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POWER OUTAGE REPORTING ONLY

(800) 499-7862
 Outages are handled by an automated outage reporting system. Please follow instructions. The system will automatically report the outage and a crew will be dispatched.

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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



“We’re here to help, not just during the holiday season, but all year long.”

The season of giving

THE HOLIDAY SEASON is when the spirit of gratitude, generosity and looking out for one another tends to be at its peak. At Fairfield Electric Cooperative, that spirit is something we try to exhibit year-round.

Concern for community is one of the core principles that make electric cooperatives different from other utilities. We’re not just here to keep the lights on, though, of course, we’re always working hard to do that. We’re here to make life better for the people we serve—our members, our neighbors and our friends.

Over the years, we’ve faced challenges together, and every time, our co-op family has stepped up. We’ve come together to support those in need, to keep our community strong and to build something better for the future.

Take our Operation Round-Up program, for example. Thanks to the generosity of members who round up their electric bills to the nearest dollar, we’re able to assist local families who are struggling to make ends meet. Every little bit adds up, and it makes a big difference.

We’re also proud to support local students through Washington Youth Tour and Cooperative Youth Summit. Through these programs, some of our community’s brightest young people can see democracy in action and dream big about their futures. We also support our local educators through the Children’s Book Challenge. That’s giving in the most meaningful way—by investing in tomorrow’s leaders.

And because we care deeply about safety, we also spend time visiting schools throughout the communities we serve, holding demonstrations and teaching folks of all ages how to stay safe around electricity. We believe knowledge is a gift too—and we love sharing it.

You’ll also find members of our team actively involved in the community, coaching youth sports, volunteering at local events, serving on nonprofit boards and partnering with our Chambers of Commerce to support a strong local economy. Because when you’re part of a co-op, giving back isn’t a requirement; it’s just what you do.

While the holiday season is a festive time, we understand that it can be tough for many. If you need advice on saving energy to reduce your energy bills or have questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

We’re here to help, not just during the holiday season, but all year long. And during this season of giving, we’re especially grateful to be part of such a caring, generous community.

From all of us at Fairfield Electric Cooperative, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful, safe and bright holiday season.

BRUCE G. BACON

Chief Executive Officer

May your holidays be merry and safe

10 electrical safety tips

1. Inspect electrical decorations for damage before use.

Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.

2. Do not overload electrical outlets.

Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wiring are common causes of holiday fires. Avoid overloading outlets and plug only one high-wattage device into each outlet at a time.

3. Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights.

More than three strands may not only blow a fuse but can also cause a fire.

4. Keep trees fresh by watering daily.

Dry trees are a serious fire hazard.

5. Use battery-operated candles.

Candles start almost half of home decoration fires (NFPA).

6. Keep combustibles at least three feet from heat sources.

A heat source that was too close to a decoration was a factor in half of home fires that began with decorations (NFPA).

7. Protect cords from damage.

To avoid shock or fire hazards, cords should never be pinched by furniture, forced into small spaces such as doors and windows, placed under rugs, located near heat sources, or attached by nails or staples.

8. Check decorations for certification label.

Decorations not bearing a label from an independent testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Intertek (ETL) have not been tested for safety and may be hazardous.

9. Stay in the kitchen when something is cooking.

Unattended cooking equipment is the leading cause of home cooking fires (NFPA).

10. Turn off, unplug, and extinguish all decorations when going to sleep or leaving the house.

Unattended candles are the cause of one in five home candle fires. Half of home fire deaths occur between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. (NFPA).

Source: *Electrical Safety Foundation*

Happy Holidays!

Fairfield Electric Cooperative's office will be closed on the following dates to celebrate the holidays:

Thanksgiving

Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28

Christmas

Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 25

New Year's

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026



Crews will be on standby in the event of an outage, ready to assist our members.

We wish you a bright and cheerful holiday season!

Help Beat The Peak

Sign up now, you could win \$500

FAIRFIELD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE members have a chance to win our Beat The Peak contest during the month of December. All members participating in the peak alert program on Dec. 15 will be eligible to win a \$500 Visa gift card in the statewide prize drawing. Additionally, one Fairfield Electric member will win a \$100 gift card in the local prize drawing.

If you have already signed up, you do not need to register again to be eligible for the prizes.

By participating in the peak alert program, electric cooperative members across South Carolina receive phone, email or text notifications of the projected time of a system-wide energy peak, typically occurring in the late afternoon during the summer months and early morning in winter. By voluntarily delaying the use of large appliances, adjusting their thermostats, or simply turning off some lights during peak times, they help lower wholesale power costs. Find details and sign up at energysmartsc.org/contest.



SCAM PROTECTION TIP

Third-party pressure

Scammers will try anything to pressure you into providing your personal information, and they are especially active during the holidays. If you are ever asked to pay your electricity bill through a third-party transaction app, such as Cash App or Venmo, it's a scam.

Contact us at (803) 754-0153 if you ever have any questions or concerns about your payment or bill.