



The Electrifier

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MARSHALL, NC

Fall and Winter Energy Saving Tips

1. Take Advantage of Heat from the Sun...Open curtains during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home and close them at night.
2. Cover Drafty Windows...Install tight-fitting, insulating drapes or shades on windows that feel drafty after weatherizing.
3. Adjust the Temperature...When you are home, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable; When you are out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° and save on your heating and cooling bills.
4. Find and Seal Leaks...Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.
5. Maintain Your Heating Systems...Schedule service for your heating system.
6. Reduce Heat Loss from the Fireplace
7. Lower Your Water Heating Costs...Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F).
8. Lower Your Holiday Lighting Costs...Use LED holiday light strings to reduce the cost of decorating your home for the winter holidays.

<https://www.energy.gov>

Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Winter 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 www.frenchbroademc.com for more information.

For those of you who are already Minisplit Heat Pump owners, it is important to keep your minisplit unit clean. While these units are super-efficient and relatively easy to maintain, routine maintenance is vital to their performance as well as keeping the warranty valid. This website address will give you some idea of what needs to be done yearly to keep your mini-split operating properly: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVa_1gNiHMM .

Whether you perform the maintenance yourself or pay a professional, please know maintenance is very important. We want to make sure you are aware of the importance of maintenance both to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of your mini-split heat pump and to keep your warranty valid. Please note that your manufacturer's warranty covers parts only. It does not include labor.



Any time your Minisplit Heat Pump system needs to be cleaned or repaired, call us at 828-649-2051 to get in touch with a well-trained company to take care of your system.

Manager's Report

Coal Ash Compliance Costs



Jeff Loven

A significant part of managing an electric cooperative, from both a management perspective and that of our Board of Directors, is keeping costs as low as possible. As a not-for-profit business, we operate within tight margins based on precise projections. While we can accurately estimate reoccurring costs such as right-of-way maintenance or machinery replacement costs, there are occasions when outside factors impact our cost of doing business in unexpected ways. Rises in electricity costs due to new regulations for coal ash management is one such factor affecting us now.

You may recall that in February 2014, coal ash from a Duke Energy power plant spilled into Rockingham County's Dan River. Following that unfortunate incident, North Carolina enacted the nation's first state law to regulate disposal of the substance. Coal ash, a by-product of the process used to generate electricity at coal-fired power plants, has historically been disposed of in lined basins, but North Carolina's Coal Ash Management Act of 2014 introduced more stringent disposal and storage requirements. These requirements apply to Duke Energy, which has 33 coal ash basins in the state.

Complying with those requirements is a cost Duke Energy is passing on to all individuals and wholesale

customers who buy power from the utility. Additionally, ratepayers across the nation will soon feel an impact as this incident — as well as a 2008 spill in Tennessee — have prompted federal regulations.

Although French Broad EMC does not own any coal-fired power plants, we have been engaged in the coal ash management discussion from the start because we have a long term all requirements wholesale power contract with Duke Energy. Costs incurred by Duke Energy to comply with these new regulations will be integrated into the wholesale rates we pay for power. As an at-cost provider of electricity, that means they will ultimately make up a part of the costs you, our members, pay for electricity.

Our focus and success in these discussions has been to balance environmental goals while minimizing impacts on rates. We have been working very hard to minimize the impact of these costs to you both in conversations with legislators and executives at Duke Energy. As a result, state lawmakers amended coal ash legislation in 2016 to adopt a science-based approach that preserves environmental goals while cutting millions of dollars from initial projections of consumer costs.

French Broad EMC members will begin to notice minimal increases to

their bills in January 2018, lasting through 2023. Coal ash management costs will extend through 2032, although after the first six years, our projections indicate a very slim impact.

So, what do these costs cover? Expenses related to bringing existing coal ash basins into compliance with new standards by either capping in place or excavating the basins. In both scenarios, water will be removed from the basins in a way that protects water quality of nearby lakes or rivers, and closure plans are customized for each basin to ensure effectiveness. The costs stemming from cleaning up the Dan River spill, however, have not and will not be passed on. Duke Energy shareholders are responsible for cleanup fees, and our responsibilities are only linked to complying with new regulations.

We will continue to do whatever we can to mitigate any cost increases, because we know any increase can have an impact on your family budget. Should industry factors affect rates, we will let you know well ahead of time, and we will continue to pursue new ways to fulfill our mission of providing you with safe, reliable, environmentally responsible and affordable electricity.

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1-844-294-5697



Deadlines for submitting ads or notices to The Electrifier.

December issue	Nov 10th
January issue	Dec 10th
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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.

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

Jazzy electric wheelchair w/ 2 batteries, \$1,500. 206-3675.

Black walnuts, shelled. 689-8419.

English shepherd dogs/puppies, \$100ea. 683-3126.

Teapots & music boxes. 675-4271.

Princess Di & Elvis collectibles. 675-4271.

Amish doctor buggy, \$700. 622-3465.

501 Ford mowing machine. 622-3465.

60-gal field spray, 3pt hitch for tractor, \$500. 689-5755.

Work horse work harness, \$200. 689-5755.

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

Jazzy wheelchair w/ batteries, \$2,000. 683-9401.

Kubota 34hp 4WD tractor w/ bucket, blade, auger & plow, \$15,500. 649-1192.

1975 Volvo 245DL wagon w/ extra parts, \$1,000. 649-1192.

1997 Isuzu Trooper, \$700. 208-3164.

Reclaimed barn lumber. 208-0295.

Ethan Allen dining table w/leaf +4 chairs, \$150. 645-4818 after 4:30pm.

Zounds hearing aids w/ charging station, remote, manual, \$500. 747-7843.

Haier 1.7cu ft mini-fridge, \$45. 777-9305.

Hot tubs: (1)1-4 person, \$150; (1)1-6 person, \$200. 712-6423.

40-gal propane hot water tank. 675-5638.

Kitchen table + chairs. 675-5638.

1954 Allis Chalmers tractor w/ attachments. 380-9694.

Adjustable basketball goal, \$5. 689-9247.

Round glass top patio table + 4 chairs, \$50. 645-7241.

Oven, \$50. 645-7241.

Shower Stool, \$5. 688-9156.

Pulmo-Aide compressor nebulizer, \$10. 688-9156.

CK-20 Kioti mid-mount mower deck w/ extra belt/blades, \$700. 688-1144.

(4) Titan tractor tires, 24x8.5 & 12x16.5, \$50. 688-1144.

1997 Ford E-150 camper conversion, 113k mi, \$7,500. 805/946-1158.

2-horse horse-drawn sled, \$100 OBO. 649-3976.

Plow for a non-hydraulic tractor, \$50 OBO. 649-3976.

Large bird cage w/ ext access feed/ water doors, \$200 OBO. 536-4120.

1968 SS396 Chevelle, blue w/ black int, 41k mi, \$32,500. 683-3237 before 8pm.

Hay, 2½ac fescue, ready to cut for ½. 305/988-9188.

1989 Chevy S10 4x4, 180k mi, \$950. 656-8259.

Plots (2) Vets Garden of Honor, Forest Lawn, \$2,300. 658-9837.

All-terrain tires, 31x10.5x15r (4), \$80ea or \$300all. 712-2317.

Champion juicer w/ attachments, \$100. 645-9860.

Vita Mixer 5200 w/ recipe book, \$400. 645-9860.

Brass fire screen & tools, \$75. 683-4476.

2001 Mercedes ML 320, \$4,000. 680-1172.

1986 Cushman cart, \$2,000. 680-1172.

Seasoned hardwood firewood. 683-7916 or 778-0389.

Handmade quilts, prices vary size/pattern. 208-0860.

Bookcases, (1)6x32x11; (1)6x6x11. 865/761-8828.

Wood stove w/ double doors, \$300. 683-4476.

2003 Toyota Sienna, 175k mi, \$3,200. 208-9739.

Buck stove 21" propane gas log set, \$75. 682-0762.

(2) temp power poles, \$125. 336/687-1051.

Ceramic tiles, asst, make offer. 336/687-1051.

Dwarf burning bushes. 545-8802.

Spirea, Almond, Dogwood, Forsythia, Rose of Sharon & more. 545-8802.

Buttons, asst sizes/colors, \$10/gal. 775-1778.

5ac +/-, unrestricted, Barnardsville. 775-9380.

Monitor kerosene heater, MPI 2400, \$450. 561/512-1722.

Border Collie puppies, born 10/1/18, \$350ea. 683-3927.

Hay, 1st & 2nd cutting, \$5/bale. 682-7268 or 284-7313.

Regency china, set of 6 w/ accessory pcs. 649-2344.

Wormy chestnut wood, \$5/bd ft. 284-5848.

2002 Toyota Camry, \$700. 656-2372.

Poulan chain saw, \$75. 458-3474.

Old iron bed, \$75. 458-3474.

Cedar wardrobe, chest, chest of drawers. 649-2344.

WANTED

Junk Cars. 689-5125.

6ft locust posts & 10ft split rails. 423/220-9595.

Someone to install foundation vents in home. 865/356-1800.

Someone with tractor/blade for road work. 231-2152.

Part-time landscaping/maintenance property caretaker. 234-7909.

Honda ATV body parts or ATV. 622-3671.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

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

Will Do: handyman services, junk removal, tree trimming. 284-2137.

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

Will Do: clean houses. 208-4159 after 10am.

Job Openings: NCDPS, correctional officers & nurses. 919/480-0064.

Will Do: alterations. 689-3273.

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

Free/Reduced septic tanks & installations. 206-6159.

Found/Free: female Walker hound, tri-color, Shelton Laurel. 656-8208.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.

Register for Mad Co Toys for Tots, birth-13. 206-1905 or 206-1906 before Nov 10.

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

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

Mad Co Christmas Pageant, Dec 7 & 8 @ 6:30pm, Marshall. 206-2017.

Will Do: house cleaning. 275-9810.



In observance of the Thanksgiving holidays, FBEMC offices will be closed Thursday Nov 22nd & Friday Nov 23rd

Update Your Information

Please be sure to notify your local FBEMC office when any of your contact information changes, such as:

- *mailing address
- *email address
- *phone number
- *phone provider
- *banking/checking account information for bank drafts
- *credit card numbers
- *method of payment changes, ex. from Bank Draft to credit card

Customers are notified of their FlexPay balances, electronic bills, pending disconnects, scheduled outages, etc. via email, text message and/or voicemail.

It is important that you keep us informed so that we can keep our records updated, should we need to contact you.

Right-of-Way (ROW) Schedule for November/December

Burnsville District

- Bakers Creek
- Swiss Community to Fox Creek
- Hannah Branch
- White Oak
- Grindstaff Road
- Seven-Mile Ridge Road
- Hwy 80S
- Town of Burnsville

Marshall District

- Big Sandy Mush
- Sandy Mush Creek
- Paint Fork area (from Hamburg Rd to County Line)
- Upper end of Crooked Creek Rd
- Town of Mars Hill
- Petersburg area