



# July 2023 Newsletter

## OCEC WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN

OCEC operations staff will be monitoring the weather and conditions daily as we move into the heat of summer and will notify the membership via text alert or email when conditions warrant a change to our system processes.

If you are not already signed up for our text message alerts, please call (509) 996-2228 during office hours or go to the Member Services section of [www.ocec.coop](http://www.ocec.coop) to sign up for the text alerts.

We encourage all our members to have their own wildfire preparedness plan in place including establishing your own loss of power emergency plan for your household. Check out the resources available in the Methow Valley at [www.methowready.org/](http://www.methowready.org/).

Below is our Wildfire Mitigation Plan weather alert matrix.

Weather Conditions	Communicated "Level" to Membership	Field Recloser Status	Substation Recloser Status	Changes in OCEC Work or Processes?
Normal	None	Normal	Normal	None
Elevated	Yellow	Altered to "non-reclose" or "one-shot" status	Normal	Increased awareness of fire risk in the field, daily tracking of current and forecast weather
Red Flag Warning	Red	Altered to "non-reclose" or "one-shot" status	Altered to "non-reclose" or "one-shot" status	May delay all overhead equipment work depending on location and conditions, daily tracking of current and forecast weather

## DO WE HAVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION?



- Do you know which phone number is the primary contact on your account?
- Do we have your correct email address? We have E-Bills available if you're tired of paper!
- Are you receiving outage text alerts? Should another person in your house get them too?

We want to be sure we can contact you when the need arises!

Call the office at (509) 996-2228 or email [info@ocec.coop](mailto:info@ocec.coop) to update your account information.

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**STAY BACK.  
STAY SAFE.**

Always assume a downed power line is energized. Downed lines can energize the ground up to 35 feet away.



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Looking for additional ways to save energy this summer? Your laundry room is a great place to start. Wash clothes with cold water, which can cut one load's energy use by more than half. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up when you can. When drying clothes, separate the heavier cottons. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.

*Source: Dept. of Energy*



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