

Member Newsletter



SEQUACHEE VALLEY
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

www.svalleyec.com

April 2011

Electrical equipment can be dangerous — Teach children safety rules

After a chilling winter, springtime is finally here! The school year is ending, the weather is warm and everyone is ready to get outside. Time to make sure our children and family members remember to have fun and be safe at the same time. Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative urges parents and other caregivers to make sure children know how to stay safe during outdoor play.

Children often do not understand the dangers of electricity. Take some time to get down and view the surroundings from a child's vantage point to locate possible hazards.

For safety outdoors, SVEC recommends that children and adults follow these rules:

- **Stay away from electrical equipment on the ground and overhead.** Never climb a utility pole or tower. Don't play on or around pad-mounted electrical equipment. Electrical power poles and utility equipment should never be used as a playground.
 - **Never climb trees near power lines.** Even if the power lines aren't touching the tree, they could touch when more weight is added to the branch.
 - **Fly kites and model airplanes safely away from trees and overhead power lines.** If a kite gets tangled in a tree that's near power lines, don't climb up to get it. Contact your electric utility for assistance.
 - **Never go into an electric substation.** Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment, which can kill you. Don't retrieve a toy or rescue a pet that goes inside. Call your electric utility instead.
 - **Look up and around you. Always be aware of the location of power lines,** particularly when using long metal tools like ladders and pool skimmers.
 - **Water and electricity never mix!** Keep electronics like radios away from pools and hot tubs, and watch for overhead power lines when cleaning pools, sailing or fishing. Never install pools underneath or near power lines.
 - **Never touch an electrical appliance if you are wet;** always dry off completely.
 - **Be careful using electrical appliances outdoors.** Whether it is a bug zapper, an electric charcoal lighter, or a radio or CD player, caution must be exercised. Be sure you use outlets that have weatherproof covers and ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) to prevent serious shock injuries. Use portable GFCIs for outdoor outlets that don't have them.
- **Keep electrical appliances and tools at least ten feet away from pools, ponds and wet surfaces.** Electricity and water are a dangerous combination. Caution children and family members about the danger of using electrical appliances in wet areas - even wet grass can create a hazard.
 - **Supervise the use of extension cords outside,** check them carefully for exposed wires; make sure they are in good shape, and not frayed or cracked. Use only extension cords that are rated and marked for outdoor use, and are large enough to handle the current needed for the device you are using. Check that the prongs on the extension cord plugs are clean, not broken or bent. Make sure the ground prong is intact in a three-prong plug, and avoid use of adapters.
 - **Summer can signal an increase in accidents and injuries. Keep utility and emergency numbers close at hand.**

Do your part to prevent accidents by sharing important safety information with those you love.



Substations are NOT playgrounds. Please teach children to stay away from electrical equipment. If you notice children around a substation or any suspicious activity at a substation, please call the cooperative or the police immediately. The safety of our members is SVEC's number one priority. Vandalism and copper theft mean costly repairs that effect the cost of electricity for everyone.

Spring 2011 Calendar of Events

American Cancer Society Relay For Life Events

April 29-30 - Bledsoe County
May 13-14 - Marion County
May 20-21 - Sequatchie County
June 3-4 - Grundy County

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

Nine Mile Bluegrass Festival

May 13-14- Nine Mile Volunteer Fire Dept., Pikeville, TN
Contact: Helen Fields (423) 533-2526.

The Bass Federation, (TBF) 2011 Federation National Championship

April 12-16, 2011
Nickajack Lake, Sponsored by the
Town of Kimball.

For more information see www.townofkimball.com or call 423-837-7040.

Trails & Trilliums -Native Plant Sale & Celebration

April 15 -17, Monteagle Sunday

School Assembly
Monteagle, TN

Contact: Margaret Matens at 931-924-2623 or mmatens@yahoo.com. or <http://www.friend-sofscsra.org>

Valley Fest "A Cultural Experience"

April 16 -17,
Downtown Dunlap

For more information visit www.sequatchie.com or call the Chamber of Commerce at 423-949-7608.

National Cornbread Festival

April 30-May 1
Downtown South Pittsburg

For more information visit: www.national-cornbread.com or call 423-837-0022.

Storm Season is Coming! Protect your home



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. Pictured is the service entrance surge suppressor and the plug-in surge protectors that make up "The Shield" surge protection program. For only \$6.99 a month plus tax, you can protect the valuable appliances and electronics in your home.

For More Information
Call Your Local SVEC Office
Ask us about
"The Shield"
Surge Protection Program
Free Installation
April 1 - June 30

Don't Get Caught Unprepared!

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



Now available at your local SVEC Office \$34.95 plus tax.



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
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
658-7832

After Hours: 1-888-421-SVEC (7832)

www.svalleyec.com

SV Propane
1-877-521-3055 (Toll Free)
931-592-5126