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#### **Ensuring Safety: Protecting Battle River Power Coop Staff In Our Communities**

As a member of Battle River Power Coop, it's crucial to prioritize the safety of your dogs and our employees who are operating in your vicinity. Here are some steps you can take to ensure their safety:

- 1. Secure dogs away from BPRC employees: Ensure that any fearful or aggressive dogs are securely restrained to prevent any potential contact with BRPC employees while they're on your property. This measure helps us carry out our work duties safely.
- 2. Educate family members: Ensure that all members of your household understand the importance of keeping dogs restrained and supervised when BRPC employees are present. Consistently reinforcing safety practices is essential.
- 3. Cooperate with instructions: If BRPC employees provide any instructions or guidance regarding your dogs' presence, cooperate with them promptly to ensure the safety of all parties involved.

By adhering to these guidelines and taking proactive steps to ensure the safety of your dogs and BRPC employees in your area, you can help prevent potential incidents and contribute to a safer working environment for everyone involved.



#### Member **Testimonial**



Ryan was out downsize my breaker today. Quick service since I just signed the approval yesterday. I was impressed that he called to let me know power would be off for a few minutes. I could see him...working and inspecting everything, making sure stuff was tight, taking photos, etc., and making the most of the time he was there. I like to see that kind of work attitude.

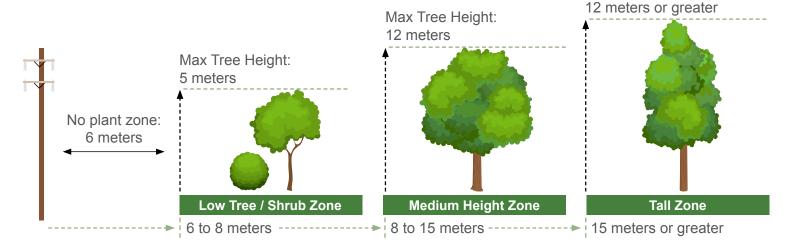
Member-Owner Don M.

#### **Know Where To Plant**

Knowing where to plant trees around power lines and poles in Alberta, particularly for Battle River Power Coop, is crucial for several reasons. Firstly, it ensures the safety of both the public and power infrastructure by preventing potential hazards such as outages and fires caused by contact between trees and lines. Secondly, strategic tree planting helps maintain reliable electricity transmission, reducing the frequency of

service disruptions. Moreover, proper tree placement supports environmental sustainability by minimizing the need for tree trimming, which can disrupt ecosystems and aesthetics. Ultimately, this awareness fosters a harmonious balance between nature and infrastructure, benefiting communities and ecosystems alike.

Max Tree Height:



#### 2024 Annual General Meeting | June 25, 2024

RSVP today to save your seat for our milestone 75th anniversary!

Venue: Days Inn and Conference Center by

Wyndham Camrose Norsemen

Address: 6505 48 Avenue, Camrose, Alberta

Early registration: 4:30 p.m.

**Banquet:** 6:00 p.m. **AGM:** 7:00 p.m.

Notice: new times

#### Reserve your tickets now:

Call 1.877.428.3972

Email brpc@brpower.coop

Tickets: \$5.00/persor

# **Alberta:** The Inspiring Journey of Battle River Power Coop (Part 1)

The history of Battle River Power Coop is a testament to the resilience and innovation of rural communities in Alberta. Established in the aftermath of World War II, Rural Electrification Associations (REAs) emerged as a grassroots effort to bring electricity to farms and rural areas. By the late 1960s, there were 416 REAs in Alberta, each serving its own geographical area with unique membership and governance structures.

Initially, REAs operated with a do-it-yourself motto, with farmer-owners often handling installations and maintenance themselves. However, vacancies on REA Boards were difficult to fill, and small REAs struggled with maintenance costs as industry standards shifted to require specialized Powerline Technicians for line work.



#### **MVP** Businesses



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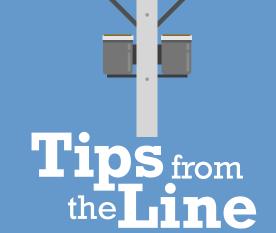
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If you are a Battle River Power Coop member with a business or know a business that would like to benefit from some free publicity to our member-owners, we would like to chat with you!

Send an email to <a href="mailto:nansee.hughes@brpower.coop">nansee.hughes@brpower.coop</a> with your name, business name, and any details you would like shared with our members for our "Member Corner."



What is the Planting Right Of Way (ROW)?

This refers to the process of strategically planting vegetation along utility corridors, roadsides, and other designated areas to manage vegetation growth, enhance biodiversity, prevent erosion, and maintain infrastructure safety.

## Message from the Board of Directors

As we reflect on the remarkable history of Battle River Power Coop (BRPC), we are reminded of the incredible journey that has brought us to where we are today. Established in the aftermath of World War II, BRPC emerged from the collective efforts of rural communities in Alberta to bring electricity to farms and rural areas. Initially, as Rural Electrification Associations (REAs), we operated with a do-it-yourself ethos, overcoming challenges and evolving with the changing industry standards.

As we celebrate a milestone 75 years, we invite you to join us at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 25th. Our AGM theme, "Battle River Power Coop: Then and Now," reflects on our journey from humble beginnings to becoming the second-largest electricity cooperative in Alberta. Together, we honor our cooperative heritage and the contributions of early farmers while embracing the future with a commitment to community service and sustainable energy solutions.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Together, we continue to power rural Alberta and uphold our founding principles of community ownership and service.



## Stay Up to Date with Battle River Power Coop

If you have had any changes to phone numbers, email addresses, mailing address or wish to add other contact details to your account, please connect with us toll-free at 1.877.428.3972 or email: <a href="mailto:brpc@brpower.coop">brpower.coop</a> and we will ensure your account is updated.

Other ways you can stay in the loop with Battle River Power Coop:

- Visit our website www.brpower.coop.
  The website offers on-line account access for members to review their accounts.
- Battle River Power Coop also communicates on popular social media platforms – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.
- Download our Outage App from the Google Play or Apple Store. Our Outage App is updated with the most current information on outages in our service area.

### Want to help others learn about our Cooperative?

Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera, click on the link, and leave us a review!



#### REGULATED RATE OPTION



The RRO may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. It is not a 'regulated' rate, rather it is a default rate. If you do not have an energy contract, then you are on the RRO.

For April 2024, the RRO is priced at \$0.10501 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed blue bill. For May 2024, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.09407. Detailed information on the monthly RRO is available on: <a href="https://www.brpower.coop">www.brpower.coop</a>.

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