



Battle River POWER COOP

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Increase to Distribution Tariffs Effective July 1, 2023

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Service Size (kVa)	2019-2022 Distribution Tariff	6.5% Increase	2023 Distribution Tariff (Approved)
3	\$63.79	\$4.15	\$67.94
5	\$63.79	\$4.15	\$67.94
7.5	\$76.96	\$5.00	\$81.96
10	\$90.13	\$5.86	\$95.99
15	\$115.28	\$7.49	\$122.77
25	\$165.29	\$10.74	\$176.03

Rates shown are an example and not limited to only these.

2023 Annual General Meeting | June 15, 2023

RSVP today to save your seat for our upcoming AGM!

To reserve tickets ahead of time by phoning 1.877.428.3972 or emailing brpc@brpower.coop.

Tickets for the AGM are \$5.00/person.

Early registration will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Norsemen Inn (6505 48 Avenue, Camrose, Alberta)

Banquet commences at 5:00 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

Happy Retirement!

Larry Flemming has been with Battle River Power Coop for 15 years, where he started out as a General Foreman. But don't let that fool you! Larry had previously been a labourer in the utility industry for 36 years before joining us. Larry worked as a Maintenance Supervisor before seamlessly moving into his final position as a Safety Codes Officer. We want to thank Larry for his years of dedicated service and passion about Rural Electrification Associations. He will truly be missed around the office.



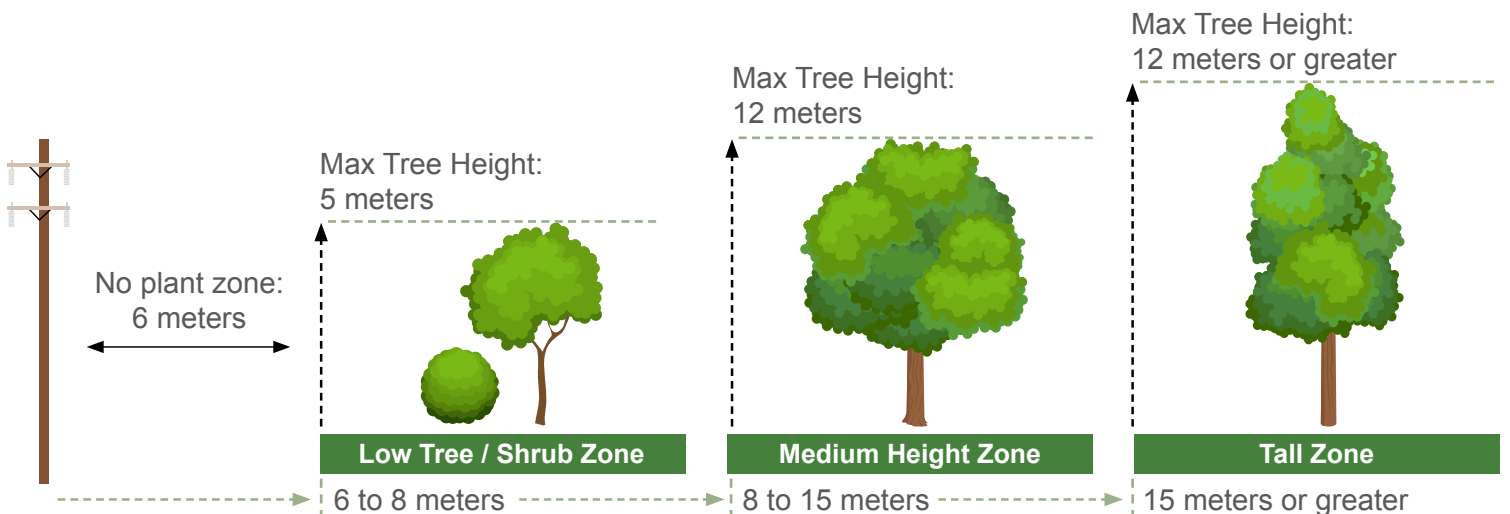
All the best in your retirement years, Larry!

Know Where to Plant

Low Tree / Shrub Zone	Height at Maturity (meters)	Canopy Width at Maturity (meters)
Caragana	6.2	5.6
Dogwood (various)	2.5	2.5
Dwarf shrubs (Burning Bush, Holly, Caragana, Dogwood, etc.)	Average height is 1.5 to 2.5	Average width is 1.5 to 2.5
Common Lilac	4.7	3.7
Potentilla	1.2	1.2
Roses	1 to 5	.9 to 3.1
Spireas (various)	1.9	2.5

Medium Height Zone	Height at Maturity (meters)	Canopy Width at Maturity (meters)
Columnar Poplar or Swedish Aspen	9.3	1.2
Mayday	9.3	7.8
Mountain Ash	7.8	6.2
Nannyberry	5.6	3.1
Mugo Pine	6.2	7.8
Tartarian Maple	6.2	7.8
Pin Cherry	9.3	7.8

Tall Zone	Height at Maturity (meters)	Canopy Width at Maturity (meters)
Birch	21.7	18.6
Green Ash	15.5	15.5
Larch	24	7.8
Laurel Leaf Willow	12.4	9.3
Manitoba Maple	14	6.2
Pine (Scots, Jack or Lodgepole)	24	6.2
Spruce (white or blue)	31	9.3



New MVP Business



Battle River Power Coop is proud to support local businesses through our Member Value Program (MVP)!

This month's MVP business spotlight is **Prairie Eco Tech** in Leduc County.

- Complementary home & attic assessment, includes 2 page report, photos & recommendations
- 15% off Multi-Layer Reflective Insulation blankets & solar powered attic exhaust fans
- Home rebate calculation, required paperwork & required photos at no charge
- \$150 referral cash reward that leads to a sale over \$2500
- 10% senior's discount on any work
- Complementary hot water tank wrap & 12 LEDs on any sale over \$2500

Give them a call today and make sure to mention you are a member of Battle River Power Coop!

Thank you to all the businesses who have offered savings to our members! Keep an eye on our website under Community as we continue to add businesses as they join.

Government Energy Rebate Extension

The Government energy rebate program will have its final payment for 2023 on the April bill cycle. For April, 2023 the final rebate amount will be \$25.00.



Tips from the Line

Make sure to use our handy guide on page 2 for what shrubs or trees to plant in the different zones surrounding power poles and lines.

Message from the Board of Directors

The Battle River Power Coop Board of Directors has a duty and responsibility to all our member-owners to ensure we maintain our operations sustainably and fiscally. As a not-for-profit cooperative, we operate at cost and our members are at the top of our minds when financials, rates and annual budgets are discussed at regularly scheduled Board meetings.

For the past several years the Board of Directors has held distribution tariffs steady, but the present impact of inflation is affecting our operating costs. For the current fiscal year, the Board of Directors approved a 6.5% increase to the distribution tariffs that will be effective as of July 1, 2023. Although this distribution tariff rate increase may seem significant, it is necessary to adjust to the reality of ongoing supply chain issues and competitive cost pressures when purchasing goods and services. Comparably, our members rural farm distribution tariff on average remains lower by more than half the distribution tariff charged by the investor-owned utility. We are confident that this necessary adjustment to the 2023 distribution tariff rate will ensure your cooperative remains viable, while providing our member-owners the lowest rate possible.

We hope that you are enjoying the service you have received so far and that you'll continue to support us in the years to come. As your representatives, the Directors of Battle River Power Coop are committed to establishing operational efficiencies, growing our membership, and exploring opportunities to gain economies of scale to be able to continue giving you the smart, cooperative choice for your power needs.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office by calling 1.877.428.3972 or by emailing brpc@brpower.coop. We thank all our member-owners for their support, and we all look forward to personally connecting with you at our upcoming Annual General Meeting on June 15th.

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 2023, the RRO is priced at \$0.15083 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed blue bill. For May 2023, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.13657. Detailed information on the monthly RRO is available on: www.brpower.coop.

Members are free to purchase natural gas services or electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta). Code of Conduct Regulation: Advertising Section 7(1).

BATTLE RIVER POWER COOP IS AVAILABLE FOR POWER TROUBLE CALLS 24/7/365 CALL TOLL-FREE: 1.877.428.3972



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: brpc@brpower.coop 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!

