

# The Electrifier

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## Severe Weather

Severe weather can happen anytime, in any part of the country. Severe weather can include hazardous conditions produced by thunderstorms, including damaging winds, tornadoes, large hail, flooding and flash flooding, and winter storms associated with freezing rain, sleet, snow and strong winds.

Thunderstorms may occur singly, in clusters or in lines. Warm, humid conditions are highly favorable for thunderstorm development. All thunderstorms are dangerous. Every thunderstorm produces lightning. Other associated dangers of thunderstorms include tornadoes, strong winds, hail and flash flooding.

To prepare for a thunderstorm, you should do the following:

- Build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and cause injury or damage.
- Postpone outdoor activities.
- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage.
- Get inside a home, building, or hard top automobile. Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.
- Shutter windows and secure outside doors. If shutters are not available, close window blinds, shades or curtains.
- Unplug any electronic equipment well before the storm arrives.



If thunderstorm and lightning are occurring in your area, you should:

- Use your battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio for updates from local officials.
- Avoid contact with corded phones and devices including those plugged into electric for recharging.
- Avoid contact with electrical equipment or cords. Unplug appliances and other electrical items such as computers and turn off air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can cause serious damage.
- Avoid contact with plumbing. Do not wash your hands, do not take a shower, do not wash dishes, and do not do laundry. Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- Do not lie on concrete floors and do not lean against concrete walls.
- Avoid natural lightning rods such as a tall, isolated tree in an open area.
- Avoid hilltops, open fields, the beach or a boat on the water.
- Take shelter in a sturdy building. Avoid isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas.
- Avoid contact with anything metal—tractors, farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts, golf clubs, and bicycles.
- If you are driving, try to safely exit the roadway and park. Stay in the vehicle and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. Avoid touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.
- If you are outdoors, in a forest, seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of small trees.
- If you are outdoors in an open area, go to a low place such as a ravine or valley but be alert for flash floods.
- If you are outdoors on open water, get to land and find shelter immediately.

# Manager's Report

## Record Summer Temperatures Trigger Record Peak Demand



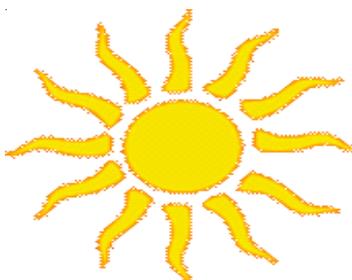
Jeff Loven

As the summer of 2016 comes to a close, and we head in to the month of September, I would like to take a minute to reflect on what has to be one of the hottest summers on record. In our area, it has always seemed like there would be two or three summer days with temperatures 90 degrees or above but this summer we crossed the 90 degree mark nine days in June and ten days in July.

With all these hot days, we have seen several late afternoon and evening thunderstorms strike our area. These storms come through our area rapidly and bring heavy rains and high winds, which can cause a tremendous amount of damage in a short period of time to our electric system.

Fortunately, our crews have done a great job at maintaining our right-of-ways to keep outages to a minimum. When we have had outages, they have been very responsive and efficient, thus making our average summer outage time being just over an hour in length.

As the temperatures increase during the summer months, the demand for electricity also increases. Homes require more energy to keep them cool, and as the heat builds from day to day, the electric load grows accordingly.



Duke Energy set a new all-time summer system peak during the last week of July, eclipsing the previous record that was set back in August of 2007. Here at home, French Broad Electric also set a new summer peak demand for energy during the same time period. The good news is that the cost of natural gas has continued to decline over the summer, resulting in lower energy bills to our members.

So far, French Broad Electric has been able to refund over one

million dollars back to our members over the past four months and this trend will continue into September. As we get the kids ready for another school year, let's just hope that a record hot summer does not imply that a record cold winter is on the way.

### Right-of-Way (ROW) Clearing Schedule for September/October

#### Burnsville District

**Clearing:** Micaville to Burnsville along Hwy 19E, East Yancey, McKinney Cove, White Oak Creek and Bear Creek

**Herbicide:** Bean's Creek, Buladean, Town of Bakersville, Brummetts Creek, and Pigeon Roost and the 115 KV transmission line from East Yancey to Burnsville

#### Marshall District

**Clearing:** Gabriels Creek, Park Drive, Stone Cottage Road, Phillips Valley Road, Bailey Mountain Road, Mars Hill Substation up Hwy 19 to Crooked Creek Road, Shelton Laurel from Big Creek to TN state line, Old Asheville Hwy to Guy Lloyd Road, Rice Creek, Higgins Creek and Devils Fork

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## Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Winter is just 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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**FOR SALE**

Bedroom suite, full bed, wardrobe, vanity, \$400 OBO. 688-5957.

1985 Toyota Sunland Express mini-motorhome, 5k-watt gen, 42k mi. 688-4226.

Wormy chestnut paneling boards, tongue/grooved, \$10/sq ft. 675-9250.

Dayton PTO type generator, 25kw, 45hp tractor driven req, \$2,000. 675-9250.

Corner china cabinet, light oak, \$200. 208-0743.

Antique china cabinet, dark wood, \$300. 208-0743.

(5) 15" steel rims, fit 5-stud wheel of 1976 Ford truck, \$10ea. 208-6625.

(2) 14" alum rims, fit 4-stud wheel from Honda, \$10ea. 208-6625.

(4) metallic meteorites, \$5,000 OBO. 649-9818.

14' alum V-hull boat w/ trailer, 20HP Evinrude, \$600. 689-2575.

(18) Canning glass jars w/ lids, pints & quarts, \$10. 380-0521.

680 LongTrac tractor + equipment, 4WD. 682-3533 or 284-4905.

Wardrobe, solid wood, \$50. 680-9658.

Oven, white, \$200. 680-9658.

Freezer, Kenmore, chest-type, 5.0, \$125. 765-6281.

Bikini Jeep top w/ hardware, \$125. 778-4903.

Oil barrels, 275gal, no stands, \$75ea. 778-4903.

Snowblower attachment for Gravely, \$50. 649-2102.

Air compressor, Craftsman, \$100. 208-2245.

Belt sander, Dewalt drill & more, \$20ea. 208-2245.

1999 Buick LeSabre, 111k mi, loaded, one owner, \$3,200. 704/435-9246.

2003 Hyundai Sonata, V6, \$2,200. 645-4486.

Bed rail, \$25. 284-9531.

Queen air mattress, \$20. 284-9531.

2013 Swisher walk behind brush mower, 11.5 B&S, \$1,300. 808-5002.

Troy-Built chipper/shredder, 10hp, \$350. 208-3655.

Twin bed w/ storage, mattress, sheets, \$200. 208-3655.

Wood burning stove, Fisher Mama Bear, \$350. 380-1513.

Wood burning stove w/ accessories, Jotul, \$350. 380-1513.

4.88 Acres, water, power, phone, cable, Greeneville, TN. 231-8414.

Shop Smith Mark 5 power tool, access, manual, \$1,200 OBO. 645-9480.

Elliptical trainer, \$75. 765-4387.

Metallic silver monogram license plate letters MSS, \$15. 765-4387.

1970 Ford XLT, \$3,500. 675-4559.

Kenda tires w/ alloy wheels, 235-75-15, 3k mi, \$250. 689-8476.

Troy built lawn tractor, 18hp, 42", \$350. 689-8476.

Kennebec potatoes & greasy beans. 656-2281.

Berkshires, male and female adults. 682-1405.

Saanen/Nubian doelings & wether. 682-1405.

3½ Acres, Burnsville, \$25,000. 713-2769.

Lot #76, Wolf Laurel, \$5,500. 713-2769.

Kawasaki 550 jet ski, '83, \$675; 250 Yamaha Raptor, 2011, \$2,750. 904/814-4148.

Fire pit spark screen, 39" round, hinged w/ handles, \$50. 689-9018.

2010 Chev Camaro, 6,900mi, \$24,000. 208-7008.

Husqvarna mower w/ grass catcher, 2013, 125hrs, \$1,000. 683-6879.

Antique bedroom set, \$495 OBO. 688-6267.

Bee traps for carpenter bees, \$15. 206-2938.

0.73 acre lot, well, septic, Greeneville, TN, \$15,000. 656-2351, 423/638-3224.

(2) metal lathes, 1-lg; 1-sm. 778-8012.

(2) milling machines w/ accessories, 1-lg; 1-sm. 778-8012.

English Shepherd puppies, tri-colored, \$175ea. 683-3126.

Wood heater w/ blowers/pad/damper, WonderLuxe, \$650. 712-0729.

(3) Push mowers & (4) weed eaters. 407-8434.

Firewood. 407-8434.

2BR/1BA house on 2 acres w/ creek, \$114,500. 689-3454.

2003 Honda CBR 954 RR riding bike, 34k mi, \$5,500. 423/220-0743.

(3) jackets XL, Wayer; (2) helmets, Icon & Shoei, \$1,000. 423/612-0378.

Toyota Keystone camper, salvage parts, negot. 707/502-1224.

2BR/1BA house on 1 acre, Bakersville, \$95,000/ 385-2830.

Old post card collection & books. 675-4271.

Dolls: Barbie & porcelain. 675-4271.

Cemetery plot w/ vault, open/close, Forest Lawn. 712-5329.

Kennebec potatoes. 656-8181.

#### WANTED

Electric fence T-posts, wire & parts. 254-5455.

Old barn to dismantle for lumber. 380-1232.

Old doors, flooring, antiques, vintage materials. 380-1232.

Volunteers, Beacon of Hope Thrift Store. 380-2882.

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Someone to help discard oven. 707/502-1224.

Horses and goats. 645-7544.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Farmer's Market, MHU, Sat 9am-1pm. [www.marshillmarket.org](http://www.marshillmarket.org).

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

For Rent: 2BR/1BA, Bakersville, no pets. 467-5991.

Will Do: tree trimming, lot & view clearing. 208-4599.

Will Do: move furniture, hauling, tree removal. 208-4599.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

Will Do: clean houses & offices. 284-6563 or 691-5122.

FREE: box spring, full size, low profile. 536-2106.

Will Do: caregiving, weekends. 649-9676.

Will Do: construction/landscaping. 206-0826.

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

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

Will Do: caregiving services. 649-8186.

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