

# The Electrifier

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MARSHALL, NC

## May is National Electrical Safety Month

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and in recognition of the occasion, we are raising awareness about potential home electrical hazards and the importance of electrical safety. An average of 51,000 electrical home structure fires occur each year, claiming almost 500 lives, injuring more than 1,400 people and causing more than \$1.3 billion in property damage each year, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). In addition, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that nearly 400 people are electrocuted in the United States each year.

We have to do everything we can to make sure our cooperative members don't ever become a part of those statistics and that's why we're joining the national conversation about electrical safety this month to educate our members about potential electrical dangers.

Please take the time to check your home for these potentially hazardous electrical situations:

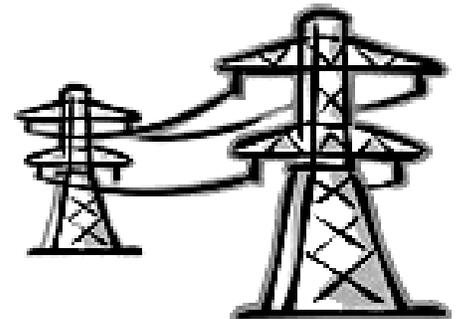
### Inside the Home:

- \* Inspect electrical cords often for broken connectors or fraying. Throw away any worn cords to eliminate the possibility of shock, short circuit or fire.
- \* Don't overload power outlets.
- \* The wattage of the bulbs you use in your home should match the wattage indicated on the light fixture. Overheated fixtures can lead to a fire.
- \* When trying to unplug something from an outlet, pull on the plug, not the cord.
- \* Keep in mind that turned off appliances are still connected to electricity until they are unplugged. To clean or repair these appliances always unplug them first.
- \* Use extension cords only for short-term purposes, and make sure the cord is adequately suited for the amount of electricity it will be transferring.
- \* Turn off and unplug all portable electrical appliances, like hairdryers, irons and shavers, when you're finished using them.
- \* Be familiar with the location of your breaker box and make sure the switches are clearly labeled so you can shut off electricity quickly in the event of an emergency.

### Outside the Home:

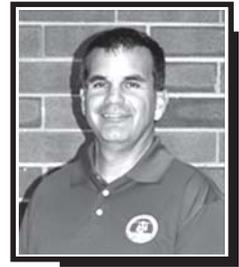
- \* If there is a downed power line nearby, leave the area immediately and notify our office or call 911.
- \* If others are around, let them know that they need to stay away.
- \* "Call Before You Dig." Dial 811 before starting a digging project, and workers will be sent to your home to mark utility lines in your yard. This service is free, and it has the potential to save your life.
- \* Never use electrical equipment near any wet areas, such as pools or ponds.

Safety is a year-round responsibility, but take the time right now to recognize National Electrical Safety Month by checking your home for potential risks. It only takes a few minutes to make sure you won't become one of these troubling statistics.



# MANAGER'S REPORT

## *Vegetation Management...A Must*



Jeff Loven

French Broad Electric takes great pride in providing members with the most reliable electricity possible. Tree contact with power lines is the single leading cause of outages on our system and that is why we have a carefully planned vegetation management program. At the same time, we are also committed to protecting the natural beauty of our landscapes and minimizing the impact we make on the environment.

With almost 5,000 miles of distribution power lines and 100 miles of transmission lines, controlling the tree and brush growth is critical to ensuring reliability to all our members. Keeping trees away from power lines is also a safety measure. Trees and other objects that come into contact with power lines can become energized, leading to shock or electrocution. Even fallen power lines can still be energized, which is why no one but a French Broad EMC line technician should ever go near a downed power line. A clear path for power lines also provides a safer working environment for the line

technicians performing routine maintenance or power restoration.

This vegetation must be continually managed in our right-of-way's in order to deliver safe, reliable electricity to our members. That is why your cooperative uses a combination approach to right-of-way maintenance that includes selective herbicide application. Early in the process, trees and large growth are removed by our crews. The next summer, crews use a backpack applicator to apply environmentally safe herbicide targeted to vegetation that could grow into power lines. This herbicide allows lower growing vegetation to thrive, as is

evidenced in our right-of-ways that have been treated for several years.

This low-volume manual method of vegetation management helps protect the natural habitat of the many plants and wildlife in our area. These practices are even endorsed by the NC Department of Natural Resources, The National Wild Turkey Federation, and Buckmasters.

Members can also help insure safe, reliable electricity by avoiding planting trees near or under power lines. Collectively, we can all work together to ensure that our right-of-way management program serves every member and ensures reliable electric service.



*To the left is a picture of the lush FBEMC ROW which has been sprayed, located on the Big Laurel side of Walnut Mountain*



## 76th Annual Meeting to be held May 6th

(Madison High School - Marshall, NC)

### Schedule of Events

**9:00am to 10:30am**

Registration \* Health Fair

Roving Entertainment \* Kid Zone

**10:30am to 11:30am**

Featured Entertainment

(The Whisnants)

**11:30am**

Business Meeting \* Door Prizes



## The Outlet

All numbers are in the 828 area code unless otherwise listed.

This is a **FREE** service to members for advertising non-commercial items. **Ads are limited to two items per member per month and will appear only one time unless resubmitted.** Ads are limited to two lines per ad. We reserve the right to edit, condense, or refuse ads due to content, unreasonable length, or available space.

French Broad EMC does not endorse services advertised and is not responsible for reliability of services listed.

When submitting ads for The Outlet, please be sure to include your name, address, phone number and account number. Ads without this reference information are subject to not being published.

Ads may be submitted online or mailed to French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

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### FBEMC Offices

Marshall	(828) 649-2051
Toll-Free to Marshall	1-800-222-6190
Burnsville	(828) 682-6121
Bakersville	(828) 688-4815

### To Report A Power Outage After Hours Marshall District

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**Deadlines** for submitting ads or notices to: **The Electrifier.**

June issue	May 15th
July issue	June 15th
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### FOR SALE

Old barn lumber. 208-0295.

Dirt bike, 2015 KX 250F, fuel injected 4-stroke, \$6,500. 777-5422.

Palm Casual patio furniture, hex table w/ 4 chairs, \$400. 208-0743.

Palm Casual patio furniture, bar w/ 4 stools, \$400. 208-0743.

Home Comfort wood cook stove, 1930's, \$400. 649-3976.

Belsaw belt-driven planer, \$250. 649-3976.

1996 Ford Ranger XLT 6cyl AT, \$800 OBO. 380-0403.

Recliner, black, \$300. 380-0521.

Table saw & router table. 380-0521.

Cub Cadet rear tine tiller, RT65, \$675. 256/534-3957.

1997 Suzuki 1400 motorcycle, \$900. 774-1941.

Luggage racks and cargo carrier, fits 2007 Suzuki, \$150. 688-3693.

Teeter Hang Ups EP-960 inversion table, \$300. 675-9250.

Dahlia bulbs, assorted colors, \$1-\$5. 675-9250.

2BR/2½BA townhouse, Burnsville. 682-6773.

Chevy fiberglass camper cover, \$300 OBO. 776-5698 or 776-6942.

Silver soprano flute, \$100. 720/883-7679.

Guitar amp, line 6, 15watt, \$100. 720/883-7679.

Strawberries, locally grown, \$12/gal. 683-3696 or 458-6419.

Husqvarna 900H 17" tiller, \$425 OBO. 688-1752.

2004 LLBean Subaru, leather/beige, 195k mi, \$3,200 OBO. 688-1752.

Full size iron bed, black w/ silver trim, \$250. 776-1532.

Echo SRM-410U brush trimmer, \$250. 319-0483.

ProMax inversion table, \$500. 649-2005.

2002 40' Windsor motorhome w/ 2 slides, 122k mi, \$47,000; \$65,000 w/ 2013 Honda CRV. 247-1767.

Mausoleum crypt, Spruce Pine, \$2,300. 675-1232.

Walnut roll-top desk, \$150. 280-1521.

1997 GL 1500 motorcycle, Touring MI, 17k mi, \$4,000. 689-4208.

Proform treadmill, adjustable incline, \$200. 675-5811.

Dupont Jeff Gordon Rainbow Warriors jacket, XL, \$300. 675-5811.

Full size handmade quilt, Lone Star pattern, \$225. 423/743-5109.

Hardwood twin over futon w/ mattresses/cover, \$500 OBO. 689-2228.

2004 Jeep Liberty, blue, 195k mi, \$2,500. 319-0338.

Bamboo, avg 2" diam x 20' tall, \$4 ea. 682-7868.

Eggs, large multi-colored, \$5/doz. 682-7868.

Solid wood table w/ 6 chairs, \$425. 385-0313 before 10pm.

Antique sofa, \$125. 385-0313 before 10pm.

Hay, 2.2 acres, you cut/bail/take, \$250 or trade for road work. 843/455-7009.

2014 L111 John Deere lawn tractor w/ utility cart, \$800. 380-2836.

3BR/2BA DW on 1.5 acres, Bakersville, \$125,000. 467-6550.

2BR/1BA on 2 acres w/ creek, \$109,000. 689-3454.

Cemetery lots(2), Ashelawn Gardens of Memory, \$1,000/both. 649-8235.

Farmhouse on 80 acres w/ barn, views, Erwin, TN, \$499,900. 423/735-3070.

Knitting yarn (30 skein); fun fur yarn (34 skeins), \$100/all. 680-1209.

Propane grill w/ 2 burners, \$100. 622-7225.

John Deere D-140 riding mower, \$1,475. 622-7225.

Chestnut lumber, 6,000 feet. 208-0295.

Beanie Babies & attic treasures. 675-4271.

Costume jewelry. 675-4271.

Laura Ashley writing desk, cherry. 675-4003.

Collapsible cage, 36"x24"x28", \$25. 689-3238.

Dome tent, \$20. 689-3238.

#### WANTED

FREE: Horseshoes. 689-9095.

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Old buildings to tear down. 208-0295.

1956 Bee Log School yearbook. 423/743-5109.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: clean houses & apartments, Burnsville. 284-9802.

Will Do: handyman services, junk removal, tree trimming. 284-2137.

Will Do: clean house. 206-9551.

For Rent: creekside cabin, fire pit, pvt, fenced, \$75/night. 656-2281.

Will Do: wash windows. 776-2702.

FREE: 10x12' greenhouse, you dismantle and haul. 423/743-9355.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

FREE: wood. 206-7585.

Open House Tour, June 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm & June 11<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm, Yancey/Mitchell.

FREE: concrete shooting bench. 606-0416.

For Rent: mountain cabin, pvt, mildly rugged area. 330/481-6952.

Will Do: mowing, house cleaning, painting & more. 380-0403.

Will Do: housecleaning & lawncare. 680-9474 or 450-8073.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

Cookout on the Field, May 21<sup>st</sup> 6pm, California Ck Baptist Church. 689-4590.

**French Broad EMC offices  
will be closed  
Monday, May 29th  
in honor of**



**as we remember  
the men and women  
in our Armed Forces  
who have served  
around the world.**

## *Right-of-Way Schedule for May/June*

### **Burnsville District Cutting**

South Toe River Road  
Bee Log  
Little Creek  
Busick  
Bald Mountain Road

### **Spraying**

Fork Mountain  
Glen Ayre  
Hwy 19W  
Valley of the Roan  
Poplar  
Murphytown  
Pine Swamp  
Bald Mountain Transmission Line  
Jacks Creek  
Bolens Creek

### **Marshall District Cutting**

Spring Creek community  
Walnut Mountain  
Big Laurel  
Paint Fork community  
Beech Glenn community  
Gentry Mountain  
Coffee Ridge

### **Spraying**

Mars Hill Area  
Lonesome Mountain  
Revere-Rice Cove community  
Mars Hill Sub to Bald Mountain  
Hwy 19 area  
Paint Fork community  
Beech Glenn community  
Shelton Laurel community  
TN service territory  
Mars Hill Area/Gabriels Creek

