

# THE MESSENGER

A Publication for North Arkansas Electric Cooperative Members



For your safety, avoid NAEC power lines and equipment when flying remote-controlled devices.

## Stay safe; avoid NAEC equipment

While spending more time outdoors this summer, North Arkansas Electric Cooperative reminds you to exercise caution near electrical equipment maintained by the co-op.

Substations and power lines carry high voltages, and if contact is accidentally made, the results can be dangerous — or even deadly.

Never climb trees near power lines. If you make contact with a tree that is touching a power line, your body could become the path of electricity from the line to the ground. If you encounter an animal trapped in a tree near power lines or inside a substation, do not attempt to remove it. Call NAEC's dispatch center at 870-895-3221 for assistance.

These days, we are seeing more remote-controlled devices, such as drones and airplanes, which can be a great way to have fun outdoors. However, these gadgets also bring new safety concerns. Remote-controlled devices never should be flown near power lines, substations or other electrical equipment.

Remember these safety tips when flying a remote-controlled device:

- Stay a safe distance away from electrical equipment when you fly. If contact is accidentally made with a power line or a transformer inside a substation, many members of your community could be left without electricity.
- Keep the device in sight at all times.
- Avoid flying if weather conditions are unfavorable. High winds could cause you to lose control.

Here at NAEC, your safety is important to us. We hope you will share the message of electrical safety so that you and others can enjoy plenty of summer days filled with fun!

— Abby Berry/NRECA



## Join NAEC for Annual Meeting June 7 in Salem

North Arkansas Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, June 7, at the Salem Civic Center on the Fulton County Fairgrounds.

All NAEC members are invited to attend. Registration will be held from 2 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Please bring the registration card you received in the mail in mid-May to speed registration.

Entertainment will kick off with bingo from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Magician Scott Davis will perform around 4:15 p.m. followed by country band Diamond Rio.

A barbecue meal by Corky's will be served beginning at 4:15 p.m.

The business session will begin at 7 p.m. It will include the election of two members to serve on the board of directors. A brief summary of co-op operations also will be presented.

Be sure to stay for the end of the business session and keep your portion of the registration card. Registered members will be eligible to win a retired service truck and other prizes!

### Independence Day

Our offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4. Crews will be on call in case of an outage. Call 870-895-3221 or use our app to report.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

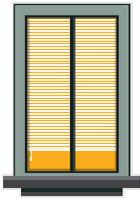


Laundry tip: Use rubber or wool dryer balls. They help separate clothing in the cycle, providing better airflow and a shorter drying time. Wool dryer balls can help absorb moisture, which also reduces drying time.

— energystar.gov

# Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!



## NO-COST TIPS

Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.

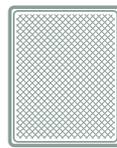


## LOW-COST TIPS

Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you're away.



Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



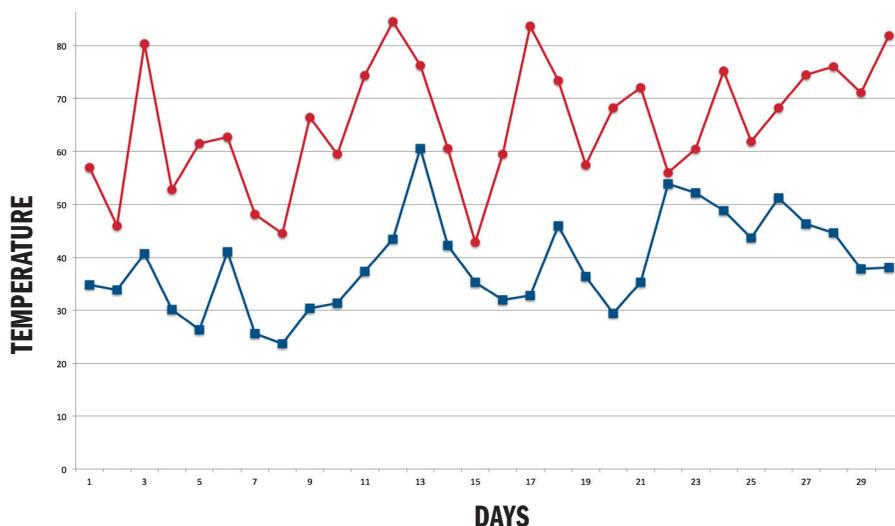
Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.



Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, low maintenance and provide free electricity.

Have energy efficiency questions? Call 870-895-3221 to speak with an NAEC energy adviser.

## DAILY HIGHS & LOWS – APRIL 2018



**Average Daily High:**  
65.25 compared to 74.4 in 2017

**Average Daily Low:**  
38.84 compared to 49 in 2017

**Total Rainfall Amount:**  
4.36" compared to 7.57" in 2017

**Warmest Day:**  
April 12, 84.5 degrees at 4 p.m.

**Coolest Day:**  
April 8, 23.7 degrees at 5 a.m.

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### RIGHT-OF-WAY

West tree-trimming crews will be in the Viola area.

### ON THE FRONT

NAEC employees Janell Curtis, Heather Busch and Amy Barnett lead bingo at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

