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Rid Home of Hazards During Electrical Safety Month

May is a good month to check your home for electrical hazards, says the National Electrical Safety Foundation (NESF). The Rosslyn, VA-based group has dubbed May as National Electrical Safety Month, and offers a 10-point checklist for home safety.

Electrical safety is a year-round responsibility, but spring-cleaning time is the perfect time to look for accidents waiting to happen.

- **Outlets.** Replace missing or broken wall plates, and make sure they're protected by child safety covers if there are little ones in the house.

- **Cords.** It's tempting to nail or staple cords to walls and baseboards to keep them out of the way. But if you puncture the cord, it can overheat and catch on fire.

- **Extension cords.** So

many of us use extension cords as permanent plugs - and that's risky. Extension cords are meant to be used only temporarily. They're not sturdy enough for prolonged use.

- **Plugs.** The third pin on the plugs of new appliances is there for a reason. It's a grounding pin. Never, ever cut it off into a two-prong outlet. Instead, call an electrician to have you outlets updated.

- **Ground fault circuit interrupters.** If you don't have one in your bathroom, drop everything and go buy one. GFCIs can prevent electrocution. They prevent the flow of power when they sense there is a problem.

- **Light bulbs.** Did you know each lamp in your house is designed for

a light bulb with a specific wattage? If you put a 100-Watt bulb into a socket designed for a 75-Watt bulb, it could cause a fire. Check all your lighting fixtures today.



- **Circuit breakers and fuses.** It's important to replace blown fuses and worn circuit breakers with the correct size. If you

don't know the correct size, call an electrician.

- **Water and electricity.** You know this one: They don't mix. Take a second after you blow-dry your hair in the bathroom to unplug your hair dryer. If you don't, and it falls into the water, it can shock or electrocute anyone who touches it - even if it's turned off.

- **Appliances.** Have you ever gotten a shock from a kitchen appliance? It's a warning. Unplug and replace it.

- **Entertainment and computer equipment.** Protect the intricate parts of your expensive equipment by plugging the device into a surge protector. Surge protectors help prevent electrical surges from damaging your equipment.

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IN CASE OF TROUBLE

1. Check for blown fuse or tripped circuit breakers.
2. Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off and if they have reported it.
3. If not, call the office or download the Smarthub app to report the trouble.

	<u>Read</u>	<u>Billing date</u>	
Cycle 1	26th-31st	5th	1-1/2% penalty
Cycle 2	6th-11th	15th	applied 20 days
Cycle 3	16th-21st	25th	after billing date

Operating Statistics for February

	2020	2021
Operating Revenues	\$5,226,445	\$5,923,501
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,968,554	\$4,490,300
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	75.93	75.80
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.81	4.88
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$994.18	\$1,122.30
KW Peak Demand - This month	159,902	206,307
Billing kW demand	105,474	105,316
KW Peak Demand - YTD	159,902	206,307
KWh Purchased - This month	70,675,549	77,758,454
Taxes Paid	\$116,616	\$123,035
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$165,551	\$154,275
System Load Factor	58.8	56.1

New Services Staked in March

During the month of March, 78 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2021 is 184. This compares to 104 for the same period in 2020.



Generate Safely.

Never use a portable generator indoors.

Do not plug generators into standard electrical outlets.

Use heavy-duty extension cords to connect appliances into the generator.

Start the generator before connecting appliances.

Regional Office Hours

Eufaula	Seminole	Seminole Warehouse
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

OPERATION ROUND-UP

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 2/28/21	\$230,817.40
DEPOSITS	8,785.78
INTEREST INCOME	367.57
CHECKS ISSUED	-18,366.73
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-21,138.14
BALANCE 3/31/21	\$200,465.88

CVEC Foundation administers and disburses funds collected through CVEC's Operation Round-Up Program.



Spring is here and everyone is eager to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Perhaps you're making plans for a new garden or a lawn makeover. However you're planning to revamp your backyard oasis, remember to keep safety in mind for all projects—especially those that require digging near underground utility lines.

Most of us never think about the electric, gas, water and other utility lines buried below the ground, but hitting one of these lines while digging is not the reminder you'll want—trust us! CVEC reminds all members who are planning a digging project to call 811 at least three business days before you start. Or you can submit a request online by visiting www.call811.com/811-In-Your-State. Here's how the process works:

After you call 811 or submit your request online, all af-

ected utilities will be notified of your intent to dig. It may take the utilities a few days to get to your request, so please be patient. The affected utilities will send someone out to mark the buried lines with paint or flags. Before you break ground, confirm that all the utilities have responded to your request. If you placed your request by phone, use the process explained by your 811 call center representative. If you submitted 1307220100 your request online, refer to your 811 center ticket to confirm everything.

By taking this important step before you break ground on your project, you can help protect not only yourself but our community. Disrupting an underground utility line can interrupt service, cause injuries and cost money to repair, so remember to call 811 first and know what's below.



Electrical Safety and the Family Pet

Your family pet can turn just about anything it finds into a play or chew toy. Let's make sure your pets don't add electrical devices to their toy chest.

A frisky dog or curious cat can cause an electrical hazard or fire in ways you may not have thought about. Here is a safety checklist for your pets.

- Keep electrical cords away from puppies and kittens so they don't chew on them and receive a severe shock. If you have difficulty getting your pet to stop chewing on the cord, you can paint it with a bitter-tasting polish or wrap the cord in a thick plastic sleeve.
- Make sure night-lights and appliances are completely plugged into wall outlets. Partially exposed prongs are a hazard for curious children and animals.
- Keep halogen lamps away from play areas for pets and children. Some halogen bulbs can reach very high temperatures, and knocked over during play, could easily start a fire.
- Keep appliances near sinks and bathtubs a safe distance away from the water source. Playful pets can knock radios, curling irons, and other items into the water, creating a dangerous situation.
- Discourage animals from curling up behind warm computer equipment. Pets should be kept away from all electrical connections.

AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

2007 Kawasaki Nomad Cruiser, runs great, new tires Faring, red & silver, always stored inside and needs to be ridden, \$3,000, 405-313-9099.

1938 Pontiac, vintage air, PB, PS, 9-inch rear, very nice, \$17,000; 1962 Pontiac Bonneville, needs restored, \$1,700; 1972 Lemans 750, parts car; 1988 Gold Wing, won't start, needs tank cleaned, 3 old parts cars, call Bill, leave message, 405-642-1740.

FARM & RANCH

17 Black Angus yearling heifers, Bull of Woods farm, vaccinated with 7 way and Vitashield twice, 12- to 15-months old, \$900 choice, 405-919-3630, 405-990-7148, 405-275-4432.

Registered Hereford bulls, 8- to 18-months-old, polled, growthy, and gentle, out of productive, efficient, good milking dams, \$1,400-\$2,400, call or text 405-210-8794.

HOME & LAND

16'x 65' 2 BDR, 2BA mobile home, 6" walls, polar pack, 8' walls with cathedral ceilings, thermal pane, windows w/comp roof, no pets or smokers, very clean, \$20,000, 405-273-5877.

MISCELLANEOUS

Kirby vacuum cleaner with shampooer and extra bags, \$275; children's classic books, 10 vol. Anderson Fairy Tales by John Windston comp., 1926-1957, \$100, 405-390-2571.

Bamboo king-size mattress, \$50 OBO; new women's clothes, men's kids', Boys 10, 12, 14, husky, all \$1 a piece, old mirror, \$10, file cabinets, \$5, table with drawer, dining and chairs, \$250, 405-598-1202.

1985 boat, empty hull, mag wheel trailer and 1979 Evinrude motor last tagged 2008, \$400 OBO, Macomb area, 432-8064.

Three-month-old Border Collie-Australian Shepherd mix puppies, also 2-month-old Border Collies, \$100 each, yard wagon 30'x46', sides let down for a flat bed, \$50, Delta Rockwell model 30 radial arm saw, \$300, 405-659-5047.

Cedar tree clearing \$85/hour, brush mowing, \$40/hour, hay

hauling \$5/bale, dirt work/drive ways, \$75/hour, other services available, call or text 405-642-9356.

WANTED - Ashley wood-burning stove, 405-220-3479.

Australian Shepherd puppies, working parents on property, good-looking puppies, 405-567-1975.

Jacuzzi bathrhub (RH) with faucet fixtures, eight water/air massaging jets, \$400, 405-598-0650.

Kirby vacuum w/shampooer, excellent condition, \$275; set of 10 Children's classic books, hard back, published in 1927, \$100, 405-390-2511.

CVEC offices will be closed Monday, May 25, in honor of Memorial Day. Service personnel will be on duty throughout the holiday weekend if you should experience an interruption in your electric service.

ELECTRALITE CLASSIFIED ADS

Each CVEC member family is limited to ONE free classified ad per month. Length of the ad cannot exceed space provided below. Ads run only one time and must be resubmitted to appear in the next edition. **Return the completed form to P. O. Box 751, Seminole, OK 74818. Forms may also be dropped off at either office location, or email your ad to editor@mycvec.coop. Ads must be received by the 1st of each month; if received after the deadline they will be printed in the next issue.**

All information below must be completed.

Name _____

Address _____

Account # _____

Phone # _____

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat.

The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause your air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

Source: www.energy.gov



Find Your Account Number

If you find your account number hidden in this issue of *The ElectraLite*, you could win \$25. The account number must be your own.

Report finding the number to us by the 15th of the month. You need to report finding it by phone, mail or in person.