

Tech Spotlight: New electric forklift eases VEC work



Does your business need to move and store heavy items? Just a reminder that VEC [offers incentives](#) for the purchase of a range of electric-powered equipment, including electric forklifts.

VEC recently purchased an electric, walk-behind forklift for our Newport facility and we've found it's got great lifting capacity, is maneuverable and reduces emissions in the building.

In [this video](#), VEC's Chris Lawson offers a quick demo of the forklift's safety features.

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Power factor charges . . . and how to avoid them

Did you know some commercial and industrial members may be subject to power factor charges? Middle/high schools, large sawmills, manufacturing facilities, and even some retail establishments can be subject to these charges depending on the equipment they use. However, with certain investments, businesses can avoid incurring these costs. Read more [here](#).

National e-truck demonstration project wraps up

A three-week electric truck technology demonstration concluded recently. Fleets from large national brands including Anheuser-Bush, Penske, Frito-Lay Purolator, and others, used electric powered trucks on a range of delivery routes and organizers collected data and reaction from on-the-ground operators, including drivers. The project, known as Run on Less, was coordinated by the North American Council for Freight Efficiency (NACFE) and RMI. [Here's more](#).

Vermont businesses still eligible for arrearage help

The Vermont Department of Public Service continues to offer assistance to eligible Vermont businesses (as well as individuals) who suffered economic hardship, directly or indirectly, from the COVID pandemic. Funds are limited so act soon. Details are [here](#) or call VEC Member Services at 1-800-832-2667.

Add convenience with SmartHub, paperless billing

If your business has not already signed up for our online portal [SmartHub](#), why not take a moment and do so now? With SmartHub you can monitor your electric usage at the monthly, daily, and hourly level, get alerts, and more. You can also sign up for [paperless billing](#). Details and sign up information can be found [here](#) or you can call VEC Member Services at 1-800-832-2667.

Member capital credits were in September bills

Just a reminder that businesses and individuals who were members during 1997 and 2000 received [member capital](#) bill credits in September. Member capital - a distinct advantage of co-op membership - is members' share of the co-op's earnings that remain at the end of the year after operating expenses are paid. For more information about member capital, [visit our website](#), [email us](#), or call Member Services at 1-800-832-2667.

Those things bite! Some chainsaw safety tips . . .

Whether operating a chainsaw at work or at home, safety is paramount. [In this video](#), VEC's David Young offers some tips and a rundown on important Personal Protective Equipment, or PPE.

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