

Member Newsletter



SEQUACHEE VALLEY
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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May 2011

May is National Electrical Safety Month Surge Protector, Electrical Extension Cord & Power Strip Safety

Protect your home this storm season



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. Call your local SVEC office for details!

Safety Tips

Every year, thousands of injuries, fires and deaths result from the misuse of surge protectors, extension cords and power strips. Listed below are some suggestions to help prevent these equipment related accidents.

- Use only surge protectors or power strips that have an internal circuit breaker
- At anytime if the surge protector or power strip is hot to the touch, remove and replace the unit.
- At no time expose a surge protector, extension cord or power strip to a moist environment unless specified by the manufacturer.
- At no time use any of this equipment that has frayed, exposed or damaged wires.
- Never repair the damaged wire
- Do not plug a surge protector or power strip into an existing surge protector or power strip.
- All surge protectors or power strips need to be UL (Underwriters Laboratory) or ETL (Electric Testing Laboratories) approved.
- There should be only one of these pieces of equipment plugged into a single duplex outlet.

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 2010 ad valorem taxes

Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative recently made payments of \$746,041.21 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	2010
Bledsoe County	\$107,367.00
Pikeville	\$15,910.00
Coffee County	\$595.81
Grundy County	\$161,549.00
Tracy City	\$4,954.00
Hamilton County	\$2,553.36
Marion County	\$252,177.00
Jasper	\$5,119.60
Kimball	\$1,008.00
New Hope	\$675.00
South Pittsburg	\$15,547.00
Whitwell	\$5,022.44
Rhea County	\$178.00
Sequatchie County	\$140,547.00
Dunlap	\$23,556.00
Van Buren County	\$9,282.00
Grand Total Taxes Paid 2010	
2010 — \$746,041.21	

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 2011 winners are:

Bledsoe County High School

1st -Kailey Thomas
2nd - Julie Dowd
3rd - Maxwil Boyd

Richard Hardy Memorial School

1st - Logan Garrett Coates
2nd - Tessela Hughes
3rd - Logan Adams

Marion County High School

1st - Danielle Sahud
2nd - Alexandra Parsley
3rd - Kayla Brown

South Pittsburg High School

1st - Zach Pratt
2nd - Matthew Hawkins
3rd - Tristan Cooper

Grundy County High School

1st -Dylan Brown
2nd - Chelsy Winton
3rd - Danielle Worley

Sequatchie County High School

1st - Sam Frizzell
2nd - Olivia Hicks
3rd - Brianna Minton

Whitwell High School

1st - Ashtyn Farriss
2nd - Holli Stamey
3rd - Molly Burnside

Marion County High School's Cameron Houts and SVEC's Cathy Black will accompany the group.

Calendar of Events

American Cancer Society Relay For Life Events

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.relayforlife.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.

Music begins at 7:00 p.m on Friday and at noon on Saturday and lasts until the last one quits pickin.'

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.

Lion's Club Horse Show

**June 25 - O.K. Hege Memorial
Horse Show.** Sequatchie Co. Ball Park,
Dunlap, TN. Contact Wayne Reynolds at
423-949-3420

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