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Outdoor Grilling Safety

There's nothing quite like grilling on a long summer day, especially if there's something to celebrate, like Labor Day. In fact Labor Day is the third most popular day of the year to grill, right after the Fourth of July and Memorial Day. Don't become complacent as you fire up your grill those last few times this summer.

Gas grills accounted for an annual average of 7,200 home fires from 2007–2011, and charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were responsible for an annual average of 1,400 home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Follow these safety tips to keep your remaining summer days safe.

General Tips:

- Never use grills in a house, garage or other enclosed area; this is a serious fire hazard.
- Place your grill away from your home, deck railings, eaves or low hanging branches.
- Before using your grill, make sure you have read the owner's manual.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat from the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended, and keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill space.
- Remain alert when grilling. If you are tired or have been drinking
- Keep flammable materials away from your grill at all times.

Charcoal Grills:

- If using igniter fluid, be sure to

keep it away from children and away from heat.

- When using charcoal, be sure your coals are completely cool before disposing of them, and when you dispose of them, put them in a metal container. Never dump hot coals in a trash can. alcohol, you shouldn't grill.

Gas Grills:

- If using a gas grill, check for propane leaks before igniting.
- Be sure the lid to your gas grill is open before igniting.
- If a flame goes out on a gas grill, wait 15 minutes to re-light to allow any propane in the air to dissipate.
- If you smell a gas leak while you are cooking, back away and call the fire department.
- When you have finished using the grill, turn the gas off at the tank.

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Electric Lines

“The EPA needs to understand the impact that these regulations have on people at the end of the power lines.”

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Every day we rely on electricity. We depend on the refrigerator to keep our food fresh, air conditioning and heating to keep us comfortable and, of course, lights on a daily basis. We also depend on electricity to re-charge our electronics. Whether it's a phone to keep in touch with relatives, a tablet for students' homework or the laptop on which we stream movies, these devices all have become integral to our daily routine.

At work, we rely on electricity to power our computers, phones, lights and productivity. Without this consistent, reliable and affordable power source, businesses would relocate, jobs would be lost and prices of goods and services would increase.

That's why Halifax EMC is concerned about the latest proposed regulations on existing power plants from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This round of rules impacts the power plants on which we rely every day.

Cooperatives are different from other electric utilities. We are owned by our member-consumers. When we look at our power options, we are not driven to make a profit. We strive to provide the most affordable and reliable electricity possible to our members.

The EPA has drafted a regulation that adversely and disproportionately affects electric cooperatives. That's why we are telling the EPA that this

regulation simply does not work for us.

When the EPA drafted regulations limiting greenhouse gases from new power plants, the agency received more than five hundred thousand emails opposing the regulation. Today we ask you once again, please join us. Visit www.Action.coop again and tell the EPA you cannot afford these new regulations.

Your voice was heard last time. The EPA took note of electric cooperatives, and our collective voice showed that co-op consumers were engaged.

That's why we're asking you to take action again. The EPA needs to understand the impact that these regulations have on the people at the end of the power lines. Electric cooperative members are uniquely situated to help the EPA understand that these regulations will cost Americans more money.

These regulations also will cost Americans jobs. These regulations will not work for rural Americans.

Please, also ask your friends and neighbors to join us. Ask them to visit www.Action.coop and tell the EPA co-op consumers cannot afford regulation. We can balance environmental needs with affordability and reliability.

America needs a healthy economy. America needs jobs. America needs manufacturing. And affordable, reliable electricity is the linchpin to these vital assets.





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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Applesauce Raisin Bread

- 1½ cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- 2 cups applesauce
- 2 cups raisins

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease loaf pans. Mix together sugar, eggs and vegetable oil. Add flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Mix, then add applesauce and raisins. Bake 45 to 60 minutes.

Source: Frances Guerry in Bon Appetit by the Halifax EMC Volunteers In Action



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

When it's hot outside, appliances and lighting can actually heat up our homes more than we think. To save energy, minimize the activities that generate additional heat, such as burning open flames, continuously running a computer, or using hot-hair devices like curling irons. This will ultimately keep your house cooler.

Source: Department of Energy

New Co-op Connections Business

Golden Rose Kennel, Norlina, NC—breeder of Golden Retrievers. Receive \$50 off price of puppy. Call: 252-425-3269 or visit <http://goldenrose-kennel.com>. Offer expires December 2014.

Holiday Closing

Halifax EMC will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.



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Halifax EMC Volunteers In Action Summer Recap

The Halifax EMC Volunteers In Action wrapped up a busy summer. After their assistance at the 75th Annual Meeting in May, the committee welcomed a new member, served dinner to the Halifax EMC Board of Directors, and awarded scholarships!

The Volunteers welcomed new member Lavonia Silver of Enfield to their committee. Lavonia has lived in a household served by Halifax EMC for over 60 years. She is looking forward to meeting and helping others as well as giving back to her community. Welcome Lavonia!

On July 22, the Volunteers prepared and served dinner to the Halifax EMC Board of Directors prior to their regular monthly meeting. The board enjoyed baked spaghetti, a tossed salad, garlic bread and a variety of delicious desserts.

July 1 was the deadline for the Volunteers In Action Educational Opportunity Scholarship, which

means the committee had some tough decisions to make. Upon review of the applications, scholarships were given to the following:

Marquez Brinkley of Enfield was awarded \$250. He recently graduated from Rocky Mount Preparatory School and will be attending NC Central University this fall and plans to major in Business Management.

Monna Brinkley of Enfield was awarded \$500. Monna attends Edgecombe Community College and is pursuing nursing.

Krystal Johnson of Enfield was awarded \$250. She is a recent graduate of Northwest Halifax High School and will be attending North Carolina A&T State University this fall. Krystal also plans to pursue nursing.

The Volunteers are now preparing for Fall activities and are looking forward to a new project they hope to share with you soon!



Starting bottom left and going clockwise:

VIA member Debbie Greene serves the baked spaghetti.

VIA members Lavonia Silver (looking up) and Kathyne Hamill assist Debra Montgomery with her salad.

Linda Bozard, VIA Committee Chair, chats with Directors Richard Greene and (left) Jerry Packer.