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## STAY BACK AND STAY SAFE



Working with electricity can be a dangerous job, especially for lineworkers. In fact, *USA Today* lists line repairers and install-

ers among the most dangerous jobs in the United States. We strive to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy to you, our consumer-members. But equally important, we want our employees to return home safely to their loved ones at the end of the workday. This requires ongoing focus, dedication, vigilance—and your help!

### Distractions can be deadly.

While we appreciate your kindness and interest in the work of our crews, we ask that you stay back and let them focus on their task at hand. Even routine work has the potential to be dangerous, and it takes their full attention and that of their colleagues, who are also responsible for the team's safety. Distractions can have

deadly consequences. If a lineworker is on or near your property during a power outage, for vegetation management or for routine maintenance, please allow them ample room to work. These small accommodations help protect our crews—and you.

If you have a dog, try to keep it indoors while lineworkers are on or near your property. While most dogs are friendly, some are defensive of their territory. Our crews work best without a pet “supervising” the job.

We recognize that for your family's safety, you want to make sure only authorized workers are on or near your property. You will recognize Clark Electric Cooperative trucks and vehicles by the logo displayed on the doors. You may also recognize our workers because they live right here in our local communities.

If you are ever concerned about a worker's identity or actions, please feel free to contact our office to verify their identity.

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### Slow down and move over.

In addition to giving lineworkers some space while they are near your property, we also ask that you move over or slow down when approaching a utility vehicle on the side of the road. Additionally, large utility vehicles often have outriggers that extend away from the chassis to provide greater stabilization. For everyone's safety, please don't crowd utility vehicles. This is an extra barrier of safety to help those who help all of us. Thank you for your help.





# PROVIDING RELIABLE ELECTRICITY

Beyond the flip  
of a switch

Clark Electric Cooperative has numerous maintenance programs that help provide safe, reliable electricity. One of the most important programs the cooperative performs is our vegetation management program. This program is twofold. First, trees are cut and trimmed from within the right-of-way. Once the trimming and clearing process has been completed, a herbicide application is applied to help reduce regrowth within the right-of-way.

In today's high-tech electronic world that we live in, it's more important than ever to provide safe, reliable electricity to our members. Trees continue to be among the leading causes of blinking lights and power outages. The cooperative has an extensive tree-clearing program that is performed on a five-year rotation by professional tree-clearing contractors. The contractors are instructed to cut, clear, and mow the right-of-way to provide 15 feet of clearance to the primary power lines. Clear-



ance of 3 to 6 feet is required on overhead secondary service wires, depending on the type of service you have.

The cooperative also has a herbicide program that is completed on a two-year rotation. This program is also completed by professional contractors who are all state certified and licensed through the Department of Agriculture. The use of herbicides to control small trees and brush is far more economical compared to the use of heavy machinery such as bucket trucks, chippers, and mowers.

It's important to remember that a single tree can cause blinking lights and power outages that can affect hundreds of customers for miles around. A tree-clearing program in combination with herbicide treatments is the most economical way to maintain a clear right-of-way corridor.

These very important maintenance programs are just two of many that are needed to help keep the lights on when you, the member, flips the switch.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

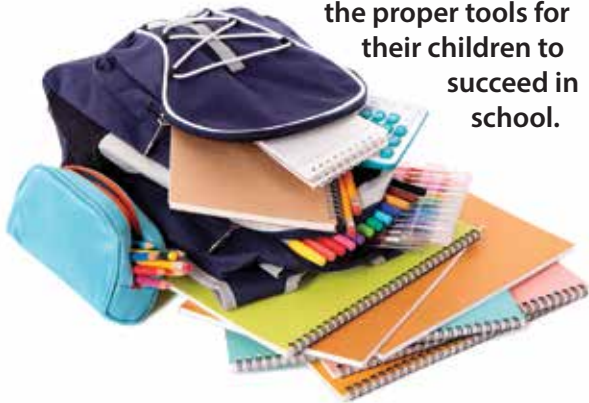
Routinely replace or clean your air conditioner's filter. Replacing a dirty, clogged filter can reduce your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5 to 15 percent.—Source: *energy.gov*





# Back to School Supplies Drive

Clark Electric Cooperative is sponsoring a School Supplies Drive so our employees and members can donate back-to-school items to help families in our local school districts who are having difficulty providing the proper tools for their children to succeed in school.



## Needed supplies

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|---|-------------------------------|
| #2 wooden yellow pencils                        | Colored pencils               |
| Ballpoint pens                                  | Washable markers              |
| Plain pocket folders                            | Watercolor paints             |
| Spiral notebooks – wide ruled                   | Highlighters                  |
| Notebook paper – wide ruled                     | Zipper binders                |
| 3-ring binders                                  | Protractor                    |
| Box of 24 or 64 crayons<br>(preferably Crayola) | Ruler (1/8 scale and metric)  |
| Pink erasers                                    | Scissors (preferably Fiskars) |
| Glue bottles                                    | Backpacks                     |
| Glue sticks                                     | Facial tissues                |
| Dry erase markers                               | Deodorant                     |

Monetary donations are also welcome. Supplies will be purchased with the funds and distributed along with the other supplies to the schools.



## Drop-off location

### Clark Electric Cooperative

1209 W Dall-Berg Rd., Greenwood, WI 54437  
 From Greenwood: West on G to 2nd left after the bridge –  
 turn on River Road, then Dall-Berg Road.  
 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

# CALL FIRST!

Are you hoping to finish up some home-improvement projects before fall sets in? If any of them require digging, be sure to Call Diggers Hotline at 811 at least three working days before you start. It's a free, one-stop source for locating underground utilities.



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHELLE WALDE

Michelle Walde has recently been promoted to inside sales manager for Clark Electric Appliance and Satellite, Inc. (CEAS)



Michelle began her career with Clark Electric Appliance and Satellite as a customer service representative and was later promoted to assistant manager of sales. In January 2019 she transferred to Clark Electric Cooperative.

Michelle will now hold the position of inside sales manager for the CEAS with primary responsibility for the Via Sat (high-speed internet), appliance sales, and First Call (monitoring service). She will also continue to work with the cooperative.

### GEOHERMAL

When COMFORT Matters



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*Help us kick off Cooperative Month...*

## Clark Electric Cooperative's MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

### Saturday, September 21



**7 to 11 a.m.**  
**Clark Electric Cooperative  
headquarters**  
1209 W Dall-Berg Road, Greenwood

*Free pancake breakfast,  
giant inflatables, fun crafts for kids,  
and much more!*



*Watch next  
month's WECN for  
more details*

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