

LINEWORKERS KNOW HOW TO GET THE JOB DONE

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) designates the second Monday of April as a day to honor the commitment and duty of lineworkers everywhere. This year NRECA honors lineworkers on April 14. National Lineman Appreciation Day is April 18. Whether it's April 14 or 18, please thank lineworkers for their hard work every day to keep your lights on, and restore electric service when outages occur.

Show your support on social media with #ThankALineworker and tag us:

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PLAN NOW FOR STORM SEASON

With the arrival of spring comes the potential for severe weather like tornadoes, strong winds, hailstorms, flash floods, and lightning. Ensure your family is prepared for storms and power outages. Check out the list below from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and visit ready.gov for more resources.

Storm Preparedness Checklist:

- Stock a three-day supply of nonperishable food, water, and essentials like diapers.
- ✓ Ensure you have sanitation supplies, including towelettes, soap, and hand sanitizer.
- ✓ Set aside household items such as flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener, and a portable radio or TV.
- Keep emergency supplies organized and easily accessible.
- ✓ During a power outage, turn off major appliances but leave one light on to signal when power is restored.
- ✓ If using a portable generator, ensure it's properly rated and follow the manufacturer's safety instructions.

Severe storms can occasionally bring down power lines. If you see a downed line, always assume it's energized and stay clear. Do not try to cut trees to free them from power lines. This can be dangerous, so leave it to the professionals. If flooding occurs, never walk through areas where power lines could be submerged.

If you experience an outage, call 703-335-0500, log in to SmartHub, or text "#OUT" to 85700. Do not report it on NOVEC's social media sites.

Dig Safe. Dig Smart.



Whether you're planting a garden or installing new fence posts, remember to dial 811 or visit va811.com before you dig. It's free and it's easy. Let's work together to keep our communities safe and prevent damage to underground utilities.

