

# The Electrifier

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## Thanksgiving Home & Travel Safety Tips

Taking just a few minutes to read these Thanksgiving safety tips could mean the difference between enjoying the holiday and having a turkey dinner end in disaster.

### Food Poisoning

Following these food safety tips can keep any Thanksgiving meal safe from bacteria and keep your family and friends from getting sick:

- Safely cooking a turkey starts with correctly defrosting it; place your bird on a tray or pan to catch any juices and keep it refrigerated until it's ready to cook. A 20-lb frozen turkey can take up to five days to thaw out so plan ahead.
- Turkeys need to be cooked to an internal temperature of 165 °F.
- Leftovers need to be refrigerated within two hours after serving.



### Fire Safety

The average number of cooking fires on Thanksgiving is triple that of a normal day. Here are a few simple ways to avoid fires:

- "Stand by your pan" when cooking. Never leave food, grease, or oils cooking on the stovetop unattended.
- Pot holders, oven mitts, food wrappers, and other things that can catch fire should be kept away from the stove.
- Children should also be kept away from hot stoves and paid particular attention to when they are in the kitchen.
- Facing pot handles towards the rear of the stove can save them from being knocked over and scalding people nearby.
- Long sleeves and loose clothing should be avoided while cooking as it can easily catch fire.

### Thanksgiving Travel Safety

The Thanksgiving holiday is one of the busiest travel times of the year and with all the excitement travelers can become more focused on celebrations than getting to their destination as safely as possible.

- An emergency road kit is important to have in case of a breakdown or accident.
- Ideally, travel outside of the heaviest days to avoid congestion – which are the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the Sunday afterward.
- Get your car road-ready and start your trip with a full tank of gas.
- Don't be distracted. It's illegal to text and drive in Massachusetts and drivers who text and drive are 23 times more likely to get into a crash than those who don't.
- Don't drink and drive.



In observance of the  
Thanksgiving holidays,  
FBEMC offices  
will be closed

Thursday and Friday  
November 24th & 25th

- At airports, remember the 3-1-1 rule for carry-ons.
- Food items in your carry-on luggage must be in clear plastic bags and less than 3.4 ounces.
- Thanksgiving is the busiest time of the year at airports; packing smartly will help security lines move along quickly.

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## Manager's Report

### Co-Op's Helping Co-Op's



Jeff Loven

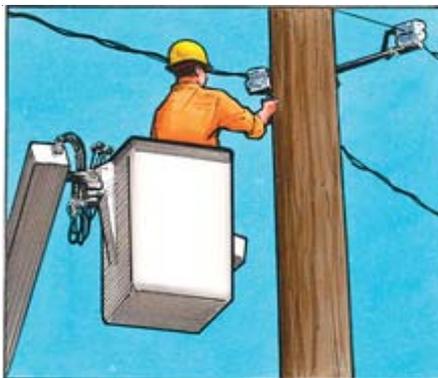
In the United States of America, there are over 900 electric membership cooperatives. French Broad EMC is one of 26 located in North Carolina. There are numerous advantages to being a member of an electrical cooperative.

Cooperatives are deeply rooted in the communities they serve. They not only strive to keep everyone's electrical service up and running, but they provide jobs, they are involved in community service and they support local educational projects within the service area. However, the Electric Cooperative's greatest strength is their commitment to help one another.

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Eastern North Carolina was devastated by Hurricane Matthew. Millions of homes were left without electricity and almost 300,000 of them were served by electric cooperatives. French Broad EMC received the call late Saturday that several of our sister electric cooperatives were in need of all the help they could get.

Before the sun rose Sunday morning, we sent a convoy of trucks and linemen eastward, down I-40, to Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation just outside of Rockingham, NC. Our crews arrived before noon and began work immediately. They worked for two days straight and by Tuesday

morning had every Pee Dee Electric member's power back on. Pee Dee Electric's manager called to thank us for the assistance and praised our crews for how much work they did and how respectful they were to their members.



Word travels quickly in the co-op world, and when you perform at a high level, your services are in high demand. Other Cooperatives were in need of assistance and our crews immediately headed towards South River Electric, located in Dunn, NC, just outside of Fayetteville. South River EMC is similar in size to French Broad EMC and the majority of their membership was without power after the storm struck.

Our guys arrived Tuesday afternoon and started getting South River's members' power back on immediately. They worked throughout the night on Tuesday, and all day Wednesday, logging over 40 straight hours

without sleep. They began work before daylight on Thursday, getting the last customer on late Thursday night. After the work was complete, they loaded up their trucks and made the eight hour ride back to the mountains in Western North Carolina.

They all arrived back at French Broad EMC safely but tired and, as always, happy to be reunited with their families. They were thankful for the opportunity to help other cooperatives in their time of need and South River EMC made it a point to let us all know how appreciative they were for our crews and how hard they worked to get everyone's electrical service restored.

There are many benefits to being a member of French Broad Electric and at the top of the list has to be our employees' dedication to making sure every member's electricity stays on and their willingness to help others in crisis situations.

#### **Member Tip**

During an outage, collect the battery-powered solar lights from your yard, bring them inside and put them in a jar on a table for a light source.

When daylight dawns, place lights back outside to recharge.

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## In Memoriam



French Broad EMC was recently saddened by the death of one of its retirees. Charles William "Bill" Loven passed away Thursday, October 13, 2016 at his home.

He was a graduate of Mars Hill College where he held the school record for the most points scored in a basketball game.

Bill retired in 2015 after being employed at French Broad EMC for 35 years as Assistant General Manager and Burnsville District Manager.

Bill valued his family, his friends and his electric cooperative and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his entire family.

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

### Burnsville District

Clearing Schedule: Micaville to Burnsville along Hwy 19 E, including all service territory around East Yancey and Town of Burnsville; McKinney Cove, White Oak Creek and Bear Creek.

### Marshall District

Clearing Schedule: Transmission Line from Cedar Hill to Sandy Mush; Old Asheville Highway from Devils Fork to Flag Pond exit, lower end of Rice Creek, Higgins Creek; and Mars Hill Substation up Hwy 19 to Crooked Creek Road.

If you have questions or want more information, please visit our website at [www.frenchbroademc.com](http://www.frenchbroademc.com) or contact us at 828/649-2051.

### 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.

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# The Outlet

All numbers are in 828 area code unless otherwise listed.

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Mail ads to Paula Seay, French Broad EMC, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

## FOR SALE

Norman Rockwell artwork collection. 778-9885.

2015 Kawasaki KX 250F, 4-stroke. 777-5422.

Propane monitor heater, MPI GF 1800, 20k BTU, \$250. 682-0601.

Propane monitor heater, MPI GF 3800, 38k BTU, \$350 OBO. 682-0601.

5-drawer highboy dresser, antique dark oak. 688-5506.

Majestic ventless firebox, Sierra LP gas log kit, light oak wall mantel. 688-5506.

Epson ink cartridges, (8), yellow, black, magenta, cyan, \$25 OBO. 688-3032.

Standard paper tray for Epson Work Force 545, all-in-one printer. 688-3032.

Lawn mower, Roof brand, \$175. 329-8141.

Goats: (2) weather males, \$135/both. 558-8472.

Goat: (1) female, Nubian/kicko Alpine mix, \$135. 558-8472.

Beef, grass fed, 400-900 lbs. 675-5523.

Inflatable 2-3 man boat, \$45. 423/743-0087.

125-lb LP gas tanks (2), \$650. 779-4319.

Flea market items, \$1. 757/275-5610.

1940s hoosier cabinet, white w/ green ivy, \$300 OBO. 536-4211.

Catcher for 42" Craftsman mower, \$50. 691-1390.

1995 Ford Taurus wagon, \$650 OBO. 536-4210.

4-Acres, Bakersville. 910-844-5820.

Firewood. 680-9842.

Tile cutter, \$35. 239/777-8107.

Motherhood maternity tops & dresses, size med & lg. 766-5081.

1974 Olds Salon, 93k mi. 688-3099.

1972 Olds Cutlass, 58k mi. 688-3099.

Ceramic tiles, 12 boxes, \$155. 239/777-8107.

Nordic Track ski exerciser, \$100 OBO. 688-1144.

Artificial Christmas tree, 7'x5', \$75. 688-1144.

Cherry lumber, 200+ board feet, 20yrs old, \$1,150. 645-2704.

34 Acres, views, power/septic, \$200,000. 704/996-2481.

Wisconsin engine, 4cyl, \$800. 665-2306.

Stackable bunk bed w/ ladder, \$175. 713-6527.

Double mattress w/ box springs. 683-4169.

Cooler water fountains: 1-Elkay, \$100; 1-Oasis, \$75. 206-9535.

Double mattress w/ box springs, \$75. 208-1539.

Antique wrought iron plant stand, \$15. 208-1539.

Alkaline water ionizer w/ instruction manual & video, \$1,200. 645-9860.

Charcoal smoker made from oil barrel, \$400. 775-2316.

Dining room set w/ 6 chairs & china cabinet, \$1,000. 515-0202.

Couch & loveseat w/ recliners, tan, \$1,000. 515-0202.

1980 Volvo 244 DL, 70k mi, \$6,000. 625-2430.

24" propane stove, \$450. 625-2430.

1973 vintage Pontiac LeMans, 46k mi, \$3,500. 688-9509.

Brother VX-1100 deluxe sewing machine, \$50. 656-9405.

Sports Illustrated magazines, \$0.50ea. 656-9405.

Gas monitor, GF 3800, \$1,200. 675-9802.

Work horse harness & (2) bridles, \$450. 689-5755.

Men's camouflage jackets, size 3X, \$20ea. 689-4999.

Silver soprano flue w/ case, \$100. 720/883-7679.

Zeagle BCD, \$500 OBO. 720/883-7679.

Kennebec potatoes. 656-2737.

Comforters, quilts, throws, stadium seats. 689-2763.

Winter coats & sweaters for girls/ women. 675-4271.

Women's watches & estate jewelry. 675-4271.

## WANTED

Junk Cars. 689-5125.

Old barn to dismantle for lumber, flooring, doors, etc. 380-1232.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

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

Will Do: tree trimming, lot/view clearing, structure removals. 208-5865.

Will Do: deck building, garage cleaning. 208-5865.

Live Christmas Pageant, Gabriels Creek Church, Dec 3 & 4, 6-8pm. 682-6755.

For Rent: 2BR/1BA home, river view, near Bakersville, \$550/mo. 385-9858.

For Rent: vacation rental, creek side cabin, pvt, fenced, fire pit. 656-2281.

Will Do: clean rental houses. 206-1430.

Farmers Market, MHU, Sat 9am-1pm. www.marshallmarket.org.

Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: cut trees & clear land. 675-4003.

Will Do: pressure wash & stain. 675-4003.