


Member Newsletter



SEQUACHEE VALLEY
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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May 2010

May is National Electrical Safety Month Surge Protector & Power Strip Safety

“This Little Thing Saved My Computer!”



“This little thing has been a life saver to me. I would tell anyone that it is worth the money to have this protection.”

*Inez Winton,
Tracy City*

You can't control the forces of nature. But you can control how vulnerable your home is to power surges with “The Shield” Surge Protection Program from SVEC.

**Free Installation — a \$30 value
Through June 30!**

Call your local SVEC office for details!

Facts and Statistics

Keep these safety principles in mind when using power strips and surge protectors:

- **Remember that power strips and surge protectors are not the same thing.** While some power strips are surge suppressors, be certain you are buying the equipment that matches your needs.
- **Be sure you are not overloading the circuit.** Know the capacity of the circuit and the power requirements of all the electrical items plugged into the power strip, and all the other outlets on the circuit.
- **Surge protectors protect equipment, but they do not protect from the potential hazards of an overloaded circuit.** Make sure the electrical load is not too great for the circuit.
- **A heavy reliance on power strips is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs.** Have additional outlets installed by a licensed electrician where you need them.
- **Consider purchasing surge suppressors with cable and phone jacks to provide the same protection to your phone, fax, computer modem and television.**

Notice: SVEC spraying herbicides in right-of-way areas

In order to maintain reliable electrical service to our members, SVEC will be using herbicides to control brush under the power lines. We are selectively targeting only those species that will grow into the lines and will choose only areas of right-of-way that are not maintained by some other means.

Yards, gardens, hay/livestock fields and other maintained areas, will not be sprayed.

Treatment will begin in the next few weeks.

The products used for this treatment have been approved for use by the EPA and the State of Tennessee and will be applied using a combination of backpack and truck sprayers.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of herbicides or our line clearance operations, please contact Thomas Moore, SVEC System Arborist with Environmental Consultants Inc. in the Vegetation Management Department at (423) 658-9842.

SVEC pays taxes to local communities 2009 ad valorem taxes

Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative recently made payments of \$730,359.14 in ad valorem taxes to city and county governments in eight counties in its service area.

These payments represent taxes for lines, buildings, equipment and all other facilities necessary to provide electric service to SVEC's residential and commercial member-owners.

Often mistakenly criticized for "not paying taxes," cooperatives do, in fact, pay, and they pay a lot. While it's true that your electric cooperative is a "not-for-profit, tax-exempt" organization, that can be misleading. Your electric cooperative is organized under state law as a "not-for-profit" corporation. That simply means it sets its costs to recover only what is needed to operate the business. Excess profits are reinvested in the utility to keep rates low for everyone. As for being "tax exempt," electric cooperatives are exempt from paying federal corporate income tax, but as you can see from the figures to the right, co-ops do pay taxes!

City/County	2009
Bledsoe County	\$111,275.00
Pikeville	\$16,872.00
Coffee County	\$518.49
Grundy County	\$163,141.00
Tracy City	\$5,147.00
Hamilton County	\$2,436.00
Marion County	\$234,755.00
Jasper	\$3,424.36
Kimball	\$871.00
New Hope	\$609.00
South Pittsburg	\$14,579.00
Whitwell	\$4,813.29
Rhea County	\$146.00
Sequatchie County	\$139,836.00
Dunlap	\$22,776.00
Van Buren County	\$9,160.00
Grand Total Taxes Paid 2009	
2009 — \$730,359.14	

And the winners are...

Each year SVEC sponsors the Washington Youth Tour Writing Contest for high school juniors. The first place winner from each of the seven public high schools receive an expense paid trip to Washington D.C. The runners-up each receive a \$50 savings bond. The 2010 winners are:

Bledsoe County High School

- 1st - Lauren Sills
- 2nd - Tiffani Schoenig
- 3rd - Emma Harmon

Richard Hardy Memorial School

- 1st - Sarah Blevins
- 2nd - Chelsea Springs
- 3rd - J.T. Huckabee

Marion County High School

- 1st - Lindsay Cooper
- 2nd - Kevin Liu
- 3rd - Jessica Davis

South Pittsburg High School

- 1st - Josh Wilson
- 2nd - Bailey Stephens
- 3rd - Brittany Anthony

Grundy County High School

- 1st - Hillary Curtis
- 2nd - Marina Johnson
- 3rd - Beca Wojnowiak

Sequatchie County High School

- 1st - Jessica Patterson
- 2nd - Nancy Barker
- 3rd - Daryl Wilson

Whitwell High School

- 1st - Jec Tanafranca
- 2nd - Misty Atterton
- 3rd - Jessica Boyd

SVEC's Cathy Black will accompany the group.

Calendar of Events

Log Cabin Days

May 22-23 - 105 Log Cabin Lane, Pikeville
Contact 423-533-2664 or 423-618-7386 or www.logcabindays.org.

Relay for Life Events

May 14-15 - Sequatchie Co.
June 4-5 - Grundy County
June 4-5 - Marion County

Check your local newspapers or call the ACS at 423-267-8614 or visit www.relayforlife.org for information on how you can get involved.

Coke Ovens Bluegrass Festival

June-4-5- Coke Ovens Park, Dunlap

For more information call: 423-949-2156 - Coke Ovens Museum (Mon-Wed & Sun) 10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

Open Horse Show

June-5- Bledsoe County Fair Grounds. Sponsored by Fair Assoc. Contact: John Swafford-423-322-5649

Don't Get Caught Unprepared!



Don't let dangerous weather take your family by surprise! Be prepared, with a weather radio from Midland.

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