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Putting Safety First This Month – And Throughout The Year

It's May – and North Arkansas Electric Cooperative is celebrating National Electrical Safety Month. While safety for our members is top priority year-round, Electrical Safety Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of safety excellence.

This year, we're focusing on electrical safety in the home. Electricity is the cause of over 140,000 fires each year, resulting in more than 500 deaths, 4,000 injuries and 1.6 billion in property damage, according to Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI).

There are many measures you can take to ensure the safety of your loved ones. Use these helpful tips from ESFI to safeguard your home.

In the kitchen

- Vacuum refrigerator coils every three months to eliminate dirt buildup that can reduce efficiency and create fire hazards.
- Ensure all countertop appliances are located away from the sink.
- All appliance cords should be placed away from hot surfaces. Pay particular attention to cords around toasters, ovens and ranges. Cords can be damaged by excess heat.
- The top and the area above the cooking range should be free of combustibles, such as potholders and plastic utensils. Storing these items on or near the range may result in fires or burns.

Light the way to safety

- The wattage of the bulbs you use in your home should match the wattage indicated on the light fixture. Overheated fixtures can lead to a fire.
- Check lamp cords to make sure they are in good condition – not damaged or cracked. Do not attempt to repair damaged cords yourself. Take any item with a damaged

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NAEC Annual Meeting Slated for Thursday, June 2nd

The 76th annual meeting of North Arkansas Electric Cooperative has been set for Thursday, June 2nd at the Salem High School just off Highway 62 West in Salem, Arkansas. This year the cooperative is celebrating its 76th anniversary and the day will be filled with food and fun for all.

Annual reports will be mailed out to each member the middle of May. **Included with the annual report will be a registration card unique to each member. The cooperative asks that each member bring this registration card with them to the annual meeting in order to facilitate registration.**

The business session will include the election of three members to serve on the board of directors. A brief summary of cooperative operations, as well as other reports, will also be presented. So be sure and mark your calendar for an evening of food, fun, entertainment and door prizes Thursday, June 2nd at the Salem High School.

Registered Members Will Be Eligible To Win A Retired Service Truck 2009 Chevy Silverado 1500 4X4

Entertainment by:

Rick Crawford & Triple Nickel and Billy Jo French and Friends

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Member Registration:	11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Hot Dogs & Chips:	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Bingo Under the Tent:	12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Local Entertainment:	3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
BBQ Meal:	3:45 p.m.
Business Session:	6:30 p.m.

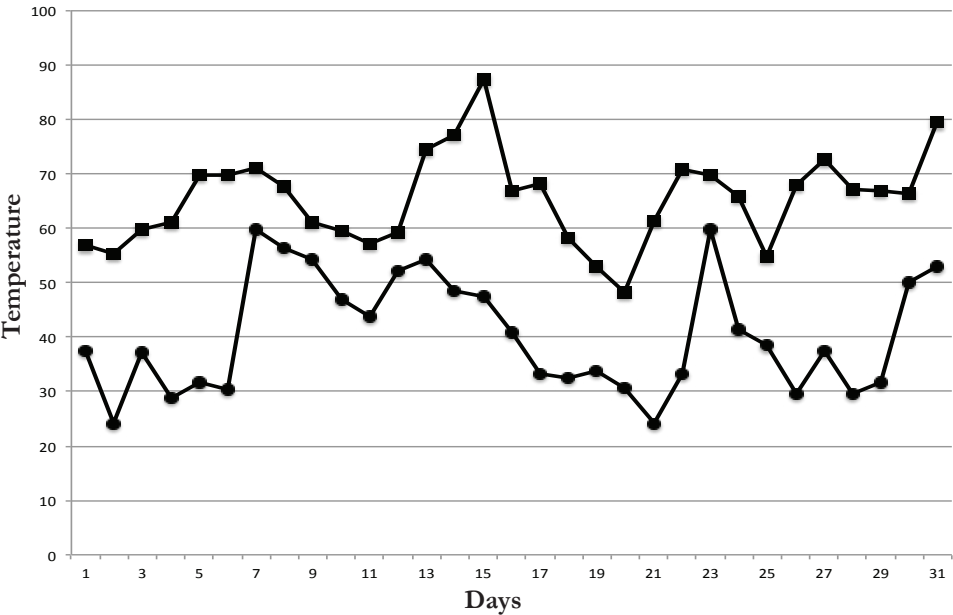


Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.
Source: energy.gov

Daily Highs & Lows

March 2016



Average Daily High:
65.34 compared to 60.14 in 2015

Average Daily Low:
40.42 compared to 34.83 in 2015

Total Rainfall Amount:
3.36" compared to 7.38" in 2015

Warmest Day:
Mar 15th, 87.4 degrees at 4:30 p.m.

Coollest Day:
Mar 21st, 24.2 degrees at 8:00 a.m.

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power cord to an authorized repair center.

- Extension cords should not be used to provide power on a long-term or permanent basis. Have additional receptacles installed by a professional to provide power where needed.

Be prepared

- Nearly two-thirds of fire deaths result from fires in homes without working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be located on every level of your home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area.
- Test smoke alarms every month. Batteries should be replaced at least once a year – or sooner if indicated in the manufacturers’ instructions. All smoke alarms should be replaced at least every 10 years.
- Talk to your family about an emergency plan in the event of a fire in your home. If you have small children, include them in planning an emergency escape route – they are more likely to remember the plan if they’re involved in creating it.

Electrical safety awareness and education can save lives. For more tips and information about electrical safety, visit or use www.esfi.org.

Right-of-Way Locations

West Tree Service
Henderson and Salem areas

We Want Your Response

North Arkansas Electric Cooperative abides by seven cooperative principles. The first principle of voluntary and open membership describes how cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

As a member-owned cooperative, we want your input. If you have questions, comments or concerns regarding the operation of North Arkansas Electric Cooperative, please send them to Messenger, P.O. Box 1000, Salem, AR 72576, or e-mail us at info@naeci.com. Names will be withheld upon request, but all letters should be signed. All letters will be considered for publication in the Messenger or Rural Arkansas Magazine.

We appreciate your support these past 76 years and look forward to serving you in the future.

TWIN LAKES HOME BUILDERS PARADE OF HOMES

MAY 13TH AND MAY 14TH
11 A.M. TO 5 P.M. BOTH DAYS
LOOK FOR A TLHB HOME SHOW MAGAZINE FOR
MORE INFORMATION



Follow Us On

The spring storm season is upon us and North Arkansas Electric Cooperative is in constant contact with the National Weather Service in Little Rock and Tulsa. The cooperative is making every effort to keep members informed of inclement weather that could cause power outages through its Twitter and Facebook pages. Other information such as planned outages and upcoming events will also be posted/tweeted.

Follow us on Twitter [@NorthARElectric](https://twitter.com/NorthARElectric). "Like" us on Facebook by searching "North Arkansas Electric Cooperative" and look for our blue and red logo.

North Arkansas Electric Cooperative will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day

24 hour emergency assistance will be available