

The Electrifier

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MARSHALL, NC

Keep Up With Your Electricity Usage for 2018

Record Chart for Electric Bills

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meter Reading</u>	<u>Date Read</u>	<u>KWH Used</u>	<u>Number Days</u>	<u>Amount of Bill</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>
JANUARY						
FEBRUARY						
MARCH						
APRIL						
MAY						
JUNE						
JULY						
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						

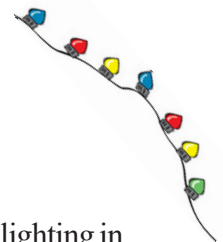
We encourage you to clip out the above chart and use it to record your electrical usage for the year. It will serve as a ready reference for the cost of electricity for any particular month. If you keep these records over several years, you will know when and how your usage is affected by holidays, vacations, company, etc.

As the cost of energy continues to rise, more and more emphasis will be placed on energy efficiency and reducing energy consumption. This exercise should show if your efforts are successful over time.

Why Does My Electric Bill Go Up During the Holidays???

Co-op members use more energy during the holiday season and bills may be higher because:

- 1) Holiday lights and decorations use energy; switch to energy-efficient LED holiday lights.
- 2) Holiday entertaining involves extra cooking and baking, which requires extra electricity.
- 3) Holiday guests mean more hot water for showers, laundry and dishwashing; more heating and lighting in guest rooms; and more cooking.
- 4) Shorter days and longer nights mean lights stay on longer, both inside and out.
- 5) With colder temperatures, space heaters are often used in garages, basements and other places to provide warmth.
- 6) Even if you don't use electric heat, many heating systems use electricity to power fans and functions.



Manager's Report

Heavy Snow Causes Power Outages



Jeff Loven

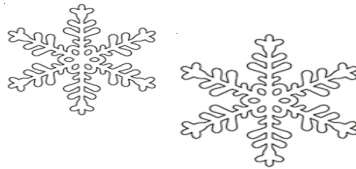
The weekend of December 8th and 9th, an unexpected snow storm moved thru our service area. Local weather forecasts predicted only a dusting to an inch of snow, so many folks were surprised to wake up Saturday morning to over 12 inches in many places. The skiff of snow turned into a wet, heavy mess for us here at French Broad Electric. This wet, heavy snow stuck to everything including trees and our power lines. The snow continued to fall all night Friday and into Saturday morning, and we began to see several scattered power outages.

Fortunately, our guys were ready despite little warning. Trucks were already stocked and our service guys worked all night Friday putting lines back up and fuses back in as they went out. As the snow accumulated, so did the number of outages.

On Saturday morning we had as many as 1,500 customers without power. Every available employee was called in and went to work getting members back on as quickly and safely as possible. By 4 pm Saturday every last customer had their service restored and our guys

were back home, safe with their families, by dark.

This type of snow storm is extremely hard on an electric system. The wet, heavy snow is beautiful to watch, but as it sticks to trees and wires, it becomes very heavy. Before long the weight of the accumulated snow is too great to be supported, and something breaks. To make matters



worse, difficult road conditions make it hard to get to where we need to be to make repairs, but our guys did a fantastic job of dealing with the elements and managing each situation.

A big "Thanks" should also go out to the local DOT guys for getting the roads cleared. They worked tirelessly for many hours and did a great job of keeping the roads passable even when the snow was pouring down.

We would also like to thank our members for their patience and support. Some folks were

concerned about getting a busy signal when they were reporting an outage. We have 24 phone lines going to our call center, but in peak times that simply is not close to enough to get everybody's call on the first try. Thankfully, we also have our automated meter system that reports each outage to our office, reports crews in the field, and even displays this information on our website. This has been a tremendous asset to assist in getting the power back on quickly.

We are also using email and Facebook for outage updates and reporting. The vast majority of the time, we already know the customer is without power before we even receive a phone call. We would encourage a customer who notices their service is out, after their neighbor's power comes back on, to call into the office because you may be on a different line or you may have something on your individual service wire that still needs to be repaired. Please keep trying to contact us using any of the methods above. Rest assured we never stop until everyone has their electricity restored.



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FOR SALE

2009 Honda Fit Sport, auto, sunroof, 105k mi, \$5,000. 273-9184.

1994 Nissan Pathfinder, 6cyl auto, for parts. 206-7030.

Scrape blade, 6', \$200. 385-2050.

AKC Bloodhound puppies, \$850. 691-5412.

Firewood, seasoned/dry, 18", Spring Creek, \$100 per 1/2 cord. 622-3671.

Electric range, Whirlpool, white w/ black glass top, \$150. 682-4981.

Calphalon convection oven, SS, \$50. 682-4981.

2011 Ford Escape XLT, 4WD, grey, 102k mi, loaded, \$10,500. 777-4813.

2000 Ford F150 w/ camper top, 59,987 orig mi, \$5,000. 688-4226 or 385-3418.

2005 Ford Escape XLS, \$2,600. 423/580-3231.

Antique round walnut table w/ 6 chairs, \$340. 385-2018.

Quilting frame, full size, hand made, \$25. 385-2018.

Hess collectible trucks. 689-2725.

19 Acres mtn land, unrestricted, Barnardsville, \$55,000. 231-3423.

41.7 Acres pastures, timber gated ent, \$300,000. 704/365-4995.

3BR/2BA log home w/ basement on 10 ac, views, \$360,000. 352/318-0755.

Reclaimed barn lumber. 208-0295.

GE electric range, 30" smooth top, \$150. 563-9983.

Uprght Kimball piano w/ bench, walnut cabinet, \$250. 423/743-3899.

Folding maple dining table w/ 6 chairs, \$125. 423/743-3899.

1.55 Acres, shared well, septic, river view, \$52,000. 682-6759.

11 +/- Acres w/ 798' Cane River frontage, views, \$87,000. 682-6759.

2BR/2BA house, central heat, Burnsville, \$92,000. 284-5147.

2017 19' Coleman camper, \$15,000 OBO. 766-6779.

Line 6 Spider IV 15 guitar amp, \$100. 720/883-7679.

Soprano silver flute, student model, \$100. 720/883-7679.

1995 Nissan Pathfinder, broken frame, \$750. 337-3476.

Home site, Wolf Laurel, reasonable offer. 689-4807.

2003 S-10 ZR2, 150k mi, \$7,900. 423/330-4166.

Books: Harry Potter & Encyclopedia set. 675-4271.

Laura Ashley writing desk. 675-4271.

Jazzy wheelchair. 683-9401.

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

Springbok puzzles (30), \$2ea. 380-0267.

Magnavox AstroSonic record/AM/FM/33/78/45. 682-7263.

1,100 gal reservoir tank, \$200.
231-4435.

25' telephone poles(2), \$40ea.
231-4435.

Bedliner, 60x86, \$30. 279-7007.

Truck topper 60x72, \$50. 279-7007.

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

2003 Corvette Z06, 50th year, silver w/
black int, \$30,000. 682-6850 after 8pm.

Kawasaki KX250 dirt bike, \$5,000.
778-9885.

Table w/ 4 chairs, 42" glass-top,
\$150. 778-9885.

1928 Ford Model A Phaeton,
\$16,500. 423/388-8441.

1994 Isuzu Rodeo, 4WD 6 cyl,
\$1,000. 284-0932.

WANTED

Junk Cars. 689-5125.

2-5 Acres, with/without house.
206-5171.

Old buildings/houses to tear down,
will clean up. 208-0295.

FREE Washer, dryer, microwave.
689-9095.

17" Chevy 4x4 truck wheel 6 lug.
656-2281.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: clean houses, Yancey &
Mitchell. 208-4531.

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Will Do: paint, misc jobs.
423/580-3231.

Will Do: sit with/care for elderly.
208-4008.

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

Will Do: cleaning, pet care, garden-
ing. 208-5781.

Will Do: Hospice care, ref. 649-9676.

For Rent: creek side cabin, fenced,
pvt, fire pit. 656-2281.

Will Do: hauling & structure remov-
als. 208-4599.

Will Do: housekeeping, babysitting,
tutoring, pet sitting, Marshall. 206-7030.

ROW Clearing Schedule for January/February

Marshall District

Clearing Schedule:

Walnut
Sandy Bottom
Hopewell
Shelton Laurel
Little Laurel
Laurel River
from Whitt Road to
Barnardsville Highway
Morgan Branch Road
Sugar Creek Road
Buckner Branch Road

Burnsville District

Clearing Schedule:

Blue Rock
Halls Chapel
Wolf Pen Branch
Micaville
Double Island
Phipps Creek
Banks Creek



19 Easy Ways to Winterize Your Home

1. Change Furnace Filters...
2. Run Fans in Reverse...
3. Winterize Your A/C and Water Lines...
4. Turn Down Your Water Heater...
5. Dodge the Draft(s)...
6. Install Storm Doors and Windows...
7. Give Your Heating System a Tune-Up...
8. Mind That Thermostat...turn down the heat when you leave ...
9. Put Up Some Plastic...window plastic is a buffer against drafts...
10. Use an Energy Monitor...
11. Use Caulking and Weatherstripping...
12. Boost Insulation...
13. Put on a Sweater...to add about 2 to 4 degrees in warmth...
14. Insulate Your Pipes...
15. Seal Those Ducts...
16. Take Advantage of Tax Credits...to install energy efficiency projects...
17. Choose the Right Contractor...
18. Get Creative and Go Alternative...
19. Upgrade to an Efficient Furnace...