



## THE POWER BEHIND YOUR POWER – LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY IS APRIL 11

You've likely noticed Woodruff Electric's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our community. It's no secret that a lineworker's job is tough—but it's a job that's essential and must be done, often in challenging conditions. This month, as we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 11, we wanted to share some interesting facts about electric lineworkers with you.

Lineworkers must be committed to their career—because it's not just a job, it's a lifestyle. The long hours and ever-present danger can truly take a toll. In fact, being a lineworker is listed in the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the United States.

Lineworkers often work non-traditional hours, outdoors in difficult conditions. While the job does not require a college degree, it does require technical skills, years of training and hands-on learning. Despite the many challenges, Woodruff Electric's lineworkers are committed to powering our local community. During severe weather events that bring major power outages, lineworkers are among the first ones called. They must be ready to leave the comfort of their home and families unexpectedly, and they don't return until the job is done, often days later. That's why the lineworker's family is also dedicated to service. They understand the importance of the job to the community.

Woodruff Electric's lineworkers that are responsible for keeping power flowing 24/7, 365 days a year. To do this, they maintain 4,937 miles of power lines across 7 counties. In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing utility poles to repair a wire. Today's lineworkers are information experts who can pinpoint power outages from miles away. Line crews now use laptops, tablets, drones and other technologies to map outages, survey damage and troubleshoot problems.

Being a lineworker may not seem like a glamorous job, but it is absolutely essential to the life of our community. Without the exceptional dedication and commitment of these hardworking men and women, we simply would not have the reliable electricity that we need for everyday life.

So, the next time you see a lineworker, please thank them for the work they do to keep power flowing, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions. After all, lineworkers are the power behind your power. Please join us as we recognize them on April 11, and follow "#ThankALineworker" on social media to see how others are recognizing lineworkers.

## WE LOVE TREES, TOO!

We know everyone in our community enjoys the beauty and shade that trees provide. But trees and power lines can be a dangerous mix without regular trimming during the growing season.

**If you see our contract crews, West Tree Service, out in the community trimming, remember the many benefits it brings:**

- Keeps power lines clear of tree limbs.
- Helps us restore power outages more quickly.
- Keeps crews and community members safe.
- Reduces unexpected costs for repairs.

**Trimming improves services reliability for you, the members we serve.**





# STAY SAFE

LOOK UP AND LOOK OUT FOR OVERHEAD POWER LINES



## OUTDOOR PROJECT THIS SPRING?

### Here are 5 steps for safe digging!



Know what's below. Call before you dig.

1. **Notify**, call 811 or make a request online two to three days before you plan to start your project.
2. **Wait** two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will mark underground lines.
3. **Confirm** that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 811 call center notified.
4. **Respect** the markers and use them as a guide for the duration of your project.
5. **Dig Carefully** and if you can't avoid digging near the provided markers, consider moving your project.

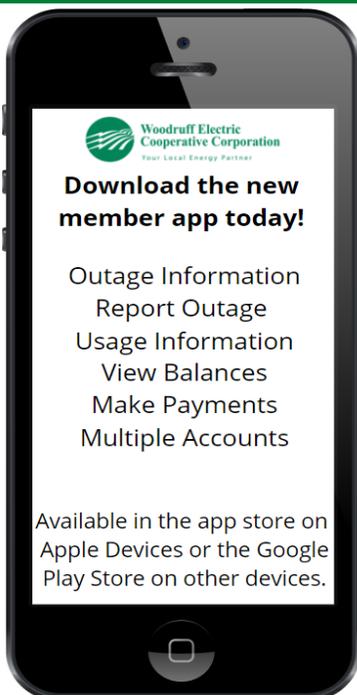
## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

When streaming content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop. Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25% to 30% less energy than standard equipment.



## LEVELIZED BILLING

With Levelized Billing, you will know what to expect on your electric bill because the amount will be approximately the same month after month—even throughout peak cooling and heating periods. Give us a call to learn more!



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