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Prioritize safety year-round

At Jackson Energy, we recognize Electrical Safety Month every May, but we also know the importance of practicing safety year-round. From our co-op crews to you, the members we serve, we recognize that everyone has a part to play in prioritizing safety.

According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, thousands of people in the U.S. are critically injured or electrocuted as a result of electrical fires and accidents in their own homes. Many of these accidents are preventable. Electricity is a necessity, and it powers our daily lives. But we know first-hand how dangerous electricity can be because we work with it 365 days a year.

We also want to help keep you and all members of our community safe. That's why you'll see Jackson Energy hosting safety demonstrations at community events and in schools throughout the year, to demonstrate the dangers of electricity. We discuss emergency scenarios, such as what to do in a car accident involving a utility pole and downed power lines. We caution students on the dangers of pad-mounted transformers and overloading circuits with too many electronic devices.

Electricity is an integral part of modern life. Given the prevalence of electrical devices, tools and appliances, here are a few practical electrical safety tips.

Frayed wires pose a serious safety hazard. Power cords can become

damaged or frayed from age, heavy use or excessive current flow through the wiring. If cords become frayed or cut, replace them, as they could cause a shock when handled.

Avoid overloading circuits.

Circuits can only cope with a limited amount of electricity. Overload happens when you draw more electricity than a circuit can safely handle—by having too many devices running on one circuit.

Label circuit breakers to understand the circuits in your home. Contact a qualified electrician if your home is older and you plan to install multiple large appliances that consume large amounts of electricity.

Use extension cords properly. Never plug an extension cord into



another extension cord. If you "daisy chain" them together, it could lead to overheating, creating a potential fire hazard. Don't exceed the wattage of the cord. Doing so also creates a risk of overloading the cord and creating a fire hazard. Extension cords should not be used as permanent solutions. If you need additional outlets, contact a licensed electrician to help.

In addition, we encourage you to talk with your kids about playing it safe and smart around electricity. Help them be aware of overhead power lines near where they play outdoors.

Our top priority is providing an uninterrupted energy supply 24/7, 365 days per year. But equally important is keeping our community safe around electricity.

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Working for You

Co-op-supported STEM literacy distinguishes class of 2022

High school seniors across Jackson Energy's service area are preparing to take "the walk" this month. Donned in cap and gown, they'll stroll across stages set up on football fields and in gymnasiums to collect a diploma marking the completion of 13 years of education.

This year's class has distinguished itself in many ways, including overcoming obstacles of historic proportions. But I think the most significant achievement for the class of 2022 is that they will graduate with more science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education than any class before them.

I'm proud to say Jackson Energy played a role in making that possible.

Seven years ago, our co-op and fellow Kentucky Touchstone Energy Cooperatives entered into a public-private collaboration to launch a one-of-a-kind initiative to transform eastern Kentucky into a center for STEM education.

The innovative program's aim was to introduce high-quality, project-based STEM curriculum into schools throughout the region. The program also included training teachers who would be responsible for introducing STEM to K-12 students. Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives helped to develop the project, identifying and engaging partners to fund and implement the program.

The program launched in

schools in the fall of 2018, the year the class of 2022 entered high school. The enhanced STEM curriculum they were exposed to



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in four years now has the potential to benefit us all.

Our goal is to develop one of the world's largest workforces trained in science, technology, engineering and math, centered in eastern Kentucky.

These STEM literate students are on a pathway to work in a technologically dependent society, which can ultimately help us attract more high-skill, high-wage jobs to the region.

Whether their post-graduation plans involve heading off to a trade school, a job or pursuing a college education, this year's graduates are armed with STEM knowledge that better prepares them for the future.

Congratulations and good luck to the class of 2022!



Carol Wright
President & CEO

Spring storm season



It's not every day that a power line in your neighborhood falls to the ground. So most of us have very little experience when it comes to dealing with one when it does.

The best thing to do if you see a fallen electrical line: Stay far, far away from it.

A downed line can energize the ground as far away as 35 feet—and even farther when the ground is wet.

NEVER drive over a power line, pick it up or try to move it by touching it with a stick or other object. Instead, call 911 and keep others away until Jackson Energy's co-op crews arrive and then give the all-clear signal.

It's hard to tell if a downed line is a power line or another line, but do not go close enough to find out. Even when you know it's a power line, you still have no idea whether the line is energized or not. Assume that all downed lines are dangerous. Steer clear of it—and teach your children to do the same.



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Let us take a moment to show our utmost appreciation to our veterans,
not just this day, but every day.

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PRIMARY VOTING MAY 17
EARLY VOTING MAY 12-14

As part of our civic duty, we want to do our part to spread the word about some changes to the elections in Kentucky this year.

May's Primary Election on Tuesday, May 17, will be the first time that most Kentucky voters will cast their ballot under the election reforms passed in 2021.

One of the biggest changes is the creation of early in-person voting the Thursday, Friday and Saturday preceding the election. That means early voting in Kentucky's 2022 Primary Election will be on May 12, 13 and 14.

Another significant change is that voters can request absentee ballots through the secure online portal, GoVoteKy.com.

For the primary election, the deadline to request an absentee ballot is May 3. Ballots can be mailed in or placed into a secure drop-box.

Though the deadline has already passed to register to vote in the May 17 primary election, the last day to register for the 2022 General Election is October 11.

Kentuckians can connect with elected leaders and stay informed on issues facing rural Kentucky on RuralPowerKY.com, a grass-roots portal that links to Co-ops Vote resources.

Active civic engagement, including voting, contributes to the health and economic vitality of local communities. And that's what Jackson Energy is all about.

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