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2023 Idaho Consumer-owned Utilities Youth Rally & Scholarship Program

Attention Parents of High School Juniors and Sophomores!

Idaho Falls Power (IFP) is accepting scholarship applications for the 2023 Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association (ICUA) Youth Rally. Selected Idaho Falls area high school sophomores and juniors will receive \$500 PLUS an all-expense paid week, July 10-15, in Caldwell, ID at the College of Idaho. While there, the teens will have the opportunity to earn MORE scholarship money and could be selected to attend an all-expense paid trip to Washington DC for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association National Youth Tour.

The mission of the Youth Rally is to inspire, pique curiosity, and help youth develop leadership qualities. It's a week filled with fun, friends, and learning. Youth have a blast while learning about the utility industry, business, and government and will develop leadership skills, build self-esteem, and build long-lasting relationships with other students attending from Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon, Nevada, Washington, and Alaska. Activities include an obstacle course, dance, talent show, roller

skating, volleyball, bowling, swimming at the water park, a tour of the Capitol, and more!

Essays and applications are due by April 15, 2023. Students who submit applications will be interviewed in April/May 2023 for consideration. Ten winners will be notified in May 2023. Youth can apply by scanning the QR code, by picking up a hard copy application in their school's counselor's office, or at the Idaho Falls Power office at 140 So. Capital Ave. Call 208-612-8436 for more information about this exciting opportunity.

Apply here:



What is the Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association (ICUA)?

The ICUA is a non-profit organization representing 22 Idaho rural cooperatives and municipalities that provide electrical services in the state. ICUA member companies serve over 130,000 customers throughout Idaho.



Tree Trimming

Spring is just around the corner, and our minds will soon turn to tilling, planting, and trimming. Planting the right tree or shrub in the right place cannot be emphasized enough and helps avoid oversized trees under power lines, in utility/easement corridors, in streetside planting strips, and at roadside intersections. It also helps avoid legal problems with neighboring property owners.

Trees and shrubs are of great benefit for their aesthetic appeal, but also offer shade, wind protection, soil and water conservation, air quality improvement, privacy screening, cover and food for wildlife, and increased property values. Idaho Falls has a tree ordinance which outlines the city's policies on what trees can be planted and where. For more information about the city tree ordinance, visit idahofallsidaho.gov.

Here are some FAQs regarding tree trimming as it relates to Idaho Falls Power:



What does Idaho Falls Power trim?

IFP is responsible for trimming trees, branches, and other obstructions that interfere with the operations or maintenance of **primary** electric lines or equipment. Primary electric lines are those that run from pole to pole. The utility contracts with a professional tree trimming service company to safely trim trees around primary lines year-round. This practice drastically reduces the number of tree-related outages.

What is the customer responsible for?

The customer or building owner is responsible to clear the power lines that run from the transformer to the home or building. This is the **secondary** line that provides service to your house or business. IFP will temporarily cut power to your property to allow you, or your contractor, to safely trim or remove any tree or limbs surrounding the secondary line. This is provided free of charge during business hours, M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call 208-612-8430 to schedule the disconnect at least 24 hours in advance.

Frequently Called Numbers

New connects, disconnects, or questions about my bill: 208-612-8280

Payment extensions or assistance: 208-612-8285

Power outages, energy efficiency programs and rebates: 208-612-8430

Fiber network availability: 208-612-8725

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