



# The **Electrifier**

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Outlet Ads and Manager's Report are Online

MAY 2019

"Owned by those we serve"

MARSHALL, NC

## May is National Electrical Safety Month

Warmer weather stimulates an increase in outdoor work in many parts of the country, both on the job and at home. A focus on electrical safety awareness can help ensure these activities do not result in injuries and deaths.

Following a few simple safety rules can help reduce the number of electrical deaths and injuries:

\*Ladders—even those made of wood—that come into contact with a power line can prove fatal. Keep all ladders at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.

\*Unplug outdoor tools and appliances when not in use.

\*Inspect power tools and appliances for frayed cords, broken plugs and cracked or broken housing. Repair or replace damaged items.

\*Water and electricity do not mix. Avoid damp conditions — including wet grass — when using electricity.

If there is a downed power line nearby, leave the area immediately and notify French Broad EMC or call 911.

<https://www.esfi.org/seasonal-safety>

### Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Summer 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.

Visit our website for more information:  
[www.frenchbroademc.com](http://www.frenchbroademc.com)



French Broad EMC offices  
will be closed  
Monday, May 27th  
in honor of



as we remember  
the men and women  
in our Armed Forces  
as they serve around the world.

# Manager's Report

## Vegetation Management



Jeff Loven

French Broad Electric takes great pride in providing members with the most reliable electricity possible. Tree contact with power lines is the single leading cause of outages on our system and that is why we have a carefully planned vegetation management program. At the same time, we are also committed to protecting the natural beauty of our landscapes and minimizing the impact we make on the environment.

With almost 5,000 miles of distribution power lines, 500 miles of fiber optic lines, and 100 miles of transmission lines, controlling the tree and brush growth is critical to ensuring reliability to all our members. Keeping trees away from power lines is also a safety measure. Trees and other objects that come into contact with power lines can become energized, leading to shock or electrocution. Even fallen power lines can still be energized, which is why no one but a French Broad EMC line technician should ever go near a downed power line. A clear path for power lines also provides a safer working envi-

ronment for the line technicians performing routine maintenance or power restoration.

This vegetation must be continually managed in our right-of-way's in order to deliver safe, reliable electricity to our members. That is why your cooperative uses a combination approach to right-of-way maintenance that includes selective herbicide application. Early in the process, trees and large growth are removed by our crews. The next summer, crews use a backpack applicator to apply environmentally safe herbicide targeted to vegetation that could grow into power lines. This herbicide allows lower growing vegetation to thrive as is evidenced along our lines that have been treated for several years. We are now in our 9<sup>th</sup> year of with this program and have recognized significant improvements in vegetation control, costs, and appearance without any negative impacts on the environment.

This low-volume manual method of vegetation management helps protect the natural habitat of the many plants and

wildlife in our area. These practices are even endorsed by the NC Department of Natural Resources, The National Wild Turkey Federation, and the Buckmasters.

Members can also help ensure safe, reliable electricity by avoiding tree planting near or under power lines.

Collectively, we can all work together to ensure that our right-of-way management program serves every member and ensures reliable electric service.





# The Outlet

**All numbers are in the 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.*

*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 publish*

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

FOR SALE

Couch+loveseat w/ hide-a-beds, \$200. 612/720-5167.

GEHL Hammer Mill, \$1,000. 778-1897 or 778-4903.

2002 BMW z3 yellow convertible Roadster, 38k mi, \$23,000. 766-9331.

5½' Vicon disc mower, \$3,400. 777-7081.

5HP garden tiller, \$130. 689-2642.

2006 Chev HHR, Ltd Ed, red, leather, sunroof, \$3,500. 712-9660.

1991 Chevy Silverado, 4x4, rebuilt engine w/ 52k mi, \$2,500. 712-9660.

Horse manure w/ lime, we load, \$10/pickup load. 689-4444.

2000 Ford Mustang, royal blue, 5spd, 138k mi, \$3,000. 337-6805.

Kawasaki KX-250 dirt bike. 777-5422.

Men's Huffly 26" red bike & women's Huffly 24" orange bike, \$125/both. 683-4476.

Brunswick pool table, 4x8, 1" slate, \$500. 989-5021.

Quart jars, \$3/dozen. 649-2738.

2009 Suzuki VL 800, 805cc, baby blue/white, \$3,795. 683-4656.

2014 Chev Cruze, 60k mi, auto, silver. 206-9489.

(2) white bookcases w/ 6 shelves, attachable desk. 231-0447.

(8)20'x24" galvanized culvert pipes, \$479ea + 4 bands, \$30ea. 675-1558.

4+acres fresh cut hay, 25 rd/300+sq, \$1.50/sq, \$20/rd. 305/988-9188.

Dwarf burning bushes, potted, \$3-\$6. 545-8802.

Potted plants, lilies, azaleas, hostas, more. 545-8802.

(2)Forever Crystal Toasting Heart champagne glasses, \$10. 689-9018.

Aluminum folding table, portable, 72"x36", \$25. 689-9018.

Cycle Country 48" pull behind mower, 13HP, \$1,200. 206-2980.

(2) Pickup top side mount tool boxes, \$500/both w/ ladder rack. 206-2980.

1993 Ford Aerostar extended van, \$500 OBO. 284-4801.

Lowes Arrow 10x12 unassembled metal bldg., \$200. 778-3249.

Microwave, \$75. 778-3249.

Antique dining table w/ 6 chairs, \$150. 284-4166.

Antique mirror 32"x44", \$100. 284-4166.

5+ acres, mtn top homesite, views, Doggett Mtn, \$39,000. 622-3724.

5+ acre homesite, Big Laurel, views, pvt road, \$49,000. 622-3724.

Farm fresh eggs, \$2/dozen. 656-2281.

Princess House crystal. 649-2344.

Designer jewelry. 649-2344.

Mt Fiest dogs, reg. 897-1510.

Paint & Quarter horses, reg. 897-1510.

German Shepherd pups. 649-9483.

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**To Report A Power Outage After Hours**

**Marshall District**

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**NOTE**

The deadline for submitting ads to **The Electrifier:**

June issue ..... May 15th  
July issue ..... June 15th  
August issue.....July 15th  
Sept issue.....Aug 15th

FOR SALE, Continued

2004 Honda CRF 230 dirt bike, trailer, acces, \$3,000. 551-3176.

Ford trip, 3-bottom plows, \$800. 778-4903.

Bikini Jeep top for 2015 model, \$125. 778-4903.

49-acre farm, 2 barns, pastures, W. Yancey. 684-0213 or 284-5627.

Large metal lathe & tools, \$5,000. 778-8012.

3 round chestnut log cabins, \$5,000ea, relocate. 707-0921.

(2)plots Pisgah View Cemetery, \$3,500. 683-9401.

Electric wheelchair, \$2,000. 683-9401.

Men's wedding bands & watches. 675-4271.

Jewelry, gemstone & vintage. 675-4271.

(2) beautician chairs, bowls & stations, \$1,200. 284-1141.

Baseball cards, 1950s-1980s. 645-7544.

English Shepherd puppies, \$225. 683-3126.

3 surveyed acres, Toe River Rd, 280' riverfront property. 682-6849 or 208-6849.

8.2 acres, some owner financing. 682-6849 or 208-6849.

WANTED

1997-2002 Ford Econoline van &/or parts. 678-3500.

Banana plants & parakeets. 682-1212.

Help with weed eating & gardening. 682-1212.

Lawn maintenance for 1.25ac bi-monthly, May-Oct, \$300. 404/734-8128.

Burford Stanley Family records, 1950s-70s. 707-0921.

WANTED, Continued

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Someone to cut out, pre-drill & build bird houses. 206-3623.

Cheap goats & free horses. 645-7544.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rotational Grazing Workshop, Mad Co Ext, May 18, 9-12, 649-2411.

Private Pesticide re-cert class, May 23, 6-8pm, Mad Co Ext, 649-2411.

Study Tour to Scotland, 649-9390.

For Rent: 1000sq ft apt, deck facing Roan Mtn. 612/720-5167.

FREE: Upright or Baby Grand piano. 380-9323.

Will Do: clean houses, Burnsville, Micaville, Spruce Pine. 675-4981.

Will Do: lawn care, landscaping, handyman. 208-5777 8am-8pm.

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

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: clean houses. 206-4989 before 8pm.

Will Do: barn/structure removals. 208-4599.

For Rent: 3BR/3BA, \$1,650, Erwin. 778-3797 or 545-5439.

Will Do: alterations. 689-3273.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

Will Do: trash pickup. 380-1373 or 768-2479.

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

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

## Right-of-Way Schedule for May/June

### Burnsville District Cutting

\*Highway 80 S \*Bowditch  
\*Hickory Springs Rd  
\*Lundy \*Bandana  
\*Halltown  
\*Carter's Ridge Rd

### Spraying

\*Ed Young Rd \*Blue Rock  
\*Halls Chapel \*Fork Mountain  
\*Glen Ayre \*White Oak  
\*McKinney Cove \*Pigeon Roost  
\*Brummetts Ck \*Brush Creek  
\*Cooper Branch \*Roses Branch  
\*Spruce Pine \*East Yancey  
\*Little Switzerland  
\*Town of Burnsville  
\*West Burnsville  
\*Transmission Line from  
Burnsville to Relief

### Marshall District Cutting

\*Big Sandy & Sandy Mush Creek  
\*Town of Marshall area  
\*Rector Corner  
\*Grapevine/Petersburg  
\*area north of Jupiter Rd and  
south of 213  
\*Walnut/ Barnard  
\*Big Pine

### Spraying

\*Baileys Branch/Rector Corner  
\*Walnut Creek \*Little Pine  
\*Leicester  
-Cedar Hill  
-Sandy Mush/Big Sandy Mush  
-Upper Big Laurel  
\*Mars Hill  
-Bruce Rd  
-N. Main St  
-Parkway View Rd.  
\*Grapevine/Petersburg  
\*Spring Creek/Meadow Fork  
\*Grandview \*Locust Grove