



# The Electrifier

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**Marshall, NC**



## Teachers Can Apply Now for 2022 - 2023 Bright Ideas Education Grants

For over 25 years, the Bright Ideas education grant program, sponsored by North Carolina's cooperatives, including French Broad EMC, has expanded learning opportunities in North Carolina classrooms by awarding grants to teachers for innovative, classroom-based projects that would not otherwise be funded.

Each year, about 2,000 applications are accepted from K-12 teachers in a variety of disciplines including music, art, history, reading, science, career-planning and information technology.

French Broad EMC is proud to continue to promote creativity in North Carolina classrooms and to award these grants to deserving teachers. Teachers may apply for grants of up to \$1,500.00. To learn more about the program and start an online application, visit [www.NCBrightIdeas.com](http://www.NCBrightIdeas.com).

The deadline to submit applications for the 2022-2023 school year is September 10, 2022.

## MINISPLIT HEAT PUMP MAINTENANCE

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](http://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](http://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.

Please call today to schedule your cleaning appointment.



# Manager's Report



## Look Out for Power Lines and Stay Safe

Things we see every day can almost fade from view. But failure to notice high voltage power lines can be a deadly oversight. French Broad EMC wants to raise awareness about the dangers of overhead power lines and the precautions to take around them.

Often, when we undertake outdoor activities, we don't even think about power lines. Taking a few moments to become aware of your surroundings is a critical step to keeping yourself and your loved ones safe.

Please follow these guidelines as you prepare to work outdoors this year:

- Look up and around you. Always be aware of the location of power lines, particularly when using long metal tools, like ladders, pool skimmers, and pruning poles. Lower your long equipment when moving it. Carry ladders and other long items horizontally.
- Be careful when working on or around your roof, installing rooftop antennas and satellite dishes, doing roof repair work or cleaning gutters.

Never go up on the roof in bad weather.

- Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house.
- Never trim trees near power lines – leave that to the professionals. Never use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near electric lines. Contact a professional maintenance contractor.
- Never climb trees near power lines. Even if the power lines aren't touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch.
- If your projects include digging, like building a deck or planting a tree, call 811 before you begin. Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. This service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted, and can help you avoid serious injury.

Another instance when people often come in contact with power lines is through vehicle crashes. In accidents that bring down power lines, our instincts tell

us to flee danger. However, it's almost always best to stay in your vehicle and wait for help. Call 9-1-1 and wait until the utility arrives and ensures the area is de-energized. Do not assume that because the power line is not flashing or arching that it is de-energized.

If you must get out because of fire or another danger, jump clear of the vehicle without touching it and the ground simultaneously. Then hop with feet together — don't run or stride. Electricity spreads through the ground in ripples, like a stone dropped in water. The voltage is highest in the ring closest to the vehicle and decreases with distance. Hop with feet together, so one foot won't be in a higher voltage zone than another, which could make you a conductor for electricity.

If you come upon, or witness an accident involving toppled power poles and lines, don't leave your vehicle to approach the accident scene. Often, our inclination is to step in and help those in danger and offer assistance to the injured. However, in accidents involving power poles, the best thing you can do is call for help. Wait for trained assistance to arrive, or you could become an additional victim needing rescue.



## 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

Hay, 4x4 round rolls in field, Spruce Pine, \$45/roll. 385-6030.

Cuisinart frozen yogurt & ice cream maker, \$45 OBO. 380-0267.

Conair complete steamer, GS28, \$50 OBO. 380-0267.

Bedspreads & comforters. 645-7241.

Gas grill, 4 burners. 645-7241.

Ladders, 28' alum, \$150; 7' fiberglass, \$60. 592-2606.

Royal Copenhagen Christmas plates, 1961-1980. 592-2606.

Baby chicks. 206-0224 before 6pm.

Dwarf burning bushes, daylilies, snowball bushes & more. 545-8802.

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

Pump organ, \$200. 689-5168.

Ladies' scrubs (14 sets), warm up jackets, S-M. 208-7007.

Perennials: Knockout roses, drift roses, rhododendrons & more. 622-2022.

PA equipment: Peavey mixer, amps, snake, monitors. 467-0797 after 6pm.

Older Barbie dolls, Christmas Edition, in original boxes. 688-9084.

Daylilies, Irises, hosta, boxwoods, hen & chicks & more. 688-9084.

Standard Poodle puppies, (5) males, (1) female. 691-2106.

Miniature horses (2), solid black, \$1,200 for both. 467-3628.

Browning gun safe, holds 26 long guns. 803/682-5962.

Hotpoint freezer, 7 cu ft, \$350. 765-0163.

Blue Heeler pups, born May 9, \$250ea. 423/743-5643.

Chestnut lumber. 688-2957.

Chestnut fire mantles. 688-2957.

Leather rocker recliner, large, burgundy, \$125. 649-3670.

White Westinghouse electric stove, 40", \$150. 649-3670.

2014 Scamp RV, 16', \$8,000. 765-0993.

Indoor mini cold frame, on wheels & plastic cover, \$50. 689-4024.

75lbs Kingsford charcoal, \$35. 689-4024.

Antique Decker & Sons baby grand piano, \$3,000 OBO. 689-3039.

Ultra Comfort power lift & recliner chair, \$800. 688-9297.

Miscellaneous yard sale items. 551-4396.

Hay, \$6/bale. 682-7268 or 284-7313.

2007 F-150 Lariat, white, 4dr, 4WD, \$7,400. 258-8281.

Eufy Robovac 30 w/ remote, \$75. 675-9804.

DR Power X12 walk-behind leaf blower, \$750. 675-9804.

1999 Ford truck, ext cab, 4dr, 4WD, toolbox. 208-4547.

Quart canning jars, \$6/dozen. 337-8455.

36-string MeadoWind Blevins harp, full frets, soft case. 424-0271.

1989 Chevy S10, 127k mi, 2.5L engine, 5sp, \$600 OBO. 768-7094.

Goose-neck 40' trailer, (2) storage boxes, ramps, ext hitch. 206-2124.

### WANTED

Someone to help w/showering, dressing & light housework. 775-4408.

Someone to do part time yardwork, staining & more, \$15/hour. 954/496-9000.

Someone to weed eat 2x/month, Mars Hill. 545-7923.

Bush hog, 6'. 688-3260.

Someone to cut growth beside roads in development, 2 cuts/yr. 424-5127.

Someone to mow small yard. 551-4396.

Someone to trim logs, 6hr min, \$20/hr. 380-2594.

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

### MISCELLANEOUS

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: care giving services, exp. 206-1288.

Will Do: alterations. 689-3273.

Free books mailed monthly to children 0-5 yrs old. 689-1528.

Will Do: haul away junk cars, trucks & metal for FREE. 689-3896.

Will Do: haul away junk riding mowers for FREE. 689-3896.

Farmer's Market, MHU, Sat 10-1. [www.marshallmarket.org](http://www.marshallmarket.org).

BBQ & Bow Shoot 4H Sharpshooters Fundraiser, Aug 27, 9-3, Mad Co Ext.

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- \* Automatic Bank Draft
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**ROW Clearing Schedule  
July/August**

**Marshall District  
Cutting**

- \* Meadow Fork area
- \* Rice Creek Road
- \* Stockton Road
- \* Old Asheville Highway  
to NC state line

**Spraying**

- \* Walnut Creek
- \* Little Pine
- \* Leicester/Cedar Hill/Sandy Mush/Big
- \* Sandy Mush
- \* Big Laurel
- \* Mars Hill
  - Bruce Road
  - North Main Street
  - Parkway View Road
- \* Grapevine/Petersburg
- \* Spring Creek/Meadow Fork
- \* Grandview
- \* Locust Grove
- \* Bald Mountain Transmission line  
(from Sub to Bald Mountain Road)

**Burnsville District  
Cutting**

- \* Upper Jacks Creek Road
- \* Lower Jacks Creek Road
- \* Transmission Line  
(from Burnsville to Relief)

**Spraying**

- \* Poplar
- \* Pigeon Roost
- \* Brummetts Creek
- \* Crabtree
- \* McKinney Mine Road
- \* White Oak
- \* Spruce Pine service area
- \* Fork Mountain
- \* Glen Ayre
- \* East Yancey
- \* Bowditch
- \* Town of Burnsville
- \* Transmission line  
(from Burnsville to Relief)

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After Hours  
Marshall District**

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