

## Act now and be prepared for a power outage

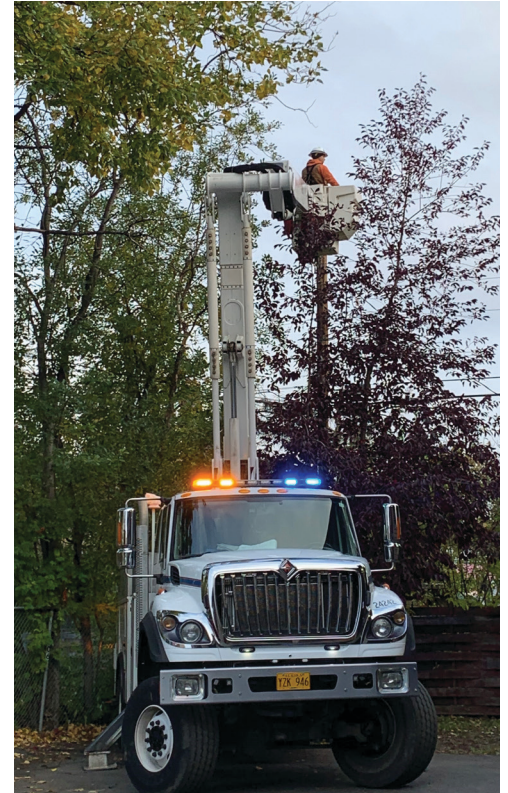
Weather in Southcentral Alaska is anything but predictable each fall. Severe wind storms and early snowfall often result in downed trees, damage to powerlines, and a cluster of outages. One thing we can predict: You won't regret being prepared for a power outage.

Now is a good time to evaluate your family disaster plan. When severe weather is forecast, keep your electronics charged. Disaster experts recommend keeping supplies for five-to-seven days conveniently located. Some items

to include in your kit:

- Water
- Non-perishable food
- Extra blankets or sleeping bags
- Pet supplies
- Prescription drugs
- Portable charger/power bank
- Flashlights, matches and a battery-operated radio

People with medical needs or other factors that require uninterrupted power should consider a generator. During outages, keep refrigerators and freezers closed. For more information, go to [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov).



## Be heard, join the MAC

The Chugach Board of Directors is seeking volunteers for the Member Advisory Council to help inform the board on issues impacting members. Meetings begin in January 2023. Applications are available on the Board of Directors page at [chugachelectric.com](https://www.chugachelectric.com). The deadline to submit is 5 p.m. on Sept. 24.



## Volunteers needed for committees

Chugach is looking for members interested in serving on its 2023 Bylaws, Election, and Nominating committees. These committees are an excellent opportunity to get involved with your electric cooperative.

- **Bylaws:** reviews bylaws and considers recommended revisions
- **Election:** responsible for ensuring a fair election
- **Nominating:** screens potential board candidates

Applications are available at [chugachelectric.com/media/annual-meeting](https://www.chugachelectric.com/media/annual-meeting) and must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4.

For questions, call (907) 762-4489.



Kendall Alaska's John Gintu and Chugach CEO Arthur Miller with the F-150 Lightning



Board chair Bettina Chastain and vice chair Mark Wiggin check out an all-electric Hummer



Event attendees, including local EV owners, were able to connect and share information

## In the community | Arctic Road Rally

Chugach was pleased to host a pre-event celebration for the historic Arctic Road Rally, which saw 10 EVs successfully drive from Fairbanks to the Arctic Ocean.

Upwards of 70 supporters, organizers and participants came to the Chugach campus on Aug. 9 to hear the details of the rally and get a first-hand look at some of the newest EVs on the market including the 2022 GMC Hummer EV and the 2022 Ford F-150 Lightning. Thanks to rally hosts Launch Alaska, Alaska Electric Vehicle Association, and the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Technology Transitions. { 188077 }



NATIONAL COOPERATIVE & ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH



## Learn how to be more energy efficient

October is National Cooperative and Energy Awareness month and to celebrate we're bringing back Efficient Fridays. Visit us in the Member Services lobby at 5601 Electron Drive from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., any Friday in October.

Members will have an opportunity to learn more about electric vehicles, renewable energy, beneficial electrification, and Chugach's commitment to sustainability. In preparation for the colder months, we'll provide energy saving tips including simple ways to prepare your home for winter. Members can also learn ways to leverage My Account to detect high consumption early and closely monitor energy consumption in your home.

For those who want to know exactly how much energy appliances are using, Kill-A-Watt meters will be available to check-out, free of charge. We look forward to providing ways for our members to control their energy consumption by increasing efficiency.

## CHUGACH EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

From Engineering to Operations to Member Services, all of Chugach's roughly 460 employees live and work in Alaska.

Each month we will introduce you to one of our employees who work every day to provide safe, reliable power to our members.



**Name:** Lynda Muise  
**Position:** Senior Manager, Member Accounts  
**Time at Chugach:** 15 years

For Lynda, the most challenging part of her job is "knowing everything" about Member Services. However, she enjoys passing that knowledge on to other employees and giving them an understanding of why they are doing a task, instead of just pushing buttons.

## Green Corner Reducing our carbon footprint

Is your hot water tank warm to the touch? Insulating it can save 7%



to 16% a year on water heating costs. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

Insulating hot water pipes can also reduce heat loss, saving 3% to 4% of water heating costs.

Source: Energy.gov



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### Member number hide-n-seek

Find your member number in (brackets) in the Outlet and get a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Call Chugach at 907- 563-7366 to claim your prize.