

The Electrifier

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Marshall, NC

STAY COOL WITH HOME ENERGY SAVINGS

It's the hottest time of the year, but here are a few tips for energy conservation.

- * When it's hot outside, your air conditioner needs all the help it can get. Open interior doors and vents to help air circulate and reduce the strain on your HVAC system. Along with that, close exterior doors and windows, as well as any blinds, shades or curtains, to help keep the heat of the day out and cooled air in.
- * Waiting to use major appliances, especially those that generate heat like the clothes dryer and dishwasher, until the late evening, overnight or early morning hours can help your home stay cooler. Also avoid using an indoor oven or stove, and grill out or try a cold meal like a salad instead.
- * Instead of turning down the thermostat, opt for a ceiling or portable fan. Make sure your ceiling fan turns counter clockwise during hot weather to push cool air down. Remember to turn fans off when you're not using them; fans cool you, not the room.
- * Visit www.frenchbroademc.com for more energy-saving tips.

MINISPLIT HEAT PUMP PROGRAM

Please call today to schedule your cleaning appointment.

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 and to complete an application.



If you are interested in signing up for the Heat Pump Maintenance program, please visit our website at www.frenchbroademc.com and complete the agreement. This program gives our members peace of mind and a way to keep their system(s) running for many years.

French Broad EMC
offices will be closed
Monday
September 6th
in honor of
Labor Day



Manager's Report

Power Outages - A Main Concern



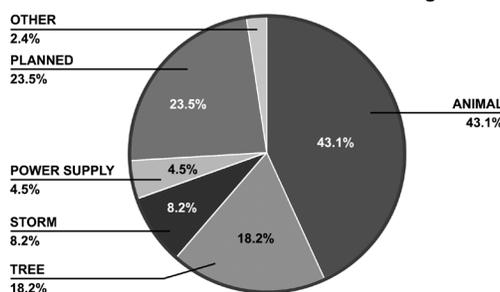
As an electric utility, one of our main concerns are power outages. This month we want to take a closer look at what causes power outages and what we do to minimize the time your power is out.

Severe weather conditions, such as lightning, wind, ice, or even extreme cold, are the most common reasons for power outages. Lightning can damage our electrical equipment and the wind and ice knock trees and branches onto the lines and equipment. Also, extremely cold temperatures increase the load on our electric system due to more energy being used to heat all our members' homes. Animals and vehicle accidents are other frequent causes for outages. Squirrels, birds and snakes are the usual culprits that chew on the power lines or crawl into substation equipment. Vehicles and tractors occasionally hit poles or pull down overhead power lines. These are causes of outages and are also incredibly dangerous. If a downed power line comes in contact with your vehicle, remain in your vehicle and call 911 as the ground around your vehicle may be energized.

Another source of outages is planned outages. We plan outages to keep other unplanned

outages from happening. During planned outages, we are either reworking the system, balancing the load on the lines or carrying out repairs. By conducting regular inspections along our lines and at our substations, we can catch and fix small issues before they grow. We test equipment, inspect poles, monitor fluid levels and search for excess heat (which indicates a potential issue). While these inspections can lead to a short, planned outage, they help prevent longer outages and keep our system working efficiently.

2020 French Broad Electric Cause of Outages



Some customers have underground power lines and think that they are immune to power outages. However, all underground lines are fed from overhead lines that are connected to our substations. This means that if your lines are underground and you're experiencing an outage, the outage source might stem from an overhead

line that is connected to your underground line. Aging cables and construction work are also sources of underground line outages. It is important to always call 811 before you dig to make sure all construction avoids underground power lines. Underground power line outages often take longer to restore because they require our crews to dig up the cable to locate and fix the issue.

Sometimes the power blinks and then comes back on. If you notice your lights blinking, it means that your power was close to going out but our protective equipment detected the issue and avoided an outage. If you often notice your lights blinking, call us so we can perform an inspection on the lines in your area.

What does French Broad Electric do to keep power from going out? Regular right-of-way maintenance is vital to keeping the power on. We trim trees and maintain a clear right-of-way around all 4,700 miles of our lines to help keep tree branches from falling on the lines. Our crews also conduct regular inspections of all our equipment, poles, lines and substations and continually upgrade aging equipment to ensure an efficient and reliable electric grid.



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 may be submitted online or mailed to:

French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

FOR SALE

Kobalt 20gal 175psi air compressor, \$200. 321/432-8460.

Schwinn stationary exercise bike, \$125. 284-4608.

2004 HD Ultra Classic. 208-0051.

Chickens, all varieties. 206-0224 before 6pm.

3-ring mirror w/gold trim, 65"x43", \$150. 649-2738.

Zenith 25" color TV, not flat screen, \$25. 649-2738.

(5) Border Collie pups, b/w, DOB 5/15, can be registered. 713-3725.

1985 Ford 555B backhoe, \$12,200. 645-5579.

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

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

Keurig Espresso Cap Latte machine w/ 8K cups. 460-5390.

Cuisinart bread maker, 10 breads, \$50. 460-5390.

Old timey half runner green beans and other vegetables. 656-2281.

Lionell trains, 1930's-1960's, \$600 for 350 items. 284-3535.

2005 Toyota truck for parts, \$160. 658-3805.

Yard sale items, \$200/all. 683-3371.

Singer ZigZag model 755 sewing machine in cabinet, \$100. 683-3371.

EPSON Artison 1430 wide format printer, \$25. 275-2984.

Chestnut lumber. 688-2957.

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Art Deco & Victorian furniture, misc. 904/501-0251.

Rolled hay, horse clean, no briars/weeds. \$35/roll OBO. 305/988-9188.

Tobacco sticks(approx 2,000), \$200. 467-7508.

Hardieboard siding, 12'x8", (50), \$6.50ea. 689-9050.

Antique cast iron fireplace wood coal grate, \$300. 757/478-1759.

Registered Angus bulls, 12-14mo old. 423/743-0641.

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

(2) wooden goat milking tables, \$100ea. 910/617-2905.

AKC beagle pups. 910/617-3922.

Heavy duty industrial fan, \$50. 206-1712 or 273-8655.

(12) laying hens & coupe, \$150. 301/467-0495.

ProForm 955-R bicycle style exercise machine, \$75. 656-2665.

4-ac mountain view bldg. lot, Madison Co, \$59,500. 775-5800.

Wood wine boxes, assortment, \$7ea. 305/793-3292.

Coconut fiber COIR mesh, 100'x6'roll, \$85. 258-8281.

20x40 blue tarp, \$50. 258-8281.

Books on religion & the Bible. 675-4271.

Bedspreads & comforters. 675-4271.

1.8194 acres in city limits of Unicoi Co, \$60,000. 423/743-6762.

Royal Sovereign AC/dehumidifier, \$25. 683-4322.

Poplar boards & old oak boards. 683-4322.

Barn wood. 230-8224.

WANTED

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Mobile home. 910-747-2979.

Land for lease for hunting, Yancey or Mitchell Co. 423/767-0575.

Half Runner beans. 765-6579.

Someone to rehandle axes & hatchets. 208-1517.

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

Someone to build a rock wall. 712-8508.

Someone to clean vacation rental homes, \$20/hr. 537-0058.

MISCELLANEOUS

Farmer's Market, MHU, Sat 10-1. www.marshillmarket.org.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: chair caning. 273-3161.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

FREE: (12) laying hens. 301/467-0495.

Will Do: haul away old refrigerators/freezers for free. 689-3896.

Will Do: haul away old AC units for free. 689-3896.

FREE: wood, easy access. 689-2392.

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,

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

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Toll-Free Marshall	1-800-222-6190
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To Report A Power Outage After Hours Marshall District

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

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Online Credit Card Payment Available 24 Hours a Day

1-844-294-5697



Deadline for submitting ads to The Electrifier is the 15th of each month

ROW Clearing Schedule August/September

Marshall District

Cutting

- * Highway 25/70 (Marshall to Walnut)
- * Spivey TN
- * Leicester
- * Little Sandy Mush
- * Meadowstown Road

Burnsville District

Cutting

- * Poplar
- * Murphytown
- * Hunt Dale
- * Big Creek
- * Transmission Line (from Burnsville to Relief) (from Relief to Bakersville)

Spraying

- * Pensacola
- * 197 South
- * Bakers Creek
- * Hwy 19
- * Prices Creek
- * Possum Trot
- * Bald Creek to Madison/Yancey Line

