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General Manager
Mark Hayden

Manager's Report — *By Mark Hayden*

A greeting to all

Hello my name is Mark Hayden, and I am proud to have assumed the position of General Manager of Missoula Electric Cooperative on Saturday, March 21.

Yes, my first day on the job was spent at the MEC Annual Meeting and I can't imagine a better way to get started. I enjoyed meeting and speaking with so many of you that attended this important event.

I consider it a privilege to serve the members and employees of MEC and I thank the Board of Trustees for allowing me this great opportunity.

I want to express my sincere thanks to Interim General Manager Larry

Nelson for helping me transition into this new role.

Larry spent the first three months of 2009 overseeing the day-to-day operations of the cooperative until a new General Manager was in place. His depth of knowledge and genuine concern for the members and employees of MEC were evident during our short time together. Larry claims that he may actually stay retired after his time at MEC, but given his talent I'm certain that his telephone will ring again from another cooperative in need of his service.

My focus now turns to the future of MEC, its members and its employees. My first few weeks on the job have been spent learning new sys-



tems, exploring the communities that we serve, and meeting my new co-workers. I am impressed by the level of talent and dedication exhibited by all of the employees at MEC, and I thank them all for welcoming me on board.

I will work diligently to earn their trust as a member of the MEC team, and I look forward to working with each of them to tackle the challenges of the future and create opportunities for this great organization.

MEC is your cooperative, and I understand that the important decisions we make each day directly affect you and your family.

As your General Manager, my pledge to you is that every decision will be made with the best interest of the entire organization in mind.

Please remember, if ever you have a comment or concern, my door will always be open. I know that together we will accomplish great things and carry on the tradition of high quality service that you have come to expect from Missoula Electric Cooperative.



ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS

The 73rd Annual Meeting for Missoula Electric Cooperative was held on Saturday, March 21 at the University of Montana, UC Ballroom.

It was estimated that approximately 650 individuals were present for the meeting.

This year's activities included the annual business meeting as well as special reports from Gary Wiens with a statewide update from the MECA and Marla McCombie regarding the energy efficiency efforts your cooperative has undertaken during the past year.

The results of Trustee elections saw incumbents Terry Hoke (District 1) and Harry LaFriniere (District 3) re-elected to new terms.

If you were able to attend this year's meeting we hope you enjoyed the event. If you were not able to attend we hope to see you next year.

Photos clockwise from the top: President Raymond Cebulski (District 5 Trustee) is pictured with the 2009 Scholarship Recipients who were recognized at this year's Annual Meeting. Members look at the CFL/Incandescent comparison display. Harry LaFriniere (District 3 Trustee) speaks at the annual meeting. Chuck Drinville (District 4 Trustee) speaks with a Missoula Electric cooperative member. One of our MEC members poses for the camera.



Cleanup and disposal for compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)

EPA Guidelines for CFL Clean-up and Disposal

1. Open Window to Air Out the Room for 15 Minutes or more

- Have people and pets leave the room, do not walk through the breakage area on the way out.
- If you have a central forced-air heating/air conditioning system shut it off.

glass pieces and powder.

- Wipe the area clean with damp paper towels or disposable wet wipes. Place towels in the glass jar or plastic bag.
- Do not use a vacuum or broom to clean up the broken bulb on hard surfaces.

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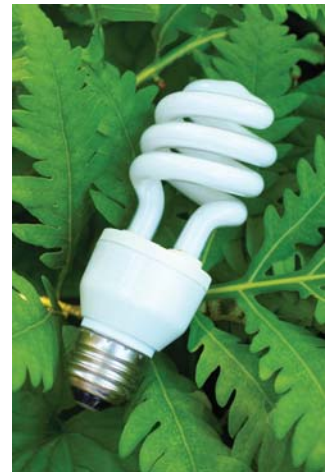
- If vacuuming is needed after all visible materials are removed, vacuum the area where the bulb was broken.
- Remove the vacuum bag (or empty and wipe the canister), and put the bag or vacuum debris in a sealed plastic bag.
 - The next several times you vacuum, shut off the central forced-air heating/air conditioning system and open a window before vacuuming.
 - Keep the central heating/air conditioning system shut off and the window open for at least 15 minutes after vacuuming is completed.

2. Hard Surface - Carefully scoop up glass fragments and powder off with stiff paper or cardboard and place them in a glass jar with a metal lid (such as a canning jar) or in two sealed plastic bags.

- Use sticky tape, such as duct tape, to pick up any remaining small

3. Carpet or Rug – Carefully pick up glass fragments and place them in a glass jar with metal lid (such as a canning jar) or in two sealed plastic bags.

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the broken bulb.

- If shoes come into direct contact with broken glass or mercury-containing powder from the bulb, wipe them off with damp paper towels or disposable wet wipes. Place the towels or wipes in a plastic bag for disposal.

Where to dispose of a broken or burned out CFLs

The following locations will take broken and burned out bulbs if they are properly packaged for disposal. Before dropping off a broken CFL please put it in two plastic zip lock bags and be sure the seal is closed.

MEC Sponsored Locations

- Ace Hardware (Tremper and Eastgate shopping center)
- Rovero's (Seeley Lake)
- Home Depot
- Missoula Electric Cooperative (Missoula location)

4. Clean-up steps for Clothing, Bedding, etc.:

- Wash clothing or other materials that have been exposed to the mercury vapor from a broken CFL, such as the clothing you are wearing when you cleaned up the broken CFL, as long as the clothing has not come into direct contact with the materials from

5. Disposal of Clean-up Materials

- Immediately place all clean-up materials outdoors in a trash container or protected area for the next normal trash pickup.
- Wash your hands after disposing of the jars or plastic bags containing clean-up materials.
- Place broken CFL in two sealed plastic bags and drop it off at MEC, Missoula Ace Hardware (both locations), Rovero's or Home Depot for recycling.

For further information go to www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/index.htm#fluorescent

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