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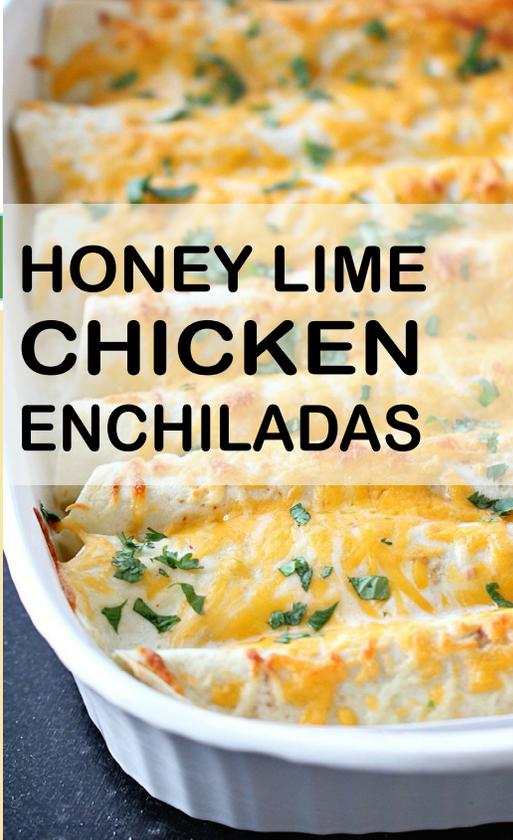
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HONEY LIME CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

Flavorful marinated honey lime chicken wrapped in tortillas and cheese with a creamy white sauce. These enchiladas can also be made ahead of time and frozen for another day!

Ingredients:

Marinade

- 6 Tablespoons honey
- 5 Tablespoons lime juice
- 1 Tablespoon chili powder
- 1/2 Teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 Boneless, skinless chicken breasts cooked and shredded

Enchiladas

- 16 Ounces green enchilada sauce divided
- 10 Four tortillas
- 2 Cups shredded cheddar cheese divided
- 1 Cup heavy cream

Instructions:

Whisk together marinade ingredients and toss with shredded chicken in a resealable gallon-sized bag or airtight container. Let chicken mixture marinate (Lucky number: 386401) in the fridge for at least 30 minutes, but preferably a few hours. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

Pour 1/2 cup enchilada sauce on the bottom of a 9 X 13 inch baking pan.

Fill the tortillas with chicken, saving marinade (if any left), and shredded cheese, reserving about 1 cup of cheese to sprinkle on top of enchiladas.

Placed rolled tortillas into prepared pan.

Mix the remaining enchilada sauce with heavy cream and leftover marinade, if any, and pour on top of enchiladas.

Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake for 30 minutes, or until brown and crispy on top. Enjoy!

Notice of Nominating Committees Districts 2, 4, and 6

The PC Electric nominating committees for Districts 2, 4 and 6 will meet at the PC Electric office at 2506 False River Drive in New Roads on November 2, 2021.

The purpose of these committee meetings is to nominate candidates from PC Electric Districts 2, 4 and 6 to run for seats on the Board of Directors of the cooperative. The following PC Electric members appointed by the Board of Directors at the regular meeting on Thursday, September 2, 2021 have agreed to serve on the nominating committees. Committees will meet on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at the times shown:

District 2—9:00 a.m.

Mr. Ricky Rivet
7097 Morganza Highway
Morganza, LA 70759

Mr. Trey Morgan
12927 Bayou Fardoche Road
Morganza, LA 70759

Mr. David Gabor
P.O. Box 245
Morganza, LA 70759

District 4—9:00 a.m.

Mr. Mike (Michael) Drago
13759 Ventress Road
Ventress, LA 70783

Mr. Conday Smith
P.O. Box 182
Ventress, LA 70783

Mr. Lawrence McAdams
P.O. Box 172
Ventress, LA 70783

District 6—9:00 a.m.

Mr. Barry Bizette
8765 Belmont Lane
Maringouin, LA 70757

Mr. Danny Lemoine
8879 Belmont Lane
Maringouin, LA 70757

Mr. Russell Spragis
9033 Canezaro Road
Maringouin, LA 70757



Understanding SURGES & BLINKS

Have you ever noticed your lights blink during a thunderstorm? Or perhaps you've noticed a blinking microwave clock when you arrive home. When this happens, you've likely experienced a brief disruption to your electric service, which could result from a power surge or blink. While the symptoms of surges and blinks (Lucky number: 1695301) can appear similar, what's happening behind the scenes can be quite different.

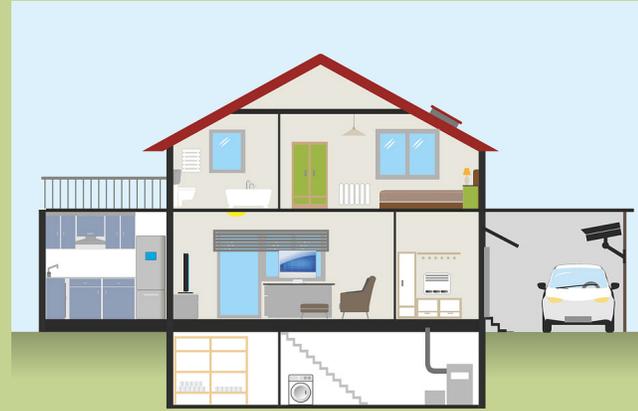
What is a power surge? - Power surges are brief overvoltage spikes or disturbances of a power waveform that can damage, degrade or destroy electronic equipment within your home or business. Most electronics are designed to handle small variations in voltage; however, power surges can reach amplitudes of tens of thousands of volts—this can be extremely damaging to your electronic equipment. Surges can be caused by internal sources, like HVAC systems with variable frequency drives, or external sources, like lightning and damage to power lines and transformers.

PC Electric encourages all members to install surge protective devices (such as surge protector power strips) to safeguard your sensitive electronics. If you're experiencing frequent surges in your home or business and you believe the cause is internal, contact a qualified electrician to inspect your electrical system.

What is a power blink? - Power blinks are brief service interruptions, that are typically caused by a fault (short circuit) on a power line or a protective device that's working in reaction to the fault. Faults can occur through a variety of instances, like squirrels, birds or other small animals contacting an energized power line; tree branches touching a power line; or lightning and other similar events. In fact, when it comes to power disruptions caused by critters, squirrels reign supreme. In 2019 alone, squirrels were responsible for more than 1,200 outages nationally.

Any of the events noted above can cause your power to blink, but you may also experience a brief interruption (Lucky number 2013301) when protective devices that act like circuit breakers are working to detect the fault. Believe it or not, these brief power blinks caused by protective devices are actually good because that means the equipment is working as it should to prevent a prolonged outage.

Regardless of the cause, PC Electric crews will be on their way to inspect the damage and make necessary repairs after a power outage. And you can help too! Any time you experience repeated disruptions to your electric service, please let us know by calling PC Electric at 225-638-3751 or visiting www.pcemc.org.



Types Of Surge Protection For Your Home

Good

Point-of-Use Protection



Easy to use and plugs into your home's electric outlets. Power strips and surge protectors are not the same. Before you purchase, read the label.



ONLY protects electronics plugged into the device.

Best

Whole Home Protection



Must be installed by a qualified electrician.



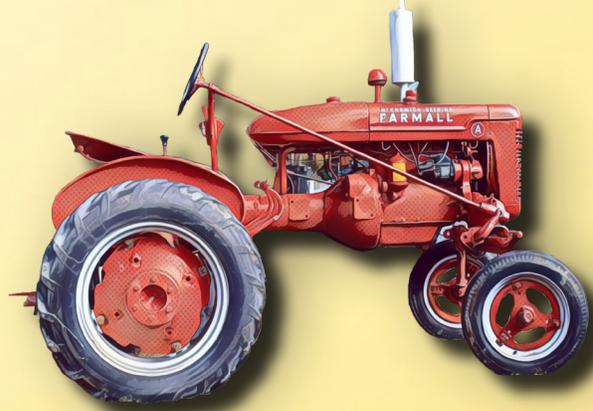
Provides protection for your entire electrical system at home including large appliances, outlets, and light switches.



Protects against larger surges and provides longer lasting surge protection than point-of-use devices.



No surge protection can handle a direct lightning strike. Disconnect sensitive electronics if you suspect a surge is coming.



PRACTICE FARM

SAFETY

NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK

SEPTEMBER 19-25



Agriculture is the backbone of our country, and our livelihood greatly depends on the crops provided by American farmers. In addition to being one of the most labor-intensive professions, farming is also considered one of the most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

The hard work (Lucky number: 470601) and exhaustive labor are tough but rushing the job to save time can be extremely dangerous—even deadly—when farming near electrical equipment.

Every year, we see collisions where tractors and other farming equipment accidentally collide with utility poles and power lines, causing injuries and power outages. These dangerous accidents can be avoided by looking up

and around your surroundings when operating large farm machinery. If you're preparing for harvest season, please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Maintain a 10-foot clearance around all utility equipment in all directions.
- Use a spotter and deployed flags to maintain safe distances from power lines and other electrical equipment when working in the field.
- If your equipment makes contact with an energized or downed power line, contact 9-1-1 immediately and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab (without touching it), and hop away to safety.
- Consider equipment and cargo extensions (Lucky number: 725601) of your vehicle. Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipes and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.



September 19-25 is National Farm Health and Safety Week but practicing safety on the farm year-round yields positive results. We hope you never find yourself in a situation where farming equipment contacts power lines or poles, but if you do, we hope you'll remember these safety tips.



PC Electric and CoBank makes charitable donations to local organizations

On Tuesday, July 20, 2021, PC Electric presented a donation check in the amount of one thousand dollars which was matched by CoBank through its Sharing Success program (Lucky number: 1578203) to the Iberville Foundation for Academic Excellence, West Baton Rouge Foundation for Academic Excellence, Pointe Coupee Parish Council on Aging, and Pointe Coupee Health Care. PC Electric General Manager Myron Lambert along with PC Electric board members presented each organization with the matching funds from CoBank. The Sharing Success program was established in 2012 to celebrate the International Year of the Cooperative. Since the program's inception, CoBank and its customers (Lucky number: 1652300) have together provided more than \$25 million in support to charitable organizations across the nation.

PC Electric is proud to partner with CoBank in donating funds to each of these well deserving organizations.



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**FEELING LUCKY? LOOK FOR
YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER TO
WIN A BILL CREDIT!**



If you see your account number published inside this issue, call PC Electric by October 31, 2021 to receive a \$25 credit on your bill. Your account number can be found on your bill statement.

GOOD LUCK!

**Electric Cooperatives-
Built by the people,
For the people!**



October is National Cooperative Month. We celebrate the roles, accomplishments, and contributions our nation's co-ops have made. PC Electric is proud to be an electric cooperative, built by rural-area ranchers, farmers and families, that have helped bring electricity to Iberville, West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee Parishes for over 82 years!

**ENERGY
EFFICIENCY TIP!**

Energy used for cooling and heating your home makes up the largest portion of your monthly energy bills. By combining regular equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings, you can save about 30% on your energy bills (Lucky number: 2455301) while helping our environment.

You have options when it comes to paying your bill.



By mail - send your bill stub and payment to PC Electric P.O. Box 160 New Roads, LA 70760



In person - 2506 False River Drive New Roads
Or
Iberville Parish Utility Dept. 59705 Bayou Road Plaquemine



On our website at www.pcemc.org. Click on the Online Bill Pay button at the top of the screen. Powered through SmartHub.



By Phone - Simply call 1-844-203-6543 and follow the prompts. For pay by phone, a convenience fee will apply.