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Newsletter

Will you need a Winter propane fill?



Can you find the tank in this photo?

Please remember that a propane delivery truck needs at least a 10-foot-wide path to be able to deliver fuel to your home.

Also, keep the tank area and a path to the tank free of snow. When plowing, snow blowing or shoveling, do not push or pile snow around your tank, meter, regulator, or piping.

Our drivers thank you for helping us to provide you with safe, efficient and timely propane deliveries.

Energy Welcomes New Employee

Okanogan County Energy is pleased to welcome Maverick Port as our newest Propane Technician. Maverick grew up in the Methow Valley working in the construction industry. For the past 8 years, he has served the public of western Washington specializing in Water/Wastewater Utilities. He lives locally with his wife and two boys. Maverick is passionate to serve a community he cares for and looks forward to being a part of the OCEI team.



Customer Support Programs

The following organizations offer programs to OCEC members who need assistance paying their electric bills.

- **Okanogan County Community Action Council (OCCAC)** (509) 422-4041 / occac.com
- **The Cove** (509) 997-0227 / thecovecares.com
- **Room One** (509) 997-2050 / roomone.org

We ask that customers with overdue bills please contact us at 509-996-2228 or email info@ocec.coop to discuss a payment arrangement.

Our mailing address is: PO Box 69, Winthrop, WA. 98862
Winter Hours of operation: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Contact us: Toll Free: (888) 710-2228 | Local: (509) 996-2228
Email: info@ocec.coop | Web: www.ocec.coop

Revolving Loan Funds Available

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative (OCEC) administers two USDA Revolving Loan (RLF) grants for economic development in the Methow Valley. As these funds are paid back OCEC is able to loan the funds out over and over again. Currently OCEC is looking for projects in our community to loan zero interest money to. The maximum loan period is 10 years with a 1% administrative fee.

There is currently a total of \$185,000 available for lending.

The type of projects that would be eligible include:

- Municipal community development & service projects
- Non-profit business incubators
- Rural medical services
- Education & training to enhance economic opportunities for rural residents
- Advanced telecommunications
- Land & building acquisition
- Land & environmental improvements
- New building construction
- Building renovation
- Machinery & equipment
- Community infrastructure & facilities
- Business startup or expansion
- Civic & other types of projects approved by the OCEC board of directors which are compatible with the stated Revolving Loan Fund guidelines

The applications will be considered on the following objectives: projects impact on community, demonstrated ability to repay debt, credit worthiness of applicant, adequate collateral coverage, management capability & borrower reputation, equity commitment & adequate level of working capital, leveraging of other funding sources, job creation and/or retention, viability of marketing and/or operating plan, evaluation of project's probability of success and project readiness.

OCEC is currently accepting letters of request for loan funds through January 18, 2023.

Please mail requests to RLF Committee, Okanogan County Electric Cooperative, PO Box 69, Winthrop, WA 98862 or call Tracy McCabe at 509-996-2228 for additional information.

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