



Along the LINE

MAY 2026

For members of
Edgecombe-Martin County EMC



Sporting Clay 4-H Fundraiser

Save the date, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC will hold our fourth annual sporting clays 4-H fundraiser, Friday, Sept. 18, 2026.

This is a 50-target event. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the tournament. There will be prizes for 1st through 3rd place for individuals and teams. Gun rental is available.

A maximum of 30 teams will be allowed. Shells are not included in registration fee, but will be available for purchase if needed, 7½ size shot or smaller. Eye and ear protection is required.

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC Sporting Clay Fundraiser

WHEN: Friday, September 18th, 2026
WHERE: Rose Hill Sporting Preserve, 3815 Rose Hill Lane, Nashville, NC 27856
BENEFITS: Edgecombe County 4-H
PRICE: \$500.00 for a 4 person team. \$150.00 for individuals
TO REGISTER: Contact Monica Speight at 252-823-2171 or monicas@ememc.com



Holiday Closing

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

After-hours and holiday payments can be made using the following options:

- Kiosk under the drive-thru canopy
- Call our automated telephone service at 1-844-967-2463
- Placed in the night deposit box
- Online bill-pay by logging on to ememc.com

Protect Your Equipment with Three-Phase Protection

For members with three-phase power, ensuring proper protection for your equipment is essential.

A loss of one phase—commonly referred to as “single phasing”—can cause serious damage to motors and other machinery if not properly safeguarded. Without the right protection, motors may continue running with reduced power, leading to overheating, equipment failure, and costly repairs.

Installing a three-phase monitoring and protection system can help prevent these issues. These devices detect when a phase is lost and automatically shut down the motor or equipment before damage occurs. This is especially important for farms, businesses, and industrial operations that rely on three-phase motors for essential operations.

By investing in three-phase protection, you can help prevent unexpected downtime and expensive repairs, ensuring your equipment remains safe and operational. If you're unsure whether your system is adequately protected, consult with an electrician or equipment specialist to explore the best options for your needs.

For more information, reach out to Edgecombe-Martin County EMC. We're here to help you safeguard your electrical systems and maintain reliable power for your operations!



Clark to join co-ops across North Carolina to bring electricity to rural Guatemala

Electric cooperatives were born out of a mission to bring electricity to rural communities across our state. That mission continues and has grown beyond North Carolina.

This spring, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC will join a team of the state's cooperatives to build electric infrastructure in rural Guatemala. This work, a part of the Brighter World Initiative, will power dozens of homes and additional buildings in the village of El Plan Nuevo Amanecer.

Sammy Clark will join a team of 15 volunteers representing eight of North Carolina electric cooperatives to construct the electrical infrastructure by hand, bringing power to the community for the first time. The volunteers will construct five kilometers of line to connect the village to the power grid. The volunteers will also individually connect more than 50 homes, along with a school, two churches and the region's only health clinic.

“This project is a true demonstration of the cooperative spirit that defines who we are,” said Winston Howell, CEO of Edgecombe-

Martin County EMC. “Bringing electricity to El Plan Nuevo Amanecer is about more than building power lines — it's about creating opportunity, hope and connection. The impact will be life-changing for the families in the village, and I have no doubt it will leave a lasting impression on our volunteers as well. We are incredibly proud of Sammy and all those representing North Carolina's electric cooperatives in this important work.”

El Plan Nuevo Amanecer is located in the Lachúa region of northern Guatemala, where most families rely on agriculture and day labor to support their households. Without access to electricity, residents cannot refrigerate food, power basic household appliances or use electric tools that would make daily tasks easier. This project will not only power the lives of the villagers, but also open the door to new opportunities for education, healthcare and



economic growth. This project is one of many electrification projects coordinated through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) International Foundation.

Learn more about the Brighter World Initiative and read about a similar project the electric cooperatives completed in Bolivia in 2019 at ncelectriccooperatives.com/in-the-community/brighter-world.

May is National Electrical Safety Month

While ensuring the safety of our members and employees is a top priority year-round, the month of May serves as an important reminder. Electric cooperatives across the state and nation join together to recognize National Electrical Safety Month, an annual campaign led by the Electrical Safety Foundation International to raise awareness about the dangers of electricity and how to use it safely in our everyday lives.

Electricity is something most of us depend on without a second thought. It powers our homes, businesses, and the devices we rely on daily. But while it is an essential and dependable resource, it also carries serious—and sometimes deadly—risks when not handled properly. The good news is that many electrical accidents can be prevented with a little awareness and a few simple precautions.

Many common hazards are found right inside the home. Everyday items like power outlets, extension cords, appliances, and power tools can become dangerous if they are damaged or used incorrectly. Taking a few extra moments to unplug devices when they are not in use, inspect cords for wear and tear, and replace anything that appears frayed or broken can significantly reduce the risk of shock or fire. For families with young children, using outlet covers and teaching them early about electrical safety can help prevent injuries before they happen.

As we move closer to summer, it is also important to think about severe weather and its impact on electrical safety. Storms can bring down power lines, cause flooding, and create hazardous conditions both during and after the event. If you encounter a downed power line, always assume it is energized and dangerous. Stay far away, avoid anything in contact with the line, and report it immediately by calling 911 or your electric cooperative. Never drive over downed lines or attempt to move them for any reason.

Power outages during storms often lead people to use portable generators. While generators can be helpful, they must be used with extreme caution. Operating a generator too close to your home or in an enclosed space can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning, which can be fatal in just minutes. Generators



should always be used outdoors, positioned well away from doors, windows, and vents, with the exhaust directed away from the home. It is also critical to never plug a generator directly into your home's wiring without a properly installed transfer switch, as this can create dangerous conditions for both your household and utility workers.

At your electric cooperative, safety is more than a priority—it's a responsibility we take seriously every day. Our crews work hard to provide reliable power, often in challenging conditions, and practicing electrical safety at home helps protect not only your family but also the lineworkers who serve you.

National Electrical Safety Month is a great time to pause and evaluate how we use electricity in our daily lives. By staying aware and making small, intentional choices, we can all play a part in keeping our homes, families, and communities safe.

Cooperatively,

Steve Lewis

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A Fresh New Look for Your Monthly Electric Bill

We are excited to announce that starting with your July 2026 billing cycle, your monthly statement from Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation will feature a brand-new design. While the look of your bill is changing to provide a cleaner and more modern experience for our members, we want to reassure you that everything else remains the same. Your rates, account details, and payment options are not changing, as this update is focused solely on making your statement a better fit for our membership.

The primary goal of this update is to make your billing information easier to read and more visually intuitive. The new layout moves away from the traditional invoice summary style to a more streamlined and professional format. You will notice that we have introduced enhanced usage graphics, including a color-coded bar graph that allows you to easily compare your current year usage in green against the previous year in grey. Additionally, we have added an average temperature line to help you better understand how weather fluctuations impact your monthly energy consumption.

Your account snapshot, including your account number, due date, and total amount due, is now prominently displayed in dedicated, easy-to-find sections at both the top and bottom of the page for your convenience. We have also organized your service details into a cleaner table, making it simpler to see exactly how your total is calculated, from the kilowatt-hour charges to the basic facility and renewable energy charges.

While the appearance of the bill is new, the foundation of your service remains unchanged. We hope this updated design makes managing your energy account a more positive experience. As always, thank you for being a valued member of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC.

Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation
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Member Name: JOHN DOE
Account #: 99999999
Billing Date: 05/10/2022
Current Bill Due Date: 06/01/2022

Office Hours Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
For inquiries call 1-800-445-6486 or 1-252-823-2171
or log on to: www.ememc.com.

Important Messages
NISC offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Total Due
\$175.35
Due Date: 06/01/22

Service Address: 123 ANY ST.
Rate Schedule: RESIDENTIAL SERV
Meter No.: 12345678
Reading Dates: From 04/10/22 To 05/19/22
Days: 30
Previous: 24945
Present: 26592

Service Description: HOUSE
Mult: 1
kWh Usage: 1,347
kW Demand: 9.960

Current Service Detail

kWh Charge	1,347 kWh @ 0.01500	\$20.21
Basic Charge		\$26.00
NC EE Charge		\$6.08
NC Tax		\$1.77
NC Renewable Charge		\$2.48
JPCCA Charges		\$20.58
Total Current Charges		\$175.35

Energy Usage Comparison

This Month: 1,347 kWh (28 days)
Last Month: 1,154 kWh (31 days)
This Month Last Year: 275 kWh (28 days)
Avg Daily Use: 10 kWh
Avg Daily Cost: \$2.70
Avg Daily High: 44°F

Account Information

Account Number: 999999999
Cycle: 1
Total Amount Due: \$175.35
Due Date: 06/01/2022

Amount Paid: _____

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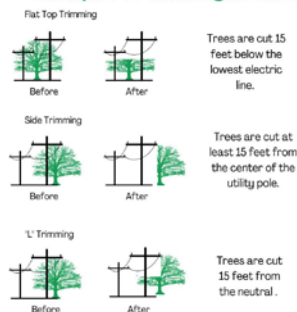
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May Rights-of-Way Schedule

In order to provide safe, affordable and reliable electrical service, we maintain the rights-of-way under and around our power lines. We do this through rights-of-way and vegetation management. This requires pruning, removing and cutting brush to prevent vegetation from interrupting your electric service.

Throughout May, Lucas Tree Experts will utilize the sky trim, buckets and bushhogging equipment on Hwy 97 near Dunbar, Battleboro- Leggett Road, West Logsboro Road and various hotspots on the system.

Examples of trimming methods



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