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LED Outdoor Lighting

Halifax EMC is now offering LED outdoor lighting as part of our energy efficiency program. These new lights are environmentally friendly and meet dark sky compliance regulation.

The fee charged each month for a 46-Watt LED outdoor light is \$10.25.

Contact a Member Services Representative if you are interested in having a LED outdoor light installed.



Cooperatives Celebrate Co-op Month

Every October since 1930, not-for-profit cooperatives of all stripes have celebrated Cooperative Month. During this time, it makes sense to highlight the qualities that make electric cooperatives different from other types of utilities and businesses.

For starters, electric co-ops are owned by those they serve. That's why those who receive electric service from us are called members, not customers. Without members, there would be no Halifax EMC.

Members maintain democratic control of our co-op, which means they elect fellow members to represent them on the board of directors/trustees every May at our annual meeting. As a bonus, co-op members receive special benefits through programs like our heat pump and water heater rebate programs, energy audit services and the Co-op Connections® Card. We also return margins ("profits") to our members in the form of capital credits.

One principle that sets us apart from other businesses is our concern for community. As a cooperative, we have a special responsibility to support the areas in which our members live and work. From sponsoring a local school's baseball team or hosting a community blood drive to supporting new jobs and industry through our economic development efforts, we stand as a driving force in our community.

Of course, co-ops span all industries, including credit unions, dairy operations, health care, housing, and much more. There are more than 29,000 co-ops across the nation. And not all are small or rural. Just look at nationally known co-ops like Sunkist, Ace Hardware, and Land O' Lakes.

Overall, co-ops are more accessible than other types of businesses. We give our members a voice, and we are local—living and working alongside those we serve.

That's the cooperative difference.

Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

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Tell Us...

Halifax EMC is your electric cooperative. Your comments and questions are very important to us. Please tell us how we may improve our service.

Return your comments/questions along with your payment, or e-mail them to bamartin@halifax-emc.com. Specific account questions will be answered personally. Remember to include your account number for these types of questions.

“Halifax EMC cares about the safety of our members.”



Electric Lines

by Charles H. Guerry

Executive Vice President & General Manager

Electric cooperatives are on the lookout for copper thieves. Commodity prices for copper are reaching levels well above \$3 per pound, more than double what they were two years ago. These increased prices coupled with a struggling economy have led to a surge in recent copper thefts across the nation.

Copper thieves often target electric utilities, including electric cooperatives like Halifax EMC, because copper is widely used within the electric distribution system. As a result, North Carolina’s electric cooperatives have encountered a range of burglaries from copper being stolen from trucks to copper thefts at electrical substations—a deadly scenario. In this situation, thieves cut through substation fencing and locks, exposing themselves to high-voltage electricity to steal copper from inside substations.

In recent months Halifax EMC has fallen victim to copper thieves. The reality is that the money these thieves receive for the copper is far less than the costs incurred by the Co-op to replace the stolen copper. Not only are copper thieves putting

themselves in danger, they are costing you, the member, money.

The Department of Energy (DOE) estimates that copper wire thefts cost this nation almost \$1 billion per year.

North Carolina recently passed legislation to make it more difficult for thieves to sell stolen metals, including copper, but the trend is still



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growing.

Halifax EMC cares about the safety of our members. Here are a few things you can do to protect yourselves and others:

- If you see any unusual activity in or around substations, towers, storage sites and other electric utility property, call 911 or report it to your local electric cooperative immediately.
- Heed warning signs posted near electrical equipment.
- Do not climb substation fences, utility poles or towers.
- Stay away from substations and transformers. Such activities are hazardous and can result in severe burns and in some unfortunate cases, death.





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Cooperative Hosts Electrical Contractors Dinner

Halifax EMC hosted an Electrical Contractors Dinner on Tuesday, August 31. The dinner was held at the Enfield office. Electrical contractors from Halifax and Warren Counties were invited.

Halifax EMC held the dinner in order to discuss changes to Service Rules and Regulations, which became effective July 1, 2010. The contractors enjoyed a delicious dinner, were presented with the changes and had a chance to ask questions at the end of the presentation. A few lucky guests even left with a door prize!

If you are a licensed electrical contractor working in the Halifax EMC service area and were not able to attend the dinner, please contact Sonny Haney (Halifax County) or Mike Butts (Warren County) before beginning a new job to discuss these changes.



*Above: Contractors listen intently as HEMC's policy changes are discussed.
Below: Sonny Haney, HEMC Manager of Transmission & Distribution, speaks to the group.*



Daylight Saving Time Ends in November.

It's almost time to "fall back." Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 7.

NC Energy Star Tax-Free Holiday Is Nov. 5-7

Do not forget about the upcoming Energy Star Tax-Free Holiday. It runs from Friday, November 5 through Sunday, November 7. Qualifying purchases include clothes washers, freezers, refrigerators, central and room air conditioners, air source and geothermal heat pumps, ceiling fans and dehumidifiers.

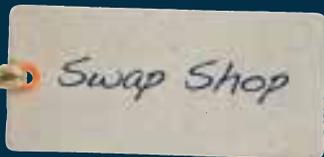
And remember that Halifax EMC offers our members rebates for qualifying heat pump installations with a SEER rating of 13 or greater, helping you save in more ways than one.

No Signs on Utility Poles, Please

North Carolina will hold state legislative elections on Tuesday, November 2. As election time draws near, please help look out for the safety of our linemen by not placing signs on utility poles.

Election materials, as well as any other type of signage, posted on a utility pole make it difficult for a lineman to climb the pole. Signs may also cover a potential hazard that would have otherwise been noticeable upon inspection of the pole before climbing.

Help keep our employees safe!



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