

# INTER-COUNTY ENERGY



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*Merry  
Christmas*

*May your holidays be merry and bright!*



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 

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## Safety Matters

# Stay safe when using a live tree this Christmas season

Many people choose live trees in their homes at Christmas, and while this tradition adds to the season's magic, it also increases the risk of house fires.

To protect your family, choose the freshest tree possible. Select a tree with green needles that do not fall off when touched. Other warning signs of a drying tree are discolored foliage, musty odors and wrinkled bark.

You can double check the freshness by running a branch through your enclosed hand. The needles should not come off easily. When you bend the outer branches, the limbs should be pliable. If the branches are brittle and snap easily, the tree could be a fire hazard.

When you get home, you can improve the tree's water intake—and

make it harder to catch fire—by cutting about a 1/2 inch of wood from the trunk base before putting it in the stand. Do not cut at an angle or V-shape because that reduces the amount of water available to the tree. As a general rule, tree stands should provide one quart of water per inch of the trunk's diameter. Check the stand daily to ensure the water level doesn't go below the base of the tree.

An additional safeguard is to place the tree away from sources of heat such as fireplaces, space heaters and vents.

When it comes to decor, use low-heat lights such as LEDs. Inspect the lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections before use. Always turn the lights off before leaving the house or going to bed.



DANIELLE MACINNES/SHUTTERSTOCK

Keep your holidays merry, bright and safe while enjoying the beauty of a live Christmas tree.



## SWEETS WITH SANTA!

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ENERGY CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS, INC.

**Friday, December 10**

3:00 to 7:00 PM.

Location: Inter-County Energy  
Danville, KY

Goody bags, a sweet treat, photo ops with Santa, Mrs. Claus, The Grinch, and Elves too!

Come join us for some free  
Christmas fun!

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.



*Inter-County Energy  
will be closed  
December 23, 24 and  
31 in observance of  
Christmas and New  
Year's Eve. Please use  
our mobile app or  
contact our 24-hour  
outage line at (866)  
224-2235 in case  
of an emergency or  
outage.*

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# Christmas Blessings

*A special thank you to the following businesses and individuals*

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AGE Engineering Services Inc.  
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April Burgess  
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Sears  
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Shepherd Construction  
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Studio Glitz  
The 10th Planet  
Tiffany's Flowers & Gifts  
Timberland  
Tina Brummett  
Tracy Foley  
Walmart, Lebanon  
Weldquip  
Whitaker Bank, Danville  
Wilderness Road  
Wilderness Trail Distillery



## Wrapping up 2021

### OUR MISSION

The mission of Inter-County Energy Cooperative is to provide long-term valued electrical energy and services to our members through a culture of safety, accountability, innovation, integrity, and commitment to community.

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The holidays are the traditional season of giving, and nowhere is this more apparent than here in Inter-County Energy's service area. On a near daily basis, I witness individual and collective expressions of generosity and caring that make me proud to call this area my home.

I hope you recognize the same spirit of giving in your cooperative. Showing "concern for the community" is an operating principle we honor all year long while delivering safe, reliable, affordable electricity. We also express our dedication through special programs and initiatives meant to improve the quality of life for our members.

I'd like to wrap up 2021 by highlighting just a few of the ways we worked to better serve you.

- Our dedicated team of lineworkers maintained the co-op's 3,950 miles of line, while co-op employees worked behind the scenes, to ensure the reliable delivery of electricity to members' homes and businesses.
- Aid from fellow electric cooperatives from Kentucky and other states helped us restore service after a February ice storm caused widespread damage to our system.
- A nimbleness allowed us to safely hold our annual member meeting, an essential component of a member-owned and controlled cooperative. This year's drive-thru meeting attracted 516 registrants.
- Eligible members shared over 140,000 in capital credits, a welcome windfall to many.
- The high-tech tools that Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives had in place enabled us to work closely



with site selectors, businesses and government leaders to help bring \$7 billion in investments and over 15,000 jobs to Kentucky since 2015.

- Our power supplier unveiled a sustainability plan that includes strategies for increasing fuel diversity, decreasing carbon emissions and promoting environmental stewardship—all to ensure the resiliency of our electric distribution system.
  - Programs such as Cooperative Solar and enviowatts gave members renewable energy options.
  - \$8,000 in scholarships were awarded to deserving students in the co-op's service area, allowing them to continue their education after high school graduation.
  - We again sponsored Kentucky's Special Olympics Summer Games, which attracted more than 1,000 special athletes and 500 volunteers, including employees from Inter-County Energy.
- When you gather with family and friends this holiday season, remember to reflect on the wonderful gifts that don't come packaged in pretty paper and bows. I hope you'll count your membership in Inter-County Energy among them.

May your holiday be wrapped in an abundance of warmth and good cheer.