



PREPARE FOR WEATHER EMERGENCIES

FEATURE ARTICLE

Winter weather in North Carolina can be difficult to predict. That is why it is so important to be prepared for possible emergencies. Taking the time now to plan what you'll need and what to do in the event of an emergency can help keep you and your family safe. But all too often, getting help to your home can be delayed during a major emergency. It is important to have a back up plan and the supplies you'll need ready to go in case of a major ice storm or other winter disaster.

Having an emergency kit prepared and stored in an easy to access location is an important part of preparedness. If you have to evacuate at a moment's notice, you will probably not have time to search for supplies or shop for them.

Make an Emergency Kit

- 3-day supply of nonperishable food
- Non-electric can opener
- Gallon of water per person per day
- Important prescriptions
- First aid kit, blankets and matches
- Dry chemical fire extinguisher
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries
- Shovel/rock salt
- Alternative fuel to heat your home, such as dry firewood or generator fuel



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Piedmont EMC will be closed for New Year's Day

Employees will be on call. Enjoy your holiday!

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EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

For emergencies,

CALL 911

FOR POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE

For Power Outages, Call Piedmont EMC

Automated Outage Reporting
1.800.449.2667

To speak to a Member Services Representative
1.800.222.3107

Stay Informed during major outages by checking our website, Facebook and Twitter pages.

www.pemc.coop

[/PiedmontEMC](https://www.facebook.com/PiedmontEMC)

[@PiedmontEMC](https://twitter.com/PiedmontEMC)

Local Government Websites For more information about emergency services in your area, visit:

ALAMANCE alamance-nc.com

CASWELL caswellcountync.gov

DURHAM durhamnc.gov

GRANVILLE granvillenc.govoffice2.com

ORANGE orangecountync.gov

PERSON personcounty.net

For Additional Resources, Visit:



www.readync.org

Plan. Prepare. And Stay informed.



Download the new ReadyNC Mobile application which helps North Carolinians prepare for everything from minor traffic emergencies to severe storms on a daily basis. The app, ReadyNC, is free and available for iPhones and Android Devices.

www.fema.gov

www.redcross.org

www.nws.noaa.gov

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last winter, we had the worst ice storm in Piedmont Electric's history. Despite Mother Nature's fury, we rose to the challenge and restored power as quickly as possible. I'm thankful for all of our hard-working employees who were committed to working around the clock until everyone's power was restored.

Much of our success in restoring power after a major outage is attributed to careful preparation by your cooperative before the storm. You may have seen crews in your area trimming trees around power lines. This is part of an extensive three-year Right-of-Way maintenance program designed to limit the effect falling trees and limbs have on our power lines and decreasing the number of outages we have during severe weather, such as ice storms or snow.

During emergency situations, Piedmont Electric adheres to an Emergency Work Plan where employees' roles are clearly defined. We are all prepared to put in the time

Piedmont Electric is prepared for storms

and effort necessary to get your power flowing again – our linemen and phone contact personnel especially. As soon as the power goes out, our dispatch team assesses our grid as a whole to repair the damage that will restore power to the greatest number of members first, then assigns line crews to fix the issue. By following this protocol, we are able to ensure that members get their power back in the most efficient way possible.

Preparing for emergencies extends to our economic development efforts as well. Our Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants (REDLG) have provided zero-interest loans that helped purchase five new fire engines for fire departments throughout our service area. In many



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cases, the savings on interest alone have allowed these departments to hire new firefighters and purchase other new equipment.

We want our members to be prepared for emergencies too. Start by placing our Emergency Contact List (below) in a safe place where you can easily access it. For more information on how to stay prepared visit www.ready.gov.

Lastly, your electric cooperative is available by phone (1.800.222.3107) 24/7 should an emergency occur and you need to reach us.

Non-Emergency Contact List



NON-EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

Non-Emergency Numbers should be used to report incidents where the immediate presence of an emergency worker is not required, to ensure that first responders remain available for life-threatening situations. Call the following numbers to receive up-to-date information on road and building closures, evacuation routes, and shelter locations.

ALAMANCE

Emergency Management Office
(336) 570-6777

Sheriff's Department
(336) 570-6300

Fire Department
(336) 227-1365

Emergency Medical Services
(336) 570-6796

CASWELL

Emergency Management Office
(336) 694-1268

Sheriff's Department
(336) 694-9311

Fire Marshal
(336) 694-9731

Emergency Medical Services
(336) 694-5177 (Ext 5)

DURHAM

Emergency Communications
(919) 560-0660

Sheriff's Department
(919) 560-0900

Fire Department
(919) 560-4242

GRANVILLE

Emergency Management & Fire Marshal Office
(919) 603-1310

Sheriff's Department
(919) 693-3213

ORANGE

Emergency Services
(919) 245-6100

Sheriff's Department
(919) 644-3050

Fire Department
(919) 732-7911

PERSON

Emergency Management Office
(336) 597-4262

Sheriff's Department
(336) 597-0500

Emergency Medical Service
(336) 599-3136

Individuals with Disabilities or Access and Functional Needs should have alternative lodging arrangements in mind prior to an outage as your electric cooperative cannot guarantee when service will be restored during major storm-related events.



● January ● February ● March

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH OVERVIEW

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACTIVITY

Right-of-Way Activity is a proactive measure to keep the power lines clear of vegetation, keeping our power reliable and our members safe.

Locations are SUBJECT TO CHANGE due to weather and other uncontrollable circumstances.

January

ORANGE COUNTY

- Union Grove Church Road
- Bethel Hickory Grove Church Road
- Jo Mac Road
- Hwy 54 West
- Neville Road
- Hatch Road
- Rangewood Subdivision
- (and surrounding areas)

February

ORANGE COUNTY

- Old Fayetteville Road
- Jones Ferry Road
- Old School Road
- Moonridge Road
- Damascus Church Road
- Bowden Road
- (and surrounding areas)

March

ORANGE COUNTY

- Ann Lane
- Ferguson Road
- Willis Road
- Smith Level Road
- Dogwood Acres Subdivision
- Heritage Hills Subdivision
- Weatherhill Subdivision
- (and surrounding areas)

OFFICIAL NOTICE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETS JANUARY 3

Three seats on the Piedmont Electric Board of Directors are up for election at this year's annual meeting of the members. These seats are currently held by Bill Barber (District 7), Cy Vernon (District 3) and Richard Roberts (District 8).

The nominating committee will meet on January 3, 2015.

The members serving on the nominating committee are

SYLVIA WADE

Rougemont, At Large

DIANNE MURPHY

Mebane, District 4

JERRY HAWKINS

Timberlake, District 7

JOE CURRIN

Chapel Hill, District 1

JOHN MELTON

Roxboro, District 5

JOANNA BROWN

Hillsborough, District 8

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Mebane, District 2

CLEOTIS LAWSON JR.

Roxboro, District 6

KAREN BARROWS

Hurdle Mills, District 9

GREGORY RUDD

Yanceyville, District 3

The cooperative's bylaws provide an alternative to the nominating committee. Any fifty (50) or more members of the cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, in like manner listing the nominees separately with respect to the directorate districts from which they are nominated, on or before February 14, 2015, preceding the annual meeting at which such directors are to be elected.

The annual meeting will be held Friday, April 17, 2015 at Orange High School in Hillsborough.

PIEDMONT ELECTRIC AWARDS BRIGHT IDEAS GRANTS TO LOCAL TEACHERS



Several of Piedmont Electric's grant winners were honored on November 23.

Piedmont Electric honored teachers' innovative ideas in November, awarding 24 Bright Ideas Grants, totaling almost \$25,000, to local teachers in the six-county service area. Each grant was awarded for innovative, hands-on classroom projects that otherwise would not have been funded. If you are a teacher interested in applying for next year's grants, please visit www.ncbrightideas.com. The application will be available in April.

The following Bright Ideas Grants were awarded to teachers to use toward their projects in 2014-2015.

ALAMANCE

E M Yoder Elementary

Jenness Enoch, *Using Technology in Our Listening Center*

CASWELL

Stoney Creek Elementary

Teresa W. Perkins, *Let the Fun Mathematical Games Begin!*

Beth Kirby, *I Can with an iPad!*

Samantha Lawrence, *Engineering with Legos*

North Elementary

Kelly Brandon and Kathy Boucher, *Click Clack Chirp Writing Stories with iPads*

DURHAM

Little River Elementary

Rebecca Maupin, *Celebrate Good Times, Come On!*

E K Powe Elementary

Christine Akinagbe, *Outdoor Adventure Bags*

GRANVILLE

Stovall-Shaw Elementary

Dasie Roberts, *Hooked on eReading*

ORANGE

Orange Senior High

Nina M. Daye, *Let's See What's There!!!*

Pathways Elementary

Robin Leissner, *LEGO Robotics*

Hillsborough Elementary

Cindy Sinicrope, *Flippin' for High Achievement*

New Hope Elementary

Kim J. Kelleher, *Friends of the Nature Trail*

Carrboro High School

Melissa Barry, *Hands On Science*

Kara Watson, *Building Math Self-Confidence with Robotics*

Grey Culbreth Middle

Emily Quadrio, *Robotics and Electronics!*

Smith Middle School

Kelly Sears and Cara Parsons, *Capturing our Natural Environments*

PERSON

Helena Elementary

Theresa Torian, *Getting Our Hands Dirty*
Susan Hess and Danielle Greene, *The Sound of Music and Art: A Sound Sculpture*

North Elementary

Kelly Pearce, *iPads Open Doors*

Oak Lane Elementary

Mark Robertson, *Putting the Bass In Bass Bars!*

Person High

Tara Hubbard, *Virtual Enterprise Tennessee Trade Fair*

April Olson, *Digital Drawing*

Woodland Elementary

Julie Goodwin, *An Apple a Day to Bring Rigor Our Way*

Richard Hughes, *I Pad, U Pad, In Healthful Living*

DEADLINES

for PEMC's College Scholarships and Touchstone Energy Basketball Camps are **March 31, 2015**.

Visit www.pemc.coop to apply.

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IF YOUR POWER GOES OUT, CALL US...

800.449.2667

Our automated outage reporting system uses your phone number to determine your service location.

That's why it's important to update the number connected to your account. If your number has changed, or if you no longer have a land line, let us know by completing the form that comes in your monthly billing statement or calling 800.222.3107.

To report an outage 24 hours a day
800.449.2667*

To pay account and access account information by phone 24 hours a day
877.999.3394*

*Voice instructions will direct you through the system.

Call 811 BEFORE you dig

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