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Building a Brighter Energy Future

EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22

At Wake Electric, we are committed to delivering power that is affordable, reliable and low carbon. More than half our power comes from emission-free nuclear and we are increasingly incorporating renewable energy sources and grid-optimizing technologies to take this commitment even further.

As a co-op member, you can help amplify the benefits of electricity by using it as a cleaner, cheaper and smarter alternative to fossil fuels. Appliances, equipment, agriculture, industrial processes and even your car can now be powered by electricity, resulting in cost savings, lower emissions and increased productivity and efficiency.

Electric cooperatives are building a statewide electric vehicle charging network and implementing other innovative initiatives that support increased commerce, tourism and

economic development in the communities we serve.

Wake Electric also provides incentives through special rates to make it easier for co-op members like you to access the savings and efficiency that electricity has to offer. For example, Wake Electric offers an EV rate which is an 18 percent discount (2 cents per kWh) off the regular rate to charge your vehicle during the off-peak hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

On Earth Day and every day, we are building a brighter energy future for our members and the communities we serve. To find out more about our programs and services, visit wemc.com or call 919.863.6300. You can also learn more about the benefits of driving electric at ncdriveelectric.com/wake.

OFFICES CLOSED

Wake Electric offices will be closed on Friday, April 15, for the Easter holiday.



Call to report outages: 919.863.6499 or 800.743.3155

Regular office hours: M–F, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Telephone hours: M–F, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.,
919.863.6300 or 800.474.6300

Underground locating service: Call 811

Dedicated pay-by-phone number: 866.999.4593



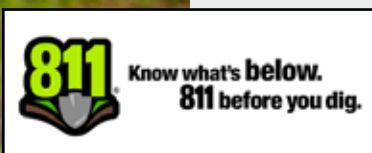
Help Us #ThankALineworker on April 11

On April 11, Wake Electric will join other electric cooperatives across our state and nation to celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day, an annual tribute to the outstanding contributions of our lineworkers.

“North Carolina has been hit hard by hurricanes and storms in recent years, and our lineworkers have gone above and beyond to serve our members,” said Jim Mangum, Wake Electric’s general manager and CEO. “They work in extremely challenging conditions to provide the power we all depend on, and we’re proud to honor their skill, dedication and expertise.”

In addition to serving their own communities, lineworkers are also called on to aid others in times of great need. This commitment to “cooperation among cooperatives” is one of the principles that sets electric cooperatives apart and demonstrates the true strength of our national cooperative network.

While Wake Electric appreciates the work of our lineworkers every day, the second Monday in April is set aside each year to thank them and give them much-deserved recognition. Please help us thank our lineworkers for all they do using the hashtag #ThankALineworker on social media.



Call Before You Dig

Remember to take this important step before you break ground on your outdoor project this spring, dial 811 or visit

call811.com to protect underground utilities. Most of us never think about the electric, gas, water and other utility lines buried below the ground, but hitting one of these lines while digging is not the reminder you’ll want—trust us! So keep safety in mind for all projects, especially those that require digging near underground utility lines.

Slow Down for Safety

Each spring, National Work Zone Awareness Week

is held to bring national attention to motorist and worker safety and mobility issues in the work zone. If you see crews working along the road, we ask that you please slow down and move over. Not only is this good advice, it's the law.

North Carolina's Move Over law protects law enforcement officers, emergency responders and utility workers stopped alongside our highways.

When construction ahead signs are placed on the side of the road, please pay attention. For electric cooperatives, they are typically bright orange diamonds that say, "Utility Construction Ahead." These signs are there not only for the workers protection, but for yours as well.

We understand that moving over to the next lane on a two-lane road might not be an option. In this case, we simply ask that you slow down when approaching roadside



crews. If you approach a crew while traveling on a four-lane road, and safety and traffic conditions allow, we ask that you move over into the far lane.

Utility crews aren't the only ones who could use the extra space. Emergency responders, such as police officers, firefighters and emergency personnel, often find themselves responding to emergency situations near busy roadways. We ask that you follow the same procedures mentioned above to help keep these crews safe. There's plenty of room for all. Let's work together to keep everyone safe on our local roadways.

Special Plug-in Electric Vehicle Rates for Members

Wake Electric offers a discount to members with an electric vehicle (EV) when they charge their vehicle overnight. By shifting some of the demand for electricity from peak to off-peak hours, members can:

- › **Save money.** The cost of electricity is lower during off-peak hours.
- › **Lighten the load.** Charging during off-peak hours puts less strain on the electric grid and helps improve the reliability of your service.
- › **Go green.** Reducing energy use during peak times reduces the need to run power plants, which reduces emissions.

For additional questions about applicant qualifications or to apply for this special rate, call 919.863.6300.



Educators: Apply for a Bright Ideas Grant Beginning April 1

Do you have an idea for an innovative classroom project? North Carolina's electric cooperatives, including Wake Electric, are now accepting applications for Bright Ideas education grants for the 2022–2023 school year. Public school teachers in K–12 classrooms with creative ideas for hands-on learning projects are encouraged to apply for a grant of up to \$3,000.

As a member-owned cooperative, Wake Electric is committed to supporting local communities. Last year, Wake Electric awarded \$50,000 in Bright Ideas funding to local teachers. And since 1994, Wake Electric has given more than \$1 million in Bright Ideas grants to public school teachers in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties.

Grant applications will be accepted beginning April 1, through 5 p.m. on Sept. 15. It could pay to apply early: all teachers who submit their applications by the early bird deadline of Aug. 15 will be entered into a drawing for one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

Teachers at qualifying public schools can apply individually or as a team, and grants are available for all subjects. To apply or for more information about the Bright Ideas grant program, visit NCBrightIdeas.com.



In 2021, Wake Electric awarded \$50,000 in Bright Ideas education grants to 24 teachers to help finance innovative classroom projects that would otherwise not receive funding and will be used for a variety of classroom programs throughout the school year.



Classroom Technology Grants; up to \$3,000 Available

Area K–12 public school teachers and community college teachers can apply for grants of up to \$3,000 from Wake Electric. The grants, to be used during the 2022–2023 school year, will be awarded in any discipline or subject for specific technology such as computers, digital cameras and software. Visit wemc.com/class-awards to apply or to find out if your school is eligible. Applications for grants will be accepted from **April 1 through 5 p.m. on Sept. 15.**

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