



The Electrifier

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Marshall, NC

SUMMER ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS

Believe it or not, summer is officially here, and we can spend more time outside in the backyard, visiting community parks and campgrounds. It is important to remember a few electrical safety basics:

- * Be aware of power lines around you and always assume that wires are “live and dangerous.” Never touch an outdoor wire with any part of your body, toys or other objects.
- * Fly kites and model airplanes and other toys in large open areas such as a field or a park - safely away from trees and overhead power lines. Also, do not attempt to retrieve balloons, kites or other objects that may get stuck on power lines or other electrical equipment.
- * Do not climb trees near power lines. Even if power lines are not touching the tree, they could touch during climbing when more weight is added to a branch.
- * Never climb a utility pole, or play on or around electrical equipment.
- * Never post or tie signs, hang banners or tie ribbons or balloons onto utility poles or other electrical equipment. This can be dangerous to you and endanger utility workers.
- * Do not go into an electric substation for any reason... Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment, which can kill you.
- * Never try to rescue a family member, friend or pet that has come into contact with any electrical equipment -- Call 911 immediately.
- * Keep electrical toys, appliances and tools at least 10 feet away from pools and wet surfaces.
- * Never touch any electrical toys, appliance and tools while you are wet or standing in water. Energy flows easily through water, like a puddle or a pool.

source: EHSToday

MINISPLIT HEAT PUMP PROGRAM

Summer 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.

Over the past 6 years, we have installed over 3,000 systems across our service territory. These systems have provided an affordable and efficient way for our members to heat and cool their homes and businesses. In order to get the most out of your Mini-Split system and minimize repair costs, it is necessary to perform routine maintenance on both the inside and outside units annually. Cleaning the equipment from debris build up will extend the life of the system and improve the efficiency.

Recognizing this need, FBEMC has put together a program that will give our members peace of mind and a way to keep their system running for many years. For a charge of \$17.50 added to your monthly bill, FBEMC will clean and service your system once per year. We will also inspect the system and make any other repairs necessary. If you have more than one indoor unit, they only cost an additional \$7 per unit per month.

For more information, visit our website: www.frenchbroademc.com

Manager's Report

Diverse Energy Portfolio Enhances Grid Reliability



Back in February, winter storms in Texas crippled the state's electric grid and left almost five million customers without power. Several people have since asked if we here in North Carolina, and specifically, here at French Broad EMC, could face a similar situation at some point.

There are two primary differences between the TX electric grid and the grid we are on here in Western NC. First, the TX grid is basically a grid unto itself. It has very limited connections outside of TX and cannot move power into or out of their system.

Here in NC, our grid is part of the Eastern Interconnect, which is a broad expanse of connected power infrastructure east of the Mississippi River. There is a third grid, called the Western Interconnect, which serves all the states west of the Mississippi River. The other difference is how the Texas grid is regulated. Texas deregulated its power market back in 2002, and consumers were allowed to shop for their power from available providers. Some providers give consumers the option to

purchase power at wholesale prices, exposing them to significant risks when wholesale prices spike, like they did during the February storm.

The NC market is regulated differently. As a Cooperative, French Broad EMC is mission-driven to provide power at the lowest possible cost to its members with stability in mind. We purchase our power from Duke Energy via a long-term contract which offers a base fixed cost with only an annual true-up for capacity and fuel. This contract offers our members stable pricing, guaranteed energy delivery, and significant savings based on the fact that we are a winter peaking system instead of peaking in the summer.

Here in NC, the grid is better equipped to manage periods of high demand. If you think of the grid as a highway system, here in NC, our grid is like an interstate highway with extra lanes for rush hour traffic. The TX grid is like a two-lane road. Rather than expand the road to meet the demand, they added toll roads for periods of high traffic. To access the

road, consumers must pay, and the price goes up depending on the number of drivers on the road.

The idea in TX was that, during periods of high demand, fewer people will choose to pay the higher prices and reduce their usage. However, this can lead to problems during times of extreme cold or hot conditions. The grid can quickly become overloaded and, with no outside resources, it is forced to shut down. Not only is our grid better designed to handle high demand, NC power providers are required by regional reliability organizations to maintain adequate reserves which ensures power is there when it is needed the most, at a stable price.

Through our Duke Energy contract, we maintain a diverse energy mix portfolio. By having such a generation mix, we are better protected if there is a problem or natural disaster. French Broad EMC, along with the other Cooperatives in NC, work together to manage activity across our local distribution grids, which enhances grid reliability overall.



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 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.

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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.

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

FOR SALE

Doughboy pool power pak II, filter, hoses & skimmer, \$100. 284-7828.

Getzen trumpet w/ case, intermediate, \$150. 704/430-9019.

Weber BBQ, uses briquets, \$97. 704/430-9019.

Pond skimmer, \$250. 258-8281.

Blue plastic tarp, 40x20, \$45. 258-8281.

1995 PA46-350P, NDH, TTAFE 1717. 850/803-2153.

Farm fresh chicken eggs, \$2/dozen. 645-7544.

Coleman RAMX 17' canoe, \$400. 768-7094.

Sony Handycam ACC-505 video camera, access, bag. 404/432-2548.

2011 Toyota Tacoma SR5, 4x4, 90,076 mi. 260-6188.

Quilting books & magazines, \$25. 713-4953.

Swisher 42" rough cut tow mower, \$600. 688-1412.

(5) large totes fabric, \$100. 713-4953.

1989 Ford Bronco II, \$300 OBO. 707-1823.

Fresh, free-range chicken eggs, \$3/dozen. 262-434-0774.

Beagle pups, registered. 910-627-3922.

(4) Kenda Bear Claw tires on black rock rims, 26x9.5, \$450. 688-1412.

2002 Yamaha XVS1100 V-star motorcycle, \$2,800. 385-0053.

2002 Buick Century, 197,600mi. 649-9390.

USDA local beef & farm fresh eggs. 777-1354.

Log splitter, 40-ton Countyline, \$1,800. 380-2140.

3.16 acres w/ water, elect, septic, \$35,100. 786/218-3249.

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

Jewelry, vintage & costume. 675-4271.

Sofa w/ reclining ends, \$80 & 42" Sony TV, \$40. 423/743-5988.

Blueberry bushes, 2'-4' tall, \$10-\$20ea. 423/743-5988.

Shark vacuum cleaner, \$50. 765-0163.

2-drawer antique night stand, \$25. 765-0163.

Danish MORSO wood stove. gray, \$800. 683-4322.

Portable AC/dehumidifier, Royal Sovereign, \$125. 683-4322.

Greasy cornfield beans. 656-2737.

Cedar Bedroom set w/ mattress. 658-3789.

Dwarf burning bushes, snoball bushes, lilies & more. 545-8802.

Antique cherry curio w/ curved glass & claw feet. 712-7661.

Oakwood 14'x82' trailer on 3/4 ac, part furn, \$60,000 OBO. 385-2772.

Wooden house, Buladean. 688-1363.

Hot Point gas range w/dbl oven, white \$300. 450-6526

WANTED

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Old barn to tear down for materials. 380-1232.

Metal fence posts, 4' or 6', up to 80. 206-7030.

Free horses. 645-7544.

Small studio apt to rent, Bakersville. 688-1363.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: chair caning. 273-3161.

Quilt raffle, MH Library, \$5 or 3/\$10, thru July1. 206-4023.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

FREE: 1/2 of felled tree, easy access, Mars Hill. 689-2392.

Will Do: haul away old appliances. 689-3896

*FBEMC offices
will be closed
Monday July 5th
in honor of
Independence Day*



**ROW Clearing Schedule
June/July**

Marshall District

Cutting

- * Highway 25/70
(Marshall to Walnut)
- * Spivey, TN
- * Alexander
- * Leicester
- * Little Sandy Mush
- * Meadows Town Road

Spraying

- * North on Hwy 25/70
(all taps from Marshall Substation including Riddle Farm Road, Upper & Lower Brush Creek, Walnut, Hwy 208 from Little Laurel to the TN state line)
- * Anderson Branch & Big Pine
- * Hot Springs - Shut-In Area
- * Spill Corn to Chapel Hill Road
- * Rector Corner Area
- * Town of Marshall
- * Long Branch & Windswept area
- * Bull Creek * Kelly Hunter
- * Gabriels Crk & Lower Gabriels Crk
- * Hwy 213 & lower end of Petersburg
- * Barnardsville * Upper Flat Creek
- * Ivy Hill * Beech Glen
- * Paint Fork - Hamburg Rd to Co Line
- * Upper & Lower Sheppard Branch
- * Gentry Mountain
- * Coffee Ridge * Tilson Mountain

Burnsville District

Cutting

- * Poplar
- * Pigeon Roost
- * Transmission Line
(Burnsville to Relief)
(Relief to Bakersville)

Spraying

- * Mine Fork
- * Hwy 197N
- * Bakers Creek
- * Prices Creek
- * Bald Creek area
- * Pensacola
- * Blue Rock
- * Tipton Hill
- * Harrell Hill
- * Buladean
- * Red Hill
- * Kona
- * Bandana
- * Mine Creek,
- * Fork Mountain
- * Town of Bakersville
- * Transmission Line
(Relief to Bakersville)

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