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Who Owns What?

Understanding Electric Equipment Responsibilities

By Abby Berry

As July rolls in with longer days and rising temperatures, it also brings the increased potential for severe weather. Summer storms can arrive quickly and hit hard, sometimes causing significant damage to essential electric equipment throughout our community.

Mitchell EMC is always prepared to respond swiftly to outages and restore power safely, but it is also important for homeowners to understand which parts of the electric system are their responsibility and which are maintained by us at the co-op. Understanding these key differences can help speed up repairs and ensure everyone stays safe when the weather turns rough.

Mitchell EMC is responsible for maintaining and repairing the equipment and lines that run to your home, including utility poles, distribution power lines, electric meters and padmounted transformers.

Mitchell EMC members are responsible for the equipment located between the electric meter and your home or business, including any underground service lines that lead into the structure and the service panel. Members are also responsible for the weatherhead and service mast located outside the home.

If any equipment that you (the homeowner) are responsible for is damaged, please call a licensed electrician to conduct the repairs. A professional has the experience and know-how to assess and manage these types of repairs.

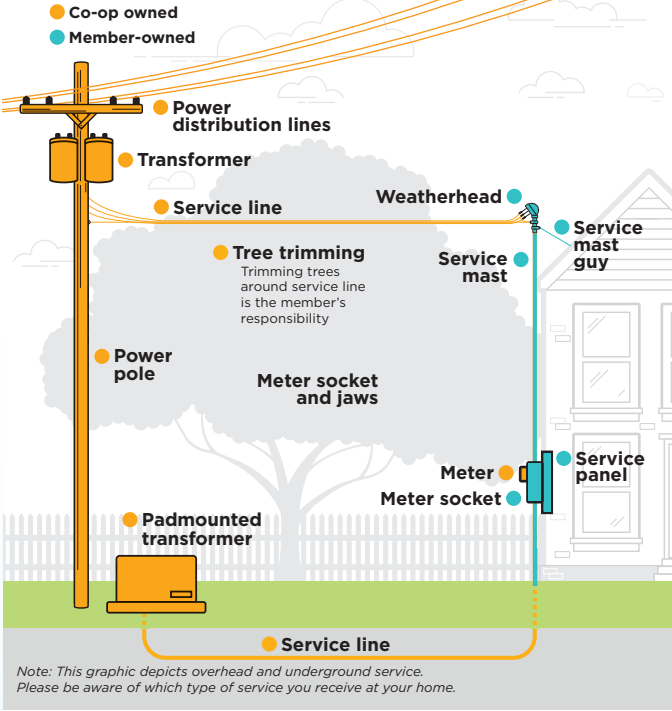
When severe weather damages electrical equipment, it's important to note that any necessary repairs to the homeowner's equipment must be conducted before Mitchell EMC crews can restore power to your home or business. By understanding the equipment you are responsible for, the repair and restoration process will be smoother and faster.

Our community takes great pride in the beautiful trees and landscaping that contribute to the natural beauty where we live, however, regular trimming is essential to ensure reliable electric service and minimize damage from severe weather. Mitchell EMC regularly trims trees throughout our service territory to improve service reliability. If you spot a tree limb that is obstructing a distribution power line outside your

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Electric Co-op Owned Equipment vs Member-Owned Equipment

This graphic depicts equipment owned by the co-op (in gold) and the member (in blue). If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, we are responsible for repairs. If a storm damages any member-owned equipment, the member is responsible for repairs. Members should hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to member-owned equipment.



A Community Partner Since 1937



2025 Scholarship Winners and Washington Youth Tour Nominees. Not pictured: Jack Damerow, Baconton Community Charter School; Kelsey Donaldson, Savannah State College; Dakota Farmer, Worth County High School; Samuel Summerlin, Westwood Schools; Karson Barwick, Westwood Schools; and Emma Clifton, Westwood School.

Mitchell EMC Members Help Send Local Students to College through Operation RoundUP Scholarships

Students from across Mitchell EMC's 14-county service area received scholarships for college thanks to Operation RoundUP. Applicants were evaluated by the Community Foundation of South Georgia. Scholarships are awarded based on "All-Around Student Performance" including academic performance, community service, volunteerism, and extracurricular activities. Financial need is also considered. The foundation also reviewed recommendations from teachers and other adults involved in the students' lives.



Mitchell EMC members who enroll in Operation RoundUP provide scholarships to deserving students. Participating members allow us to round their electric bills up to the nearest whole dollar amount. Though it may not seem like much, those funds added together make a huge positive difference in our local community. A maximum of ten (10) renewable scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. Scholarships will be \$2,500 per semester, twice a year, for up to four years to assist in attaining an undergraduate degree from a post-secondary institution in the United States. Graduating children of Mitchell EMC employees receive a scholarship of \$1,000.

The Walter Harrison Scholarship, created in 1985 by the board of directors of the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, is awarded to students who excel in the areas of GPA, SAT scores, academic ability, scholastic honors, and demonstrate a financial need. The award pays tribute to the late Walter Harrison,

a pioneer in the rural electrification movement and a leader at the local, state, and national level in the electric cooperative program.

To be eligible for consideration, students must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program, complete the two-page Walter Harrison application, and write a two-page autobiographical sketch with references to future plans and goals. Students that live in a primary residence serviced by Mitchell EMC electricity are eligible.

2025 Operation RoundUP Scholarship Recipients include: Jack Damerow, Baconton Community Charter School; Anna Bundy, Baconton Community Charter School; Brent Smith, Lee County High School; Kelsey Donaldson, Savannah State College; Addyson Willis, Lee County High School; Dakota Farmer, Worth County High School; Isaac Beanblossom, Worth County High School; Bryant Collins, Southwest Georgia Academy; Emma Vandenberg, Lee County High School; and Samuel Summerlin, Westwood Schools.

Karson Barwick, Westwood Schools; Emma Clifton, Westwood Schools; and Ellie Curles, Thomas County Central each received an employee scholarship.

Mitchell EMC also introduced the 2 winners of the 2025 Washington Youth Tour Kailyn Lindsey, Worth County High School and Lauren Salter, Dougherty Comprehensive High School.

We are proud of these high-achieving students and honored to assist them as they pursue their field of choice in college.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

During summer months, run large appliances that emit heat such as clothes dryers and dishwashers during the evening when the outdoor temperature is lower. Running heat-emitting appliances in the evening will reduce indoor heat gain during the day when outdoor temperatures are highest and ultimately keep your air conditioner from working harder than necessary.

Source: energy.gov

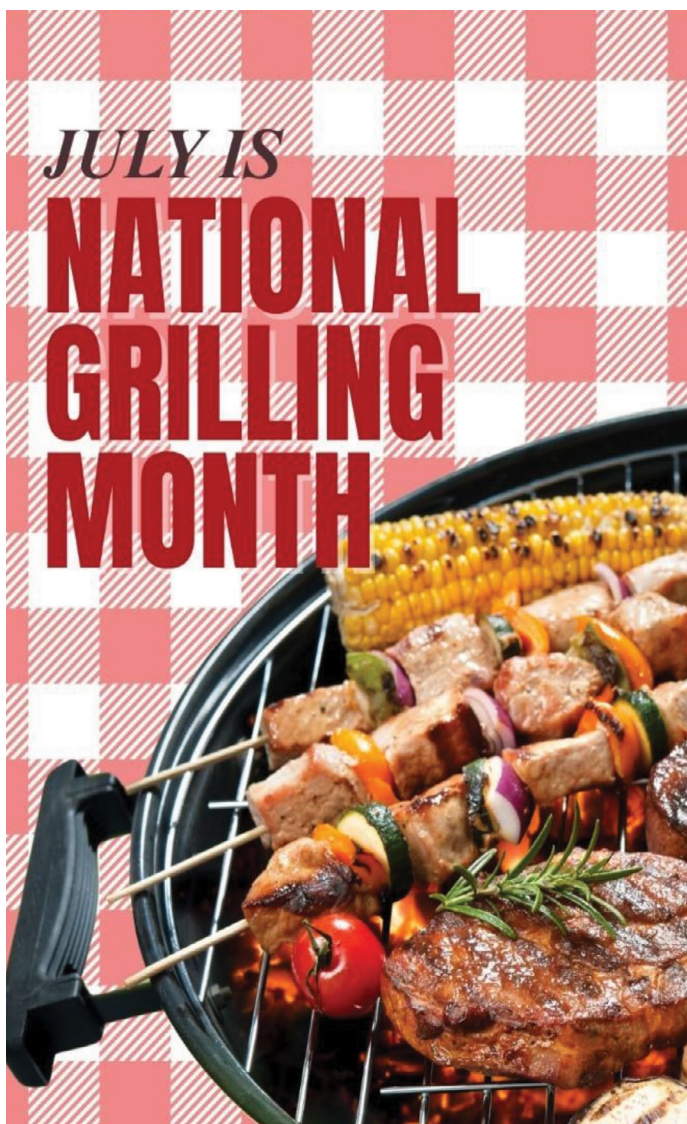


TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Always be cautious of unsolicited calls (or in-person visits) to your home from companies claiming to conduct energy audits. These are typically telemarketing firms that claim to be a third-party company or pose as a representative from your electric utility to gain access to homes and sell services with the promise of government rebates. Many electric utilities provide energy audit services, but they are typically scheduled at the customer's request.

Source: Better Business Bureau



Serving in 14 Southwest Georgia Counties...

Attention Farmers Just a reminder...

Time Of Use (TOU) rates for irrigation systems begins on June 1. The TOU kWh cost is based on the time of day in which it is used. The rate will distinguish between ON-PEAK and OFF-PEAK usage. *TOU rates apply from June 1 through September 30. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 229-336-5221 or 1-800-479-6034.



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home, please call Mitchell EMC so we can trim those limbs and maintain those lines.

Any overgrown limbs or vegetation around the service line is the homeowner's responsibility, and in these cases, please call a professional tree trimming service to assist.

By working together to understand the essential equipment that powers daily life, we can all be better prepared to start the repair and restoration process if severe weather impacts our community.

If you have any questions about your electrical equipment, we're here to help. Please contact Mitchell EMC at 229-336-5221 or 800-479-6034.

Abby Berry writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association representing nearly 900 local electric cooperatives. From growing suburbs to remote farming communities, electric co-ops serve as engines of economic development for 42 million Americans across 56% of the nation's landscape.



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Note: If you move or no longer have electric service with Mitchell EMC, it is important that members keep their address current, so that future disbursements can be properly mailed. Capital credits are reserved for members even if they move out of the Mitchell EMC service area. Mitchell EMC will make a diligent effort to send a check by mail.

Statement of Equal Employment Opportunity

All applications 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



Picture Credit: chickenfriedkitchen.com

One Pan Caribbean Chicken

Ingredients

6 chicken thighs, skinless is fine
1 can Del Monte Southwest corn,
half drained
1 can tri-bean mix, Walmart brand
1 packet Seeds of Change Quinoa &
Brown Rice
2 tablespoons Mrs. Dash Fiesta Lime
Seasoning
1 teaspoon garlic powder
Salt to taste

Directions

Pan fry the chicken thighs, seasoning with salt, garlic powder and Mrs. Dash Fiesta Lime Seasoning. When almost cooked through, add the quinoa and brown rice mix, the tri-bean mix and corn with half the juice. Cover and let simmer for about 10-15 minutes. If you like a stronger flavor, you can add more Mrs. Dash seasoning.

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