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May is Electrical Safety Month **Respect the power of electricity**

ne of the greatest things that powers our lives every day is electricity.

It is a powerful force that we see in nature like when lightning flashes across the sky. Through modern technology, our cooperative is able to harness the power of electricity and bring electric power to homes and businesses all across our local communities.

But electricity must also be respected. Why? Without the proper precautions, electricity can cause serious injuries, fires and even death.

Here at Inter-County Energy, we work with electricity every day. No matter how familiar we are with electricity, we know that it's a force that must always be used with care.

Electricity always seeks a path to the ground, and because humans are made up mostly of water filled with all types of minerals, we conduct electricity. All we have to do is make contact, and devastating or potentially lethal injuries are instant.

It's important to be safe with electricity inside and outside of the home.

If you are climbing trees or on a ladder, make sure that a limb is not touching a wire. Always look up and watch out for overhead lines.



You may see a green box in your neighborhood. That's a transformer for underground power lines. Please don't

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sit on it, and never dig near it, even to plant a bush or a tree. Remember to be safe around elec-

Remember to be safe around electricity when using all the appliances and tools you use in your home. When you use tools: Look for frayed, damaged cords and prongs.

Remember, that Inter-County Energy cares about your safety. We want you to go home to your families safely each and every day.



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May is Electrical Safety Month.

Safety Starts with You.

#ElectricalSafetyMonth

Inter-County Energy will be closed Monday, May 30, in honor of Memorial Day. Please feel free to use our mobile app or contact our 24-hour outage line in case of an emergency or outage at (866) 224-2235.





Happy Mother's Day from Inter-County Energy!

THIS SUMMER **STAY COOL & SAFE**

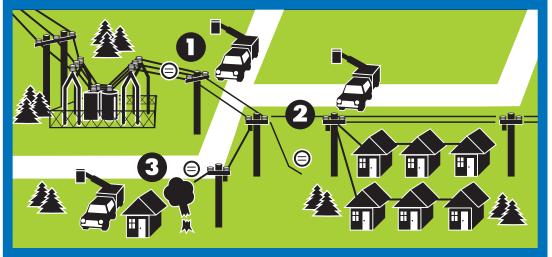
While A/C units and fans keep you cool in the summer, they can also pose dangers in your home.

LOWER YOUR RISKS WHEN YOU:

- Schedule professional A/C maintenance to inspect the appliance for any issues that could lead to a fire.
- Change your air filter every 30–60 days.
- Inspect your outdoor unit periodically to ensure it has proper airflow, remove debris and clean the condenser unit.
- Use a dedicated outlet. Do not plug your window A/C unit into an extension cord or power strip.

Getting you back on line

he first priority in any outage is to get the greatest number of people back on as quickly as possible. So, electric co-ops follow a sequence of repairs to restore power to large groups of consumers before tackling smaller groups and individual consumers. This fictitious example details a typical repair sequence.



1 The main distribution line from substation must be fixed before anyone can have power.

2 Next, repair crews fix the lines that bring power to the greatest number of people in a community.

After larger pockets of consumers are back on line, crews fix service lines to individual homes.

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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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From the President/CEO

by Jerry Carter



Your vote matters

s a cooperative owned by our consumer-members, voting is essential to how Inter-County Energy is responsive to serving you. Each of your fellow co-op members who serves on our board is democratically elected by the whole membership.

Just as we encourage Inter-County Energy members to vote in co-op elections, we also

encourage everyone in the communities we serve to exercise their civic responsibility by voting in elections for public office.

Since 2016, Kentucky's electric co-ops have joined co-ops across the country in the non-partisan Co-ops Vote effort. While Co-ops Vote does not endorse any party or candidates, it advocates for local communities and reminds elected leaders of issues that matter to Inter-County Energy members.

Again this year, Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams is partnering with the commonwealth's cooperatives on the Co-ops Vote initiative.

At the Kentucky State Capitol in March, Adams joined high school students sponsored by Inter-County Energy on the Frankfort Youth Tour to kick off this year's non-partisan initiative. Students representing Inter-County Energy are shown above at the Capitol.

As part of our civic duty, we want to do our part to spread the word about some changes to the elections in Kentucky this year.

May's Primary Election on Tuesday, May 17, will be the first time that most Kentucky voters will cast their



ballot under the election reforms passed in 2021.

One of the biggest changes is the creation of early in-person voting the Thursday, Friday and Saturday preceding the election. That means early voting in Kentucky's 2022 Primary Election will be on May 12, 13 and 14.

Another significant change is that voters can request absentee ballots through the secure online portal, GoVoteKy.com. For the primary election, the deadline to request an absentee ballot is May 3. Ballots can be mailed in or placed into a secure drop-box.

Though the deadline has passed to register to vote in the May 17 primary election, the last day to register for the 2022 General Election is October 11.

Kentuckians can connect with elected leaders and stay informed on issues facing rural Kentucky on RuralPowerKY.com, a grassroots portal that links to Co-ops Vote resources.

Active civic engagement, including voting, contributes to the health and economic vitality of local communities. And that's what Inter-County Energy is all about.