

Member Newsletter



SEQUACHEE VALLEY
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

www.svalleyec.com

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SNOW!

Right-of-way
maintenance
keeps lights on

Parts of our service area saw more snow in January than they had seen since the Blizzard of 1993. Fortunately the winter storm did not cause the kinds of outages that we have seen in past winter storms.

In fact there were only a few short outages associated with this storm. SVEC attributes this in part to the co-op's power line right-of-way maintenance program which is a priority year-round. These efforts really pay off when ice, snow and wind begin to take their toll on tree limbs.

If trees have been trimmed back according to guidelines they are less likely to fall on to powerlines and utility poles causing outages.



Photo by Sandra Brewer

Trees glazed with ice and snow are beautiful to look at, but the added weight can cause the limbs to break during a winter storm. If these limbs are within range of power lines when they break, it can mean extended power outages.

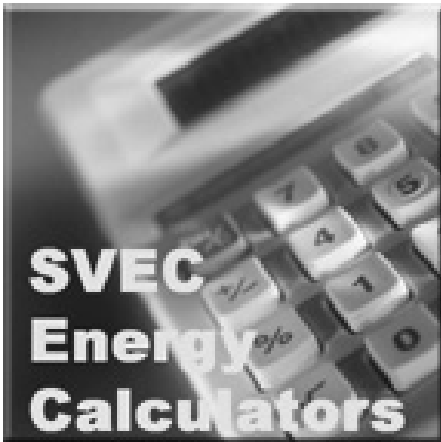


When you plant a tree look up to make sure it will not interfere with your electric service when it is mature.



This tree has been pruned according to SVEC guidelines and is not a threat to these downtown South Pittsburg power lines.

Win a \$50 credit on your electric bill — AND save energy and money!



Visit
www.svalleyec.com.

- Click on the SVEC Energy Calculator button
- Try out a few of the energy saving tools
- Register for the monthly drawing through March 31
- Learn to save energy & money
- Get the chance to win a \$50 credit on your SVEC bill

For many households winter electric bills are the highest of the year. Since you only pay for the electricity you use, the only way to lower your electric bill is to use less electricity.

Learn how you can reduce your family's energy use by visiting our web site www.svalleyec.com and trying out some of our energy calculators.

The site will give you ideas on how to adjust your family's energy use habits to get the most out of every energy dollar you spend.

One of the features on the Energy Calculator site is the FREE TVA home energy survey that evaluates your home's energy efficiency and your family's energy use habits then gives you energy saving recommendations based on your answers. TVA and SVEC will mail you a FREE energy conservation kit just for completing the survey.

In addition, through March 31, when you visit the site you may register for a drawing to be held for a \$50 credit on your electric bill. We will draw one winner at the end of each month so visit www.svalleyec.com now for a chance at a \$50 credit

Don't have internet access? Call or stop by your local office to have a home energy evaluation mailed to you and pick up the free booklet 101 Low-Cost/No-Cost Home Energy-Saving Measures.

Help us serve you better Update your SVEC account information

This time of year outages resulting from severe storms are quite possible.

To serve you more quickly during an outage, Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative needs the **correct phone number** for your home address — land line and **cell phone number**.

Your correct **911 address** and **e-mail address** also make it easier for us to keep in contact with you and in turn, better serve you.

Please check your bill stubs and make sure we have the correct phone number for your home address.

If the phone number listed is incorrect, please contact your local SVEC office listed below.

You can also update your account information on your next visit to SVEC, write it on your bill, call us or visit us on the Web at www.svalleyec.com and click on Update Your SVEC Account Information.

Service Centers

97 Resource Rd, Dunlap
949-2198

3396 Main Street, Pikeville
447-2131

512 South Cedar Avenue,
South Pittsburg
837-8605 or 1-800-923-2203

14002 Hwy 41, Tracy City
592-2511

14087 Highway 28, Whitwell
658-7832 - Mon, Wed. Fri.

SV Propane
1426 Altamont St. Tracy City
931-592-5126 or
877-521-3055 (toll free)

After Hours: 1-888-421-SVEC

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If you are ready to take the next step and make energy efficiency improvements to your home, call SVEC to schedule an In Home Energy Evaluation. For only \$150 our energy evaluator will give your home a professional inspection. You will get the fee back if you spend at least \$150 on recommended improvements. If you spend more on qualified improvements you could be eligible for an additional rebate of up to \$500, or for a 6% interest loan to pay for the improvements. Call your local SVEC office for details.