



The Electrifier

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“Owned by those we serve”

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>

Fee Changes Coming Soon

Effective January 1, 2023

On January 1, 2023, French Broad Electric will implement a new late payment fee. The late payment fee will be 1.5% of the total past due amount with a \$5.00 minimum amount and will be calculated on a monthly basis. This fee will be assessed to any customer who has a past due balance on the due date.

On January 1, 2023, French Broad Electric will implement a new FlexPay transaction fee. The FlexPay transaction fee will be \$1.50 per transaction. We encourage our Flex Pay customers to try and make fewer but larger payments to keep these costs manageable.

Manager's Report



Managing the Cost of Inflation

A significant part of managing your electric cooperative is keeping costs as low as possible. As a not-for-profit business, we operate within tight margins based on precise projections. Historically, we have been able to accurately estimate reoccurring costs such as right of way maintenance or machinery replacement costs, but now more than ever, there are occasions when outside factors impact our cost of doing business in unexpected ways.

We are currently seeing labor and material cost increase at a much higher rate than ever before. In addition, our wholesale power cost, which is by far our biggest expense, is expected to rise dramatically next year. Many variables such as weather, legislation, unexpected maintenance, and fuel prices impact what we see on our monthly bill from Duke Energy.

Inflation has forced our contract labor to increase their wages and other operating costs. Trucks that were \$50,000 new two

years ago are now \$70,000. In order to continue to provide the same level of service our members from a power quality standpoint, it is necessary to keep these crews in our workforce. To do this, we have to find a way to cover these increased costs.

Its no secret that all fossil fuel prices have jumped up substantially in the last two years. This would include natural gas and coal, both of which are used by Duke Energy to generate a significant portion of our energy mix. Nuclear costs have also increased as well as Duke Energy's overall cost of operation. At this time, we do not know the exact amount of increase we will see this coming January, but we are preparing for a sizable jump in wholesale power cost.

Fortunately, over the years, the French Broad EMC Board of Directors has been able to find ways to lessen the financial impact to its members. In 2018, they successfully negotiated a new wholesale contract extension with Duke Energy that reduced our month-

ly wholesale bill. You will actually see a purchase power adjustment credit on your monthly bill that started with your September bill and will continue through the end of this year. That credit is part of a reduction in our wholesale power cost and the board of directors passed these credits directly to our members. Our fiber optic service now has over 7,000 subscribers and a portion of this additional revenue is used to offset much of our increased cost we have seen so far this year.

French Broad EMC 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. As we get closer to the end of the year, we will find out what level of increase we can expect in wholesale power cost increases as well as our labor and material cost adjustments. 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, and affordable electricity to meet all your needs.



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

Drummers parts: cymbals, boom cymbals & stands. 658-3805.

Green Egg cooker, 16" grill. 658-3805.

Geri-chair. 206-1750.

Assorted VCR tapes. 206-1750.

Under-counter refrigerator, \$100. 225/324-8234.

AGH piglets, pure lines, \$100ea. 385-1234.

Oriental Weavers dark navy wool rug, 8'x2'6", \$150. 512/773-8108.

(50) 6' locust fence posts. 206-9357.

Exercise equip: stretcher, hang-up, weight bench, \$500. 423/580-3231.

2021 5' bush hog rotary cutter, \$1,500. 404/725-3420.

2006 NH diesel, TC40A, 1139hrs, 4WD, \$14,000. 404/725-3420.

(2) Aluminum folding camping cots, \$10/both. 689-4024.

(2) Yard screened tent rooms, \$5/both. 689-4024.

Schwinn FWD elliptical exercise machine, \$250. 688-3032 before 7pm.

Cub Cadet LT1024 50" riding mower, \$500. 779-0352.

Ridgeway Grandfather clock, \$500 OBO. 779-0352.

Cubii, \$150. 779-0315.

Walnut dining table, 31"x84". 301-8722.

Cherry dining table, 38"x66". 301-8722.

Northern Tool Viper garden cultivator, 43cc, \$200 OBO. 206-9022.

Poulan Pro riding mower, PP19A42, garaged. 689-9509.

NH backhoe attachment, 2 buckets, uses hydraulics, \$6,000 OBO. 622-7337.

English Shepherd puppies. 683-3126 or 450-3190.

Winter coats & sweaters. 675-4271.

Vintage & costume jewelry & tea pot collection. 675-4271.

Antique DR table, 6 chairs, buffet, china cabinet, \$3,000. 645-7544.

Christmas decorations. 551-4396.

Floor cleaner. 551-4396.

Blink indoor 3-camera system, \$100. 777-8942.

WANTED

4" clay drain tiles, round or hexagon. 622-0054.

1948-54 Chevrolet 3100 truck. 550-4331.

Someone to pull Ivy/Wisteria from shed & remove brush. 689-2524.

Someone to cut down brush along creek. 689-2524.

Small dump truck/pickup to deliver sand to indoor ring. 779-7112.

Lot of land to rent for garden. 407-922-3370.

Pop-up camper. 704/334-2047.

MISCELLANEOUS

For Rent: 2BR/1BA SW, \$500/mo. 206-9120.

FREE: Kerosene, 250-300 gal, you pump & haul. 336/592-0222.

FREE: Weber "Silver A" LP grill. 276-6585.

Will Do: bush hog vacant lots & fields, scrape driveways. 713-5574.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Urgent home repair assistance for Mad Co seniors & low-income residents, by CHC. 649-1200.

>>Miscellaneous, cont'd<<

Will Do: mountain dulcimer & piano lessons. 385-6313.

Will Do: haul away junk cars & appliances for free. 689-3896.

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

FREE: keyboard, computer screen, printer. 645-4394.

FREE: yarn for weaving, knitting & crocheting. 645-4394.

Will Do: car, truck, & scrap metal removal. 284-8330.

Will Do: remove lawn mowers, tractors, excavators. 284-8330.

Will Do: clean houses, 25 yrs exp. 682-0485 or 208-4843.

FREE: Bantam roosters. 645-7544.



In observance of the Thanksgiving holidays, FBEMC offices will be closed Thursday Nov 24th & Friday Nov 25th

Reminder

We would like to remind you that the return envelopes, which are included with your monthly billing statement, have a bar-code on the bottom and these envelopes will come directly to French Broad EMC.



Please do not use these envelopes to mail anything to anyone other than French Broad EMC.

ROW Clearing Schedule November/December

Marshall District Cutting

- * Meadow Fork area
* Puncheon Fork area
* Old Hwy 23
* Bear Branch



Burnsville District Cutting

- * Upper Jacks Creek
* Coxes Creek
* Byrd Branch
* Bailey Branch
* McKinney Branch
* Transmission Line (Burnsville to Relief)

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To Report A Power Outage

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

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Online Payment Available 24 Hours a Day 1-844-294-5697



NOTE: The deadline for submitting ads to The Electrifier is the 10th of each month.