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Are You Prepared?

Memorial Day weekend marked the unofficial start of summer, and with it, comes summer storm season and the potential for power outages. The 2014 Atlantic Hurricane season officially began Sunday, June 1, and spans all of summer and most of fall, ending Nov. 30.

Mitchell EMC encourages consumers to practice caution and safety during summer storms, which at times can be severe. Mitchell EMC linemen face severe weather and other hazards every day and are prepared to respond to whatever Mother Nature delivers.



While the focus on power outage response is greatest during the summer storm season – when popup thunderstorms can leave thousands of customers in the dark in minutes – Mitchell EMC's team of employees work year-round to maintain the power lines that serve more than 25 thousand consumers across 14 counties.

Maintaining the power lines to withstand severe weather is a priority for Mitchell EMC. Basic maintenance activities, such as tree trimming, pole inspections and outage follow-up, prove to be the best defense against storm-related outages.

Even with ongoing inspection and maintenance programs, storms and power outages will happen, so it's important to know what to do to stay safe and reduce inconveniences.

Be Prepared & Stay Safe



- Check supplies and be sure to have the following items in an emergency response kit: portable radio with fresh batteries, flashlight, first-aid supplies, canned or packaged food that can be prepared without cooking or refrigeration and several days' supply of drinking water.
- If someone in your home has special needs or relies on electricpowered life support equipment, determine now the actions you'd take in the event of an extended power outage (i.e., relocate your family member or have a backup generator available.). And encourage other family

members, friends and neighbors to do the same.

- As severe weather begins to move through the area, be watchful for downed or sagging power lines. Don't approach downed power lines. Consider all lines energized as well as trees or limbs in contact with lines. Please report downed power lines to Mitchell EMC and your local law enforcement.
- Mitchell EMC is committed to do our part to help consumers be aware of inclement weather. We have Midland WR-100 weather radios with 24-hour-a-day information from the National Weather Service available for purchase. Price: \$31.00



Get Peace of Mind with MSA



Summer not only brings warmer weather, it also brings summer storms. Mitchell EMC can help protect your home's major appliances when you enroll in the Meter Socket Adapter (MSA) Program. Our SurgeGUARD will help protect major

appliances from power surges and lightning strikes that enter the home through your meter. For less

than 20 cents a day, members can protect major appliances such as a refrigerator, washer, dryer, freezer, air conditioner, water heater, and stove. Installation, and maintenance is handled by Mitchell EMC service men. There is a \$25 installation fee per meter, and a monthly service/rental fee of \$5.95. This program is available to Mitchell EMC customers only. For more information visit www.mitchellemc.com, or contact the Customer Service Department at 1-800-479-6034 or 229-336-5221.

Summer Tips To Keep You LUUL

Fast and Free Tips

- Turn your thermostat up, to 78 when at home; 85 when away.
- Close your drapes or shades during the day to help keep unwanted heat out of your home.
- Use ceiling fans to make it feel cooler. Make sure you turn the fans off when leaving the room for any extended period of time.
- Turn off lights, fans and appliances in unoccupied rooms
- Use appliances efficiently, during off peak hours, early in the morning, or after the sun goes down.

Inexpensive Energy Solutions

- Install a programmable thermostat. Set your programmable thermostat to 85° when you are away during the day and 78° when you are home.
- Replace your air conditioning filters once a month.
- Keep air conditioner outside unit clear.
- Install compact fluorescent lights.
- Wrap your hot water tank with jacket insulation.
- Plug your homes leaks.
- Weather-strip or caulk leaky doors and windows.





Remembering the "Flood of 94"

The "Flood of 94" left many without power. Service Technician Howard Scarborough and many others worked tirelessly to restore power to as many Mitchell EMC members as possible. Many brought personal boats, so they could reach lines and get the power back on. Howard Scarborough and Homer Chambers paddled half a mile to reach the line seen in the picture. He put on his equipment and stepped out of the boat and right onto the pole. As Howard told his story he said, "it was my duty to go above and beyond to get the power back on." Howard has been dedicated to that statement for 46 years. A lot has changed in the past 20 years since the flood, but the dedication of Mitchell EMC to their community "to go above and beyond" remains a top priority.



Pictured Above: Howard Scarborough stands by the same pole he paddled half a mile to by boat in 1994.



Mitchell EMC Recipes



Blueberry Delight

Ingredients

- 4 Cups blueberries
- 1 Large can crushed pineapple
- 34 Cup sugar
- 1 Box yellow Cake Mix
- 1 Stick butter
- 1 Cup pecans

Directions

Combine blueberries, pineapple, ¼ cup sugar in a 9x13 pan and cover with water. Prepare cake mix following the directions on the box and spread over blueberry mixture. Sprinkle remaining sugar over the cake mix. Melt butter and drizzle over cake mix. Sprinkle pecans on top. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Submitted by: Faye Sealy Meigs, GA



Send us your favorite quick and easy dinner recipes. If your recipe is chosen for print, you can win a \$25 credit on your next Mitchell EMC bill.

Send recipes to Heather Greene, P.O. Box 409, Camilla, GA 31730 or email to heather.greene@mitchellemc.com

TRUCK BIDS

Mitchell EMC is accepting bids on the following retired trucks and equipment through August 4, 2014.



1998 Ford F150 #2066	Vin #1FTZF18W9WNB81874Mileage 146,805
2003 Ford F150 #2084	Vin #IFTRF18W23NB28350 Mileage 184,789
2003 Ford F150 #2085	Vin #2FTPX18LX3CA95632 Mileage 194,669
2000 Freightliner Bucket Truck#6057	Vin #6FV6JLBB7YHG77803 Mileage 134,570
2007 Ford F150 Service Truck #5053	VIN #1FDAF56P37EB40704 Mileage 207,583
1998 Butler Trailer #8140	Vin #1BUD14207V1009196
2002 Ditch Witch #9146	Vin #5V0206

Vehicles can be viewed during operating hours at the Camilla Headquarters location. If you are interested in placing a bid, please call 229-336-5221 ext. 240.

Mitchell EMC reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Statement of Equal Employment Opportunity

All applicants for employment shall be considered and hired on the basis of merit, without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), age, national origin, disability, genetic information, or past or present military status. The employment practices shall ensure equal treatment of all employees, without discrimination as to promotion, discharge, rates of pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, age, genetic information, or past or present military status. M/F/V/DV/D