



CONNECTION

PIEDMONT ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION MEMBER NEWSLETTER | APRIL 2019



Our commitment to helping the planet and lowering your cost

An overview of our green initiatives

Around the world, Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 as a way to show support for protecting our environment. At Piedmont Electric, we recognize that it's part of our job to be a trusted resource for our members when it comes to making small changes with a big impact. As your cooperative, we're committed to providing resources and programs to help all of us do a better job of preserving our planet for future generations.

Harvesting the power of the sun

Our community solar program gives our members an affordable option to participate in renewable solar energy. Participants subscribe to the rights of the energy output from solar panels for \$2.50 per panel/month and will receive a monthly credit on their bill that reflects the amount of electricity produced by their panels.

This is a low-cost, easy way to take advantage of solar power, without the commitment of adding expensive panels to your home. Plus, this is a great way for renters to use solar power!

Driving electric

Opting to drive an electric vehicle helps reduce strain on the environment. As a cooperative, we're proud to have incorporated electric

vehicles into our fleet and we work to be a valued resource for members who are considering an electric vehicle of their own.

We have a discounted electric vehicle (EV) time-of-day rate, a \$50 credit for EV owners and an EV charging station installed at our Hillsborough office.

Saving the trees

In an effort to reduce the amount of paper and postage we use, we have a paperless billing option available to all of our members.

If you'd like to help us cut back on costs of bill statements, log in to your SmartHub account, click "My Profile", choose "Update My Printed Bill Settings" and turn off the "Printed Bill Status" option or call us at 800.222.3107.

On pages 26 and 27, you'll learn more

IMPORTANT DATES

April 8 National Lineman Appreciation Day

April 11 Vote Electronic ballots and postcards must be received by 2:00 p.m. on April 11.

April 12 Annual meeting

April 19 Good Friday Our offices will be closed and employees will be on call.

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April right-of-way maintenance

CASWELL COUNTY

Cherry Grove Road
Hwy 62 N
NC Hwy 119 N
Burton Chapel Road
Milesville Road
Byrds Sawmill Road
Harmony Church Road



ORANGE COUNTY

Carr Store Road
NC Hwy 49 N
Corbett Ridge Road

about specific Piedmont Electric programs that can help you reduce your energy use and lower your cost. Together, we can all make a difference!

GO GREEN

HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Here at Piedmont Electric, we want to help you reduce your carbon footprint not just once a year, but every day. Help the planet and your wallet with these easy methods for going green:

TIME-OF-DAY RATES When you sign up for our time-of-day rates, you'll pay a lower rate for the energy you use during off-peak hours. During the summer, reduce your energy use between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and in the winter, reduce your energy use during on-peak hours between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. As a reminder, this year we switch to summer time-of-day rates on Sunday, April 14. We'll switch back to winter time-of-day rates in October. Remember weekends and holidays designated by the co-op are off-peak hours.

Learn more at pemc.coop/timeofday or call us at 800.222.3107.

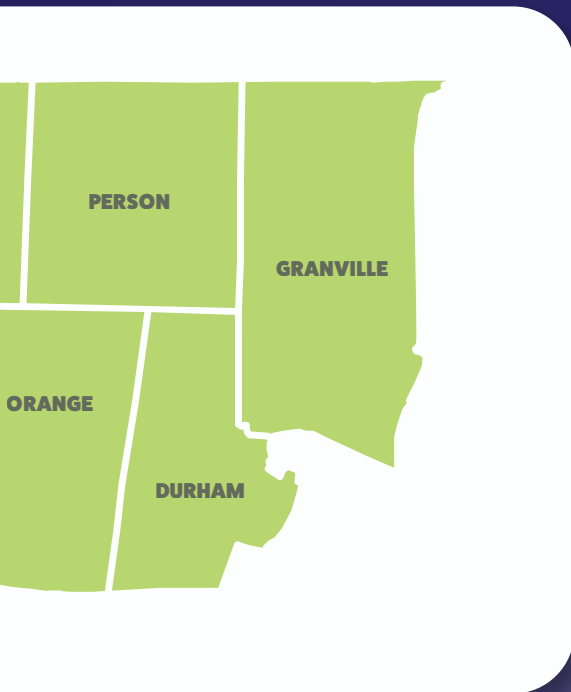
ELECTRIC VEHICLE RATE Electric vehicle owners can take advantage of our special EV time-of-day rate when charging their vehicles overnight. Not only will you notice a savings on your bill by charging during super off-peak hours (between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.), but you'll also receive a \$50 credit on your bill just for signing up and a \$50 credit for letting us know that you have an EV.

Visit pemc.coop/electric-vehicle-rate or call us at 800.222.3107 to learn more.



SMART THERMOSTAT SAVINGS PROGRAM If you have a Nest or Ecobee smart thermostat in your home, consider joining our smart thermostat savings program! Through this program, Piedmont Electric will adjust your thermostat setting by a few degrees on very hot summer days to help reduce our peak. Of course, you can change the thermostat back at any time if you wish. Participants receive an initial \$50 sign-up credit plus a \$2.50 monthly credit on their bill from June through September, just for being part of the program. Members must have Wi-Fi to participate in this program.

Sign up at pemc.coop/thermostat.



HEAR FROM A MEMBER WHO HAS GONE GREEN WITH OUR SMART THERMOSTAT SAVINGS PROGRAM!

"It feels good to do good, especially for our environment. 'Many hands make light work' so I am proud to be an unofficial ambassador of this energy-saving program with Piedmont. Thank you for doing the hard work orchestrating this and making it possible for our community to help the environment while helping our wallets!"

**– Henry C. of Hillsborough,
Piedmont Electric member**



April 8

Use **#ThankALineman** on social media to show your support!



Help us celebrate our linemen

Every year on the second Monday in April, electric cooperatives across the country take time to thank and honor the dedicated linemen who work to keep the lights on in our communities.

Celebrated on April 8 this year, National Lineman Appreciation Day is a time for us to recognize the men and women who put their lives on the line to ensure reliable electric service for our members.

We invite you to celebrate with us by thanking a lineman for the work they do in our community. After all, if you use electricity, then a lineman has made an impact in your life. Use **#ThankALineman** on social media to show your support for these brave members of our community.

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