



# The **Electrifier**

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Outlet Ads and Manager's Report are Online

DECEMBER 2019

"Owned by those we serve"

MARSHALL, NC

## Top 13 Christmas Lights Safety Tips

1. Replace Old or Damaged Christmas Lights
2. Switch to LED Lights
3. Follow the Rule of Three (plugging in more than three sets of Christmas lights into a single extension cord may cause problems with overheating)
4. Look for Christmas Lights with a UL Safety Certification
5. Keep your Christmas Tree Hydrated
6. Use Outdoor and Indoor Lights, Respectively
7. Use Ladders Appropriately
8. Use Christmas Light Clips Instead of Nails or Screws
9. Secure all Loose Light Strands
10. Don't Run Christmas Lights through Windows or Doors
11. Use a GFCI Outlet for Outdoor Lights
12. Don't Forget to Turn Off the Lights
13. Be Sure to Store Lights Properly Until Next Season

[www.rockethomes.com](http://www.rockethomes.com)

*French Broad EMC Employees and Directors  
extend their very best wishes for a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!*

*All French Broad EMC offices will be closed  
1/2 day Mon Dec 23rd, Tues Dec 24th and Wed Dec 25th  
in observance of Christmas  
and  
Wed Jan 1st in observance of New Years*

# Manager's Report

## Investing in Your Capital Credits



One of the benefits in belonging to a cooperative is member ownership: You, our member-consumers actually own French Broad Electric. One of the primary benefits of ownership is sharing in the “profits” generated by the business. French Broad Electric issues “patronage capital” based on the amount of electricity you buy during the year.

Better known as “capital credits,” this is each member’s “investment” in the business of French Broad Electric. Your electric cooperative works hard to keep rates as low as possible without affecting the quality of service you receive.

When we go through the budgeting process, we are ever mindful to keep costs in line without having huge margins that can cause rates to rise. However, we are required by our lenders to retain a minimal “cushion” to make sure the business remains financially solvent.

At the end of the year—after all the Cooperative’s bills have been paid—we calculate the amount of money left over, and assign the “profit” as capital credits, based on the amount of

money each member has paid in to the business through electricity bills. This amount is credited to each member’s account annually. However, French Broad Electric does not return this money to members immediately. The money is used to help finance maintenance and improvements to the Cooperative’s electric system without having to borrow money from outside sources at high interest rates.

By using these margins for reinvestment in our electrical system, French Broad Electric has been able to provide high quality electrical service to its entire territory and minimize loan payments. Minimizing the amount of money the Cooperative borrows from financial institutions keep rates competitive with other utilities.

Your Board of Directors has determined the Cooperative to be in sound financial condition, and your investment in your business will be refunded based on the amount you paid through your electricity bills. Until the general retirements are made, the money is used for system improvements so the Cooperative does not have to depend so

heavily on borrowed funds. This year, we will be refunding over \$1.42 million to those folks who were customers in 1992. Members whose capital credits are \$50 or more will receive their “refund” by check in December. Capital credits represent one of the primary differences between co-ops and other electric utilities.

As they do every year, crews have been busy improving our Right-of-ways, adding new infrastructure, and replacing old poles and wire so that we assure our distribution system is capable of providing high quality electrical service to all our members. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the employees of French Broad Electric, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

### To Report a Power Outage

#### (During Normal Office Hours)

- Madison (828) 649-2051
- Mitchell (828) 688-4815
- Yancey (828) 682-6121
- TN, Madison (800) 222-6190

#### (After 4:30pm)

- Madison (828) 649-2051
- TN (828) 649-2051
- Yancey (828) 682-6121
- Mitchell (828) 682-6121



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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

(Madison, Buncombe & Unicoi Counties)  
(828) 649-2051 • 1-800-222-6190

#### Burnsville-Bakersville District

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Yancey County   | (828) 682-6121 |
| Mitchell County | (828) 688-4815 |

**Online Credit Card Payment Available 24 Hours a Day for VISA, MasterCard, Discover**

1-844-294-5697



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

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| January issue  | Dec 10th |
| February issue | Jan 10th |
| March issue    | Feb 10th |



# The Outlet

**All numbers are in 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 re-submitted. 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 can be submitted online, by phone or by mail.

## FOR SALE

- 2009 Suzuki Boulevard M/C w/ shield, s/bags, \$2,995. 683-4656.
- 1964 Massey Ferguson perkins diesel, \$1,500. 682-9807.
- 2006 Scion XB hatchback, red, 144k mi, \$1,000. 450-4145.
- Bowflex Extreme 2 SE, \$250. 208-4729.
- 2009 25' Outback camper, sleeps 8, 2 slideouts, \$10,900. 683-4656.
- Firewood, seasoned hardwood, \$250/trailer; \$125/pickup. 778-0389.
- Fireplace insert, 40x36x20, 8" damper, screens, glass doors. 776-6909.
- 3-wheel Bobcat battery-operated scooter, \$700. 284-8351.
- Serta queen box spring, \$100. 284-8351.
- Crib, rocking chair w/ ottoman & more. 776-6909.
- Husqvarna tiller, \$100. 689-5221.
- Gas heating stove, Hearthstone Tuscon, 26k BTU, \$225. 689-5221.
- 5 Acres, Barnardsville, \$60,000. 775-9380 after 6pm.
- 2BR/1BA house on 0.78ac, Hot Springs, \$59,000. 712-3154.
- Hay, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting, \$5/bale. 682-7268 or 284-7313.
- Log splitter, 7-ton, electric/hydraulic, \$375. 682-4343.
- 2008 GMC Envoy, 4x4, \$4,900. 517/819-0538.
- 1988 Ford Bronco, red/tan, 89k mi, \$8,000. 230-2203.

- 2011 Ford Ranger Sport, 33k mi, \$17,500. 645-9860.
- Oak entertainment center. 649-2344.
- Oak lamp & coffee table. 649-2344.
- 2002 Honda for parts. 678-9917.
- Shopfox dust collector, 3HP, \$350. 645-9860.
- 3BR home with basement on 1.9 acres. 208-6328.
- Electric wall oven, 30", SS, \$100. 757/806-0213.
- (2) lots w/double headstone, Green Hill Cemetery, \$1,500/2. 683-5546.
- Jewelry, vintage & costume. 675-4271.
- Home décor & wall art. 675-4271.
- Oil barrel & stand, 150-200gal, \$80. 423/743-5988.
- Factory dog house, \$20. 423/743-5988.
- Old hewn log cabin. 208-0295.
- Guardian Rollator walker, \$40. 777-9949.
- Aluminum H/C ramp w/ rails, 30'x36", \$200. 777-9949.
- 2003 Honda VTX 1300 motorcycle, \$3,000. 778-9885.

## WANTED

- Junk Cars. 689-5125.
- Old buildings to tear down, will clean up. 208-0295.
- Tobacco setter. 423/743-0360.
- Square hay baler, JD or NH. 649-1604.
- Help for 2020 Census, apply at [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs).

## MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

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

Will Do: pressure wash. 675-4003.

Will Do: in-home therapeutic massage. 423/330-7561.

Yancey County Book Drive, drop off at all schools, library & FD, Dec 1-Jan 15

For Rent: House, 2,200sq ft, home or office, Hwy 25/70. 776-2393.

For Rent: 2BR apt, Hwy 25/70. 776-2393.

Will Do: bush hog, weed-eat, clear land, etc. 776-2751.

Will Do: bush hog, backhoe, chipping. 704/726-6267 or 704/516-9273.

FOMCA: low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: tile, repairs, odd jobs, ref. 423/580-3231.

For Rent: creekside cabin, \$85/night. 656-2281.

Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.

Farmers Market, Sat 10-1, MHU. 689-3606.

Will Do: clean out old bldgs./houses. 208-4599.

Scotland Tour, July 27-Aug 8, 2020. 649-9390.

Gardening To Do's Calendar, Mad Co Ext Office, Dec 17. 649-2411.



## Right-of-Way (ROW) Clearing Schedule December/January

### Marshall District

Sandy Mush Creek  
Upper end of Big Laurel  
Grapevine/Petersburg  
Walnut  
Barnard  
Big Pine  
Town of Mars Hill

### Burnsville District

Highway 80 S  
Bowditch  
Hickory Springs Road  
Pine Swamp  
Altapass  
Biggerstaff Road  
Halltown  
Dale Road  
Town of Bakersville

Winter is here 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 [www.frenchbroademc.com](http://www.frenchbroademc.com) for more information.



*May the gifts of good health,  
happiness and prosperity  
be yours during the holiday  
season and the coming year.*