



The **Electrifier**

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MARSHALL, NC

Stay Safe When Using Generators

Families and communities can benefit from the use of portable generators to restore power and normalcy during the aftermath of severe weather. While a backup generator provides many benefits, it can be extremely hazardous and even life threatening when not properly operated and maintained. The primary hazard when using a generator is carbon monoxide (CO), a poisonous gas produced by the toxic engine exhaust. Unlike fire or smoke – CO is a deadly gas that you cannot see or smell.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports that the majority of fatal CO poisonings are related to using a generator indoors. Places a generator should NEVER be run include:

- ◆ Basement/Crawlspace
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Any Living Space
- ◆ Near any windows, doors, vents or other home openings
- ◆ Because CO is odorless, colorless people may be unaware they are being exposed.

Generators should ALWAYS be placed outside and far away from living spaces and any windows, doors and vents. It is critical to understand placement and usage of a generator along with the benefits of having CO alarms. You should install battery-operated carbon monoxide alarms or plug-in carbon monoxide alarms with battery backup according to the manufacturer's instructions. Smoke alarms CANNOT detect carbon monoxide gas.

Safety Tips

- Have your home heating systems (including chimneys and vents) inspected and serviced annually by a trained service technician.
- Never use portable generators inside homes or garages, even if doors and windows are open. Use generators outside only, far away from the home.
- Never bring a charcoal grill into the house for heating or cooking. Do not barbeque in the garage.
- Never use a gas range or oven for heating.
- Open the fireplace damper before lighting a fire and keep it open until the ashes are cool. An open damper may help prevent build-up of poisonous gases inside the home.
- Install battery-operated CO alarms or CO alarms with battery backup in your home outside separate sleeping areas.
- Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, sleepiness, and confusion. If you suspect CO poisoning, get outside to fresh air immediately, and then call 911.



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Manager's Report



Jeff Loven

Co-Ops Helping Co-Ops

In the United States of America, there are over 900 electric membership cooperatives and French Broad EMC is one of 26 located in North Carolina. Cooperatives are deeply rooted in the communities they serve and there are numerous advantages to being a member of an electrical cooperative. They not only strive to keep everyone's electrical service up and running, but they provide jobs, they are involved in community service and they support local educational projects within the service area. However, the Electric Cooperative's greatest strength is their commitment to help one another.

In early September, Hurricane Irma impacted the entire South-eastern United States. After it made landfall in South Florida, it tracked up through Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee. It was a devastating storm, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without power. The storm reached our French Broad Electric service territory on Monday September 11th, and with wind gusts in excess of 45 MPH, caused some significant problems. At the height of the storm, we had over 2,500 outages

and several broken poles. Our crews worked all day on Monday and throughout the night and on Tuesday we were able to reach out to one of our neighboring electric cooperatives for assistance. In just a few hours we had two powerline crews from Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation based in Forest City, North Carolina. These two crews, along with all of our employees, continued to work on the outage restoration effort until the last member had their service restored late Wednesday.

After going home late Wednesday evening to get some rest, Thursday morning our crews wanted to go help others who were still without power. They packed their personal items and re-stocked their trucks and headed off on a five-hour trip to Jackson Electric Membership Corporation in Georgia. They worked from Thursday afternoon all through the weekend until every meter was once again energized. They all arrived back at French Broad EMC safely but tired and happy to be reunited with their families. They were thankful for the opportunity to help other

cooperatives just as we received help when we needed it.

Jackson EMC made it a point to let us all know how appreciative they were of our crews and how hard they worked to get everyone's electrical service restored.

There are many benefits to being a member of French Broad Electric. At the top of the list has to be our employee's dedication to making sure every member's electricity stays on and their willingness to help others in crisis situations.



**In observance of the
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FBEMC offices
will be closed**

**Thursday and Friday
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Know the Symptoms of CO Poisoning

Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed. The initial symptoms of low to moderate CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever).

They include:

- ◆ Headache
- ◆ Fatigue
- ◆ Shortness of breath
- ◆ Nausea
- ◆ Dizziness

High level CO poisoning results in progressively more severe symptoms, including:

- ◆ Mental confusion
- ◆ Vomiting
- ◆ Loss of muscular coordination
- ◆ Loss of consciousness
- ◆ Ultimately death

Symptom severity is related to both the CO level and the duration of exposure. For slowly developing residential CO problems, occupants and/or physicians can mistake mild to moderate CO poisoning symptoms for the flu, which sometimes results in tragic deaths.

For rapidly developing, high level CO exposures (e.g., associated with use of generators in residential spaces), victims can rapidly become mentally confused, and can lose muscle control without having first experienced milder symptoms; they will likely die if not rescued.

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Right-of-Way (ROW) Schedule for November/December

Burnsville District

- Bald Mountain
- Little Creek
- Rice Road
- Blue Rock
- Halls Chapel
- Wolf Pen Branch
- Hickory Springs Road
- Phipps Creek
- Banks Creek

Marshall District

- Lower end of Big Laurel
- Spill Corn
- Shelton Laurel
- Little Laurel

If you have questions or want more information, please visit our website at www.frenchbroademc.com or contact us at 828/649-2051.

Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Winter is around the corner and your home's #1 source of energy use is related to heating/cooling.

French Broad EMC continues to offer mini-split heat pumps at an affordable rate, which can be financed on your electric bill upon credit approval.

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The Outlet

All numbers are in 828 area code unless otherwise listed.

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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.

Mail ads to Paula Seay, French Broad EMC, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

FOR SALE

Metal/glass round table w/ 4 chairs, \$175. 778-9885.

(2) 1959 Ford F-600's, \$150. 231-4435.

Oxy-Acetylene Outfit: torch, tips, tanks, cart, \$150. 231-4435.

Electric lift chair, white leather, \$500. 689-2315.

1998 Buick LeSabre, 170k mi, \$950 or trade for UTV. 305/988-9188.

1989 Toyota MR2, air, auto, super-charged, 171k mi, \$4,000. 689-8946.

DynaGlo kerosene heater, model #RMC-95-C2, \$75. 385-6369.

5 Acre mtn tract, views, \$36,000. 385-6369.

(8) alum 36"x65" storm window w/ screen & (3) 32" storm door, \$200. 208-1985.

Sauder entertainment center, 48"x60", \$50. 208-1985.

(3) hang on tree deer stands w/ accessories. 691-5987.

Hay, 1st & 2nd cutting, \$4.50/bale. 682-7268 or 284-7313.

3BR house w/ bonus room, Spruce Pine, \$155,000. 385-6632.

Basset hound puppies, AKC reg, \$800ea. 284-3963.

Vogelzang cast iron deluxe boxwood stove & pipe, \$900. 919/210-1684.

Wooden double canopy bed frame, \$200. 540/577-0073.

2011 Toyota Rav4, 4WD, \$12,000. 765-8299.

Ladies leather coats, black, large, (1) long \$50; (1)jacket \$20. 772-5222.

Electric leaf blower, \$25. 688-3693.

(4) Goodyear Wrangler RTS tires, 265-70-R17, \$500. 689-3716.

Table w/ 6 chairs, \$50. 645-7241.

10"table saw w/ rip guide, steel stand, \$50. 674-1543.

(2) Mongoose 28" bikes w/ cable locks, \$60ea. 674-1543.

85k-120k BTU LowBoy oil furnace. 808-3542.

Goats, (13) nanny Keyco; (1) billy. 689-2642 or 713-2381.

Dinette set, table w/ 6 chairs, oval top on pedestal, \$250. 689-2674.

7 Acres w/ house seat, spring, pasture & views, \$50,000. 843/470-0420.

(2) 5-acre lots, ridge top, views, \$40,000. 843/470-0420.

John Deere D-140 riding mower, 48" cut, 22hp, \$1,375. 622-7225.

Ford mowing sickle, \$600. 622-7225.

Hearthrite propane heater, 15k BTU, \$125. 689-2016.

2008 Harley Davidson Road King. 206-9022.

Kennebec potatoes. 656-2737.

Utility building w/ saws, tools, etc, \$2,000 OBO. 683-5546.

600lb jack donkey, \$100 OBO. 645-7544.

Sofa & accent chair, \$200. 380-9652.

Jazzy wheelchair. 683-9401.

(2) plots, Pisgah View Cemetery, \$4,000. 683-9401.

Ladies winter coats & sweaters. 675-4271.

Estate jewelry. 675-4271.

2015 JD 6105M 4x4, loader rack & pinion, 320h. 656-2372.

Barn lumber. 208-0295.

2006 Nissan Frontier, crew cab, 4WD, black, 53k mi, \$14,100. 689-2079.

Chev S10 crew cab fiberglass bed cover, silver, \$200. 430-1179.

(2) Huffy 6spd bicycles, male/female, \$35ea. 430-1179.

Homemade wood stove w/ blower, single door w/ 2 dampers, \$350. 450-6225.

Pool table, regulation size. 231-1645.

WANTED

Junk Cars. 689-5125.

Old barns & houses to tear down. 208-0295.

Old barn or house for lumber/roofing. 380-1232.

Old doors & locust poles/logs. 380-1232.

Character salt/pepper shakers. 702-4979.

Free horses or cheap goats. 645-7544.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

FREE: '85 Ford 351 modified motor. 688-1318.

FREE: (2) 7" goldfish. 683-7729.

FREE: fireplace insert wood stove. 765-9164.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

For Rent: 2BR/2BA cabin w/ views, Wolf Laurel, \$1,400/mo. 230-8245.

Live Drive-thru Christmas Pageant, Gabriels Ck Church, Dec 9&10, 6-8pm. 682-6755.

Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.

For Rent: vacation rental home, \$75/night. 656-2737.

For Rent: 2BR mobile home, \$260/mo. 423/743-6578.

Will Do: cut trees & brush. 675-4003.

Will Do: clean houses. 450-8073.

Will Do: lawn care. 450-8073.

Will Do: building repairs, free est. 284-8530.

For Rent: creekside cabin, fenced yard, fire pit, pvt. 656-2281.

Will Do: hauling, structure removals. 208-4599.

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