



MESSAGE
FROM
GENERAL
MANAGER/
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Thank a Lineworker on April 12

AMERICA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES have designated the second Monday of April as National Lineman Appreciation Day.

So on April 12 this year, Navarro County Electric Cooperative will honor the dedicated people who often work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on. Connecting a new member, restoring power after inclement weather and keeping your lights on is all in a day's work for our hardworking line crews.

They go through long hours of field training and classroom work to understand how our electrical delivery system works so that when there is a problem, they'll know how to fix it. Fixing outages often means going out in tough conditions, often at odd hours, to tackle potentially dangerous problems to keep our community powered.

Their dedication and sacrifice should be celebrated and appreciated.

To mark Lineman Appreciation Day, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in 2015 unanimously adopted this resolution:

"Whereas linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on; Whereas linemen work 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure; Whereas linemen are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on and making things safe for all after storms and accidents, and; Whereas there would be no electric cooperatives without the brave men and women who comprise our corps of linemen;

"Therefore be it resolved that NRECA recognize the second Monday of April of each year as National Lineman Appreciation Day ... to recognize the contributions of these valuable men and women to America's electric cooperatives."

Co-ops everywhere proudly acknowledge all electric lineworkers for the services they perform around the clock in dangerous conditions to keep power flowing and protect the public's safety.

We invite our members to take a moment and thank a lineworker for the important work they do. You can use the hashtag #ThankALineman to show your support on social media, or even better, tell the next lineworker you see how grateful you are for the men and women who power our lives. ■



LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY

April 12

When you find
yourself in the dark,
we've got your back.

**NAVARRO COUNTY
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

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New NCEC Directors Seated



Julie Mraz, District 7
Ennis | Replaces Van Fowler



Greg Murphy, District 3
Dawson | Replaces Leonard Mixon

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Navarro County Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting

10 a.m. Saturday, May 15
Cook Center at Navarro College in Corsicana

- ▶ Door prizes will be awarded at the close of the meeting.
- ▶ Look for full details in next month's *Texas Co-op Power*.
- ▶ Make plans to attend.

Spanish and sign language interpreters can be made available at the meeting by notifying the co-op by **April 19**.

POWER TIP

Use wool or rubber dryer balls in the clothes dryer to reduce drying time and static. Wool dryer balls can also absorb extra moisture.

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ABOUT NAVARRO COUNTY EC

NCEC owns and maintains more than 3,000 miles of line to provide electric service to more than 12,000 members in Ellis, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and Navarro counties.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Online at navarroec.com
- Through the SmartHub app
- By phone at 1-855-385-9975
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TEXAS CO-OP POWER

NCEC provides *Texas Co-op Power* and TexasCoopPower.com to give you information about events, safety, special programs and other activities of your cooperative. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the co-op office.

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Filter for Efficiency

CHECKING, CHANGING OR CLEANING your air filter once a month saves money and extends the life of your home's heating, ventilating and air conditioning system.

Air filters prevent dust and allergens from clogging your HVAC system, but dirt still builds up in ducts and filters over time. If left unchecked, a dirty filter chokes airflow, forcing the system to work harder to push conditioned air through tight spaces. This results in higher energy bills and increased wear and tear—and could even result in system failure.

Filter Facts

Air filters protect HVAC systems and collect loose dirt from the air. They go into duct system slots or in return grilles of central air conditioners, furnaces and heat pumps.

The better a filter catches dirt, the faster it gets clogged and must be cleaned or replaced. Leaving a dirty air filter in place cuts a home's air quality and reduces airflow.

Although removing a clogged filter altogether relieves pressure on the system, the system can't perform well without one. Unfiltered dust and grime accumulate on critical parts such as the evaporator coil, causing unnecessary wear.

Monthly Checkup

The U.S. Department of Energy recommends checking an air filter once a month and replacing it at least every three months. It's critical to inspect and replace filters before heavy use in

summer and winter.

If you have pets or smokers in the home, filters clog more quickly. Remodeling projects add more dirt than normal, so a filter working under these conditions may need to be changed more than every three months.

How To

Turn your heating and cooling system off before checking your filter. Slide the filter out of your ductwork and look for layers of hair and dirt. Run a finger across the filter. If your finger comes away dirty or there's a line left on the filter, it's time for a change.

When replacing the filter, make sure the arrow on the filter—which indicates the direction of the airflow—points toward the blower motor.

To help schedule monthly checkups, write the date on the side of the filter so you know when it needs to be checked again. Once you've made the change, turn your system back on.

Filtering Choices

Shopping for a new filter? Before you leave home, write down the size printed on the side of your current filter or snap a photo with your phone. Once you find a filter that works well in your home, it's a good idea to keep a spare or two on hand. ■

Save Energy on Earth Day

- EARTH DAY, APRIL 22**, is a good time to consider ways to reduce your energy consumption. These simple but effective steps suggested by the Alliance to Save Energy are a great place to start.
- ▶ Seal air leaks and ensure your home has sufficient insulation to save up to 20% on heating and cooling bills.
 - ▶ Turn off all lights, appliances and electronics when not in use to prevent unnecessary electricity consumption.
 - ▶ Use window shades, opening them during the daytime in winter and closing them in the summer.
 - ▶ Look for the Energy Star label on consumer products that use less electricity.
 - ▶ Invest in a programmable thermostat and program it correctly to save up to 10% on heating and cooling bills.
 - ▶ Upgrade lightbulbs to energy-efficient LEDs to save money on your lighting costs.
 - ▶ Change heating, ventilating and air conditioning filters regularly so that your system doesn't have to work as hard to operate properly.
 - ▶ Wash clothes in cold water and line dry them.
 - ▶ Use low-flow faucets and showerheads.
 - ▶ Reduce your water heater temperature to 120 degrees and wrap the tank in an insulating blanket. ■



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Good Friday

Friday, April 2

Our offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Easter

Sunday, April 4

**Lineman
Appreciation Day**
Monday, April 12

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