

The Electrifier

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MARSHALL, NC

Energy Efficiency Tips For the Fall

Fall into energy savings

- **Seal all leaks around doors, windows, and electrical outlets.** Heat from your home escapes out of these cracks.
- **Fall is the best time to clean the chimney and get vent systems checked.** Pipes must be properly connected and there should be no signs of rust or damage.
- **It's also time to remove the window air conditioners for the winter.** If they must stay in place, be sure to seal them with caulking or tape and cover them with an airtight, insulated jacket.
- **If you are thinking of replacing your furnace,** consider getting one that's rated 90% or higher in efficiency. Replacing your old furnace with a new, more energy efficient one can save on your heating costs.
- **Is your insulation up to par?** For a minimal cost, you can upgrade the insulation in your exterior walls, crawlspaces, basements and attics. Insulation may come in batts or loose fill, which can be blown into place and get those hard to reach places.
- **Did you know you can lose heat through your electrical outlets, light switches and lighting fixtures?** Consider installing foam gaskets behind these outlets and switches or install plastic security caps to reduce heat loss.
- **If you have single-pane windows, add storm windows to cut heat loss.** Better still, replace single-pane windows with energy-efficient double-pane windows with inert argon gas fill, warm-edge spacers, and low-e coating.
- **Make sure your heating vents aren't blocked by furniture or drapes and the dampers are open.** Vacuum out dust and pet hair from the warm air registers and the cold air returns so your furnace runs more efficiently.
- **It's time to take a look at your water heater.** If its surface is hot or even warm, some of the energy used to heat the water is being wasted. Wrap the heater in an insulating blanket. Be sure to check your user manual and labels on the tank first.
- **If you're building a new home, make sure you place the water heater as close as possible to the kitchen, laundry room, and bathrooms.** Heat is lost as it moves through long pipes, so the closer the unit is to these rooms, the more money you could save.



Manager's Report

Fall is Quickly Approaching

Fall is quickly approaching and unfortunately that means winter, and the weather it brings, is not far behind. As usual, your Cooperative is thinking ahead and getting prepared for the storms before they hit our area. We will make sure we have ample inventory of poles, wire, and everything else it takes to make repairs. We also make sure our trucks are ready and stocked and our crews are prepared for the worst weather conditions. However, our most effective tool at combating prolonged power outages during winter storms is our right-of-way management program.

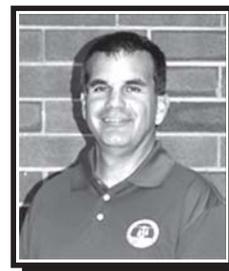
A right-of-way (ROW) refers to a strip of land underneath or around power lines that French Broad electric cooperative has the right and responsibility to maintain and clear. Trees must grow at a distance far enough from conductors where they will not cause harm to individuals or disruption to electrical service. Specifications can vary, but a general guideline of maintaining a safe ROW is 20 feet of clearance on either side of the primary conductors and 20 feet of overhead clearance above the highest wire on the pole.

Clearing the ROW is critical to keeping our members' lights on.

An average of 25 percent of power interruptions occur when trees, shrubs or bushes grow too close to power lines. If a tree encroaches on this safe distance, our vegetation management team will trim back branches and brush using chainsaws, bucket trucks, tree climbers, brush chippers and mowers. Chemical control methods can also be used as a way to support the growth of low growing plant species that will outcompete the tall trees that are growing beneath power lines.

ROW clearing also keeps your family safe by ensuring that tree branches do not become energized due to close contact with a downed power line. Power lines can carry up to 115,000 volts, and an energized tree branch is incredibly dangerous – even deadly. Be mindful when around trees close to power lines, and make sure your children know that climbing trees near power lines is extremely dangerous. Remember to contact French Broad Electric if you decide to trim or remove trees near any power service or line. And never trim a tree in the right-of-way zone on your own.

ROW clearing is critical to ensuring that we provide members with affordable electricity.



Jeff Loven

Staying ahead of the game keeps us from having to come out after a storm to restore power due to fallen trees. ROW clearing just makes sense. Visit www.frenchbroademc.com to find out more about our vegetation management program and to receive information about how to keep the ROW in your service territory clear.

Right-of-Way (ROW) Clearing Schedule for September/October

Burnsville District

Clearing: *Busick, Banks Creek, Phipps Creek, Little Creek, Bee Log and Bald Mountain.*

Herbicide: *East Yancey to Micaville, Town of Burnsville, Hwy 261, McKinney Cove, White Oak and Bear Creek.*

Marshall District

Clearing: *Lower end of Big Laurel, Spill Corn and Shelton Laurel.*



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Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Winter is just 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.

Visit our website for more information:
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The Outlet

All numbers are in 828 area code unless otherwise listed.

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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.

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FOR SALE

2006 Sierra 36' fifth wheel camper w/ 3 slides, extras. 691-5987.

14' Jon boat w/ trailer. 691-5987.

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

Louis L'Amour western paperback books (90), \$200 all. 678-9163.

John Deere D-140 riding mower, \$1,375. 622-7225.

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

Entertainment center, \$150. 682-0601.

Desk w/ chair, \$100. 682-0601.

400+' #10, 3-wire well cable, \$150. 423/735-4108.

Dog pen, 8'x8'x6', \$75. 423/735-4108.

1983 Alliance 26' camper trailer, \$1,000 OBO. 208-2722.

1976 Dodge Tioga 2BR camper, 27k mi, \$1,500 OBO. 208-2722.

Salt/Pepper sets. 423/207-0195 or 682-7393.

Quilt block, 4'x4', \$400 OBO. 423/207-0195 or 682-7393.

John Deere 990 diesel 4WD, HD blade, bucket, pallet forks. 606-0416.

String trimmers, (1)Echo; (1)Stihl, \$100ea or \$175/both. 380-1513.

7acres (4pasture) w/ house seat, Spring Creek, \$90k. 843/470-0420.

(2) 5-acre lots, ridge top, views, \$50k ea. 843/470-0420.

Maytag dryer, \$75. 206-9535.

Water coolers, (1)Ekay; (1)Oasis, \$25ea. 206-9535.

Potatoes. 656-2281.

2005 Allegro motor home, 30883mi, \$17,900 OBO. 467-8413.

2001 Honda Insight, blue. 467-8413.

Kenmore washer/dryer, white, \$300. 688-5957.

Gas tank for car/truck, 16gal. 688-3693.

Stackable chairs(50), padded, \$20ea w/purchase of at least 25. 622-9336.

RadonSeal, 5gal bucket, \$75. 622-9336.

10HP Coleman Powermate generator, 5gal tank, plugs, \$350. 645-9860.

Redbones, UKC reg, first shots/dewormed, \$200. 385-6143.

Peavey electric bass guitar w/ hard case + TNT 160amp. 467-4764.

2002 Buick Century, \$1,200. 467-8991.

Honda 4Trax 300 4-wheeler, 5sp+reverse. 423/416-0253.

Air compressor, Quincy QR-25-340, \$2,400. 817-304-8998.

Oil-fired boiler, Burnham, \$1,800. 817-304-8998.

Honey bee queen excluders, \$5ea. 645-2704.

5pc wrought iron porch/lawn set. 688-3362.

Tools, chains & more. 305/988-9188.

Furniture & more. 284-6276.

46-acre old homeplace, views & more, \$478,000. 593-7383.

Patio set & decorative furniture. 593-7383.

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

1973 VW Super Beetle, garage kept, \$5,800 OBO. 688-3355.

Horse pack, 2lg canvas sack fits on saddle horn, \$50. 808-3564.

Frigidaire electric range, \$150. 380-0267.

Firewood, seasoned/chopped, you pick up, \$200/cord. 284-6276.

AFX motorcycle helmets(2), \$30ea OBO. 682-4020.

Monitor heater 441, tank/stand + 100 gal kerosene, \$450. 649-3426.

Recliner, suede, \$100. 649-3426.

Husqvarna 46" cut riding lawn mower, \$800 OBO. 682-9065.

Potted perennials, trees, shrubs, \$2-\$20/pot. 545-8802.

Dwarf burning bushes, \$2-\$6/pot. 545-8802.

Kennebec potatoes. 656-8181.

Silver soprano flute, \$100. 513-6299.

Line 6 guitar amp, \$100. 513-6299.

Jazzy electric wheelchair. 683-9401.

House on 80acres, barn, views, \$499,900. 423/735-3070.

Books, 1800s-1900s. 675-4271.

Crystal & vintage glassware, tea set. 675-4271.

UTV gun rack, mounts to floor/bed, \$50. 688-1144.

Porcelain sink w/ oval bowl, backsplash, faucet, drain, \$100 OBO. 688-1144.

4 acres w/ 2 furn homes, barn, \$165,000. 242-7787.

Open motorcycle trailer, 6'x8', \$750. 707-2634.

Fender deVille amp, \$300. 536-4212.

Rare classical music albums, \$20. 689-2725.

Griswald/Wagner cast iron skillets. 682-1112.

Bose Wave tabletop radio w/ remote, \$75. 380-3874.

WANTED

Yard & general maintenance, will pay \$8-\$11/hr. 712-2931.

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Old barn, house, bldg to tear down for lumber. 380-1232.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.

Fender deVille amp, \$300. 536-4212.

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

Will Do: carpentry. 284-7971.

For Rent: mobile home lot, city water & septic, McDowell Co. 442-1487.

FREE: metal file cabinets (2). 606-0416.

Will Do: private duty LPN, ref. 682-3622.

FREE egg crates, 12/18 count. 206-0856.

Heritage Festival, Oct 7, silent auction 10am for Madison Co CHC. 689-2228.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

Will Do: respite care, house & pet sitting, ref. 649-9676.

Will Do: healing touch therapy for pain relief. 649-9676.

FOMCA, low cost neuter/spay for pets. 649-9798.

Farmers Market, MHU campus, Sat 9am-1pm. 689-3606.

Will Do: housing/building repairs, free est, \$20/hr. 284-8530.

For Rent: 1BR vacation rental, Toe River, \$55/night. 467-0111.

Will Do: small business bookkeeping, QuickBooks, 808-3564 or 688-6741.

Will Do: housecleaning, N. Buncombe. 515-0494.

Will Do: clean, restore & varnish oil paintings. 206-1731.

Will Do: caretaker, day or night. 206-0146.

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: cut trees. 675-4003.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

Relay for Life Golf Tour, Oct 14th, 9am, Elk's Club, Erwin, TN. 423/743-1203.

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