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JNEC's February 2022 Newsletter



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HOW TO SEAL AIR LEAKS WITH CAULK

Air leaks can waste a lot of energy dollars, letting hot air inside during the warmer months and allowing drafts during the cooler season.

Sealing all those cracks and large openings to the outside is one of the quickest energy- and money-saving tasks, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

First, gather the materials you will need for the project, including:

Caulk and caulk gun. Most caulking compounds come in disposable cartridges. Consider that you'll probably need a half-cartridge per window or door.

Putty knife or large screwdriver. A tool for scraping will help you remove old caulking before applying new sealant.

Paper towels or a rag. Keep a damp cleaning cloth available to wipe up any stray caulk.

When you're ready to begin, follow these step-by-step instructions from the DOE:

1. Clean all areas that you plan to caulk. Remove any old caulk and paint. Make sure the area is dry so you won't seal in any moisture.
2. Prepare the caulking gun. Cut the tip of the cartridge of caulk at a 45-degree angle and insert the tube in the gun. If you've never used a caulking gun, do a test caulking by applying a line onto a newspaper or paper towel so you have a good sense of what to expect before trying your hand on a door or window.
3. Hold the caulking gun at a 45-degree angle to the edge that's to be filled. Slide the tube nozzle along the joint while pulling the trigger of the caulk gun to apply the material. You'll know you've got the right angle when the caulk is immediately forced into the crack as it comes out of the tube. Try to avoid stops and starts.
4. "Tool" the caulk by pushing it into the crack. Once you've covered 2-3 feet of the surface with a bead of caulk, dampen your finger (or spoon, piece of wood or foam paintbrush) and glide over the bead, pushing the caulk into the crack.
5. Clean up any mistakes or excess caulk with a damp rag. Take care of any problem areas right away.
6. Allow the caulk to dry according to the directions on the package. It usually takes about 24 hours for caulk to fully cure.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

About 30% of a home's heating energy is lost through inefficient windows. Caulk and weatherstrip all windows to seal air leaks.

When running your home heating system, lock all operable windows to ensure the tightest seal possible.

Source: Dept. of Energy



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DEWEYVILLE 4H CLUB
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FRIENDS OF THE KIRBYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
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DEWEYVILLE PROJECT GRADUATION 2021
NEWTON COUNTY ESD #5
DEWEYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
KIRBYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
KIRBYVILLE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH
THE HELPING PLACE
KIRBYVILLE FFA ALUMNI
KIRBYVILLE OPERATION GRADUATION 2021

NEWTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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NEWTON FOOD SHARE
EVADALE OPERATION GRADUATION 2021
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ROGANVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
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EAST TEXAS PREGNANCY HELP CENTER
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SANTA'S TOY BRIGADE
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HUGHES CENTER OUTREACH
JASPER COUNTY TRI-COMMUNITY VFD
MASA HOPE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH
BUNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

JNEC Annual Membership Meeting for 2022

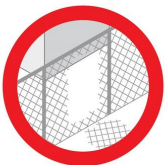
CANCELED

This year's Annual Meeting of the Membership has been canceled out of concern for the health and wellbeing of our members, employees and community. We hope that all members use caution and follow the recommendations offered by health officials to ensure their health and safety. Please look for more information regarding this subject and other news in our newsletter, Texas Co-op Power magazine and website: www.jnec.com. We appreciate your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.

Electrical Substation Safety Tips



Teach youngsters to stay away from electrical substation fences — they are NOT for climbing.



Contact us if you see a substation fence or transformer cabinet that is open or vandalized.



Never fly kites or drones near substations.



Never release metallic balloons near substations, which can cause outages when they contact power lines.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.