs, and cracked or broken housing, and repair or replace damaged items.
- Store power tools indoors.

- Unplug outdoor tools when not in use.
- Do not carry power tools by the cord.

#### Ladders

- Look up. When you're working in high places, electric lines may be closer than you think. Never use a metal ladder. Use only a fiberglass or wooden ladder if you must work near overhead wires.
- Never touch a person or an object that has made contact with a power line – you could be electrocuted, too. Call 9-1-1 for help.

At Inland, we are committed to your safety every month of the year. For more safety information, visit [inlandpower.com](http://inlandpower.com), or call us at (509) 747-7151. |