

# INTER-COUNTY ENERGY

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## Safely get through a power outage

Electrical outages sometimes happen because of a spring storm.

While high winds and rain may leave you without power, it doesn't mean you're powerless. Bo McGuffey, Inter-County Energy's safety director, suggests taking these action steps to protect yourself and your property until the lights come on again.

### DON'T:

- Approach, touch or attempt to move downed power lines or items that have fallen on them. Report all downed lines immediately by calling us.
- Step into a flooded area. Be aware that submerged outlets or electrical cords may energize the water, which can result in serious injury or death.
- Use electrical appliances that have been wet. Water can damage the motors in electrical appliances.
- Leave candles unattended. Keep them away from furniture, draperies and other flammable materials.
- Burn charcoal or run any gas-line-powered equipment in an enclosed space. They produce carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless poisonous gas.



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### DO:

- Turn off cooling/heating systems and unplug sensitive electronic appliances such as TVs and computers to avoid damage from surges.
- Strictly follow manufacturer's guidelines for portable generator use. Improperly operated or installed generators can injure or kill a utility worker who is working to restore your power.
- Stay clear of areas where Inter-County Energy crews are working. They can restore power faster if they are not interrupted. Before restoring power, lineworkers must inspect the lines to isolate damage, so don't be alarmed if they pass your home more than one time.

To report an outage, 1-888-266-7322.

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# NOTICE

Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation (“Inter-County Energy”) intends to propose a new tariff, Rider AMI-Advanced Metering Infrastructure Opt-Out Residential, by filing the new tariff with the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) on or after April 1, 2025. The new tariff will be a voluntary tariff for those residential served under Rate Schedule 1 (Farm and Home Service and Rate Schedule 1-A (Farm and Home Marketing ETS) who request an electric meter that does not utilize radio frequency communications to transmit data. Inter County Energy will request that the new tariff and the new rates associated with the new tariff become effective on or after May 1, 2025.

Inter-County is only proposing the new tariff and the new rates associated with the new voluntary tariff. The present and proposed rates for the new tariff are set forth below:

RATE	ITEM	PRESENT	PROPOSED	% INCR (DECR)	INCR (DECR)
<b>Rider AMI</b>					
Schedule 1-Farm and Home Service	Initial one time fee per meter	\$ 0	\$45.00	N/A	\$45.00
Schedule 1-Farm and Home Service ETS	Monthly fee per meter	\$ 0	\$40.00	N/A	\$40.00

Inter-County Energy does not propose revisions to any other tariffs or schedules not listed above.

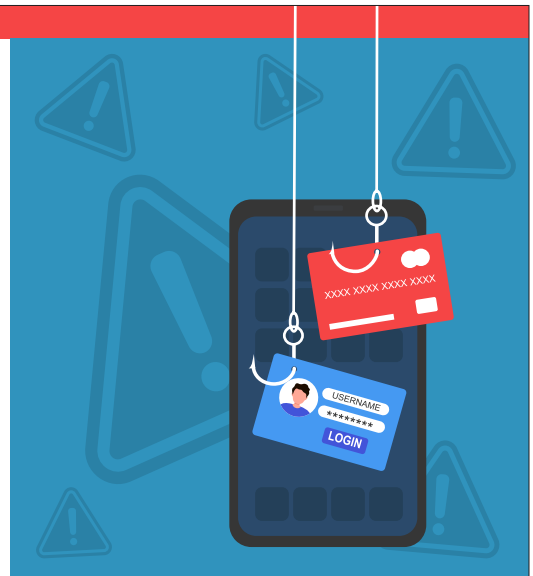
Additional information, links, and a copy of Inter-County Energy’s notice concerning the proposed new tariff and a copy of the new proposed tariff can be found at Inter-County Energy’s principal office (1009 Hustonville Road, Danville, Kentucky 40423) and its website ([www.intercountyenergy.net](http://www.intercountyenergy.net)). Any person may also examine the tariff filing and related documents which Inter-County Energy has filed with the Commission on the Commission’s website at <https://psc.ky.gov>, or at the Commission’s office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at its office located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing. The Commission’s phone number is (502) 564-3940 and its website is <http://psc.ky.gov>. The new tariff contained in this notice is the tariff and rates proposed by Inter-County Energy but the Commission may order rates or changes to the tariff that differ from the proposed rates and the tariff contained in this notice.

Comments regarding this tariff filing may be submitted to the Commission by mail to: Kentucky Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by electronic mail to: [psc.info@ky.gov](mailto:psc.info@ky.gov).

## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS

If you suspect you’re dealing with a utility scam, it’s crucial to slow down and take your time before taking any action. Scammers will often pressure you to make quick decisions or immediate payments. Instead, take the time to verify the legitimacy of the communication by contacting your utility directly. Use a phone number from a reliable source, such as your bill or the utility’s website. Taking this simple step can help protect you from falling victim to utility scams.

Source: Utilities United Against Scams





# Get your house ready for spring

It won't be too long until you can open the windows and start enjoying fresh air and warm weather. Is your house ready?

Here are five items to add to your springtime to-do list that might help your home feel more comfortable and cared for before it gets hot:

1. Call a qualified service technician to inspect and maintain your air conditioning system. Paying \$100 or so now could prevent a huge expense this summer if your system breaks down on a hot day and you have to have it repaired or replaced in a hurry. Maintenance goes a long way toward preventing emergencies and can prolong the life of your equipment.
2. While you're outdoors planting and pruning, trim all of the bushes and pull all of the weeds near your air conditioner's outside condenser unit. Remove any fallen tree limbs that landed on it, brush off leaves that have collected on or around it and pick up trash that found its way there as it sat unused all winter. Anything that touches the unit and prevents air from circulating around it will make it perform inefficiently.
3. While you've got your shovel and spade out, consider planting some shade trees on the sunny side of your house. As they grow, they will filter



the sunrays that can beat so fiercely on your windows in the summer and make your air conditioner work harder.

4. Speaking of windows, if your house still has single-pane versions, this is a good time to replace them with double-pane models. Single-pane windows are energy inefficient and can drive your air conditioning bills through the roof. You could save

several hundred dollars on cooling and heating bills every year if you replace your drafty, old windows.

5. Clean your windows, inside and out. Newer models are simple to clean because you can tilt them toward the inside of the house so you can reach both sides. Clean windows let more sunlight into your house, which means you won't have to turn on as many lights.

## Is your yard a jungle?

Underground power lines require those green boxes to be placed on suburban lawns. Though it may be tempting to hide them with landscaping, please don't. Your electric cooperative might have to open that equipment during a power outage or for routine maintenance. Also:

- Keep shrubs and structures at least 10-12 feet from the door of the pad-mounted transformer and at least 3-5 feet from the sides.
- If landscaping is too close and prevents adequate air circulation, equipment can overheat and fail. Plantings might have to be cut down to access the box.
- Don't forget the meter on your house. It still needs to be visible and accessible, too.





# Counting our blessings

*Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 14*

## OUR MISSION

Inter-County Energy accomplishes our daily mission by providing energy and services to our members through a culture of Safety, Accountability, Integrity, Innovation and Commitment to Community.

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## OFFICES:

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OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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Have you ever taken something—or someone—for granted?

I know I have. It's human nature not to notice what we have until we feel the sudden inconvenience of doing without. This is why so many of us were told, growing up, to "count our blessings."

We try to count our blessings daily at Inter-County Energy, and this month, we want to call out one dedicated group of people in particular—our lineworkers. On April 14, electric cooperatives across the nation recognize Lineworker Appreciation Day, highlighting the men and women who help keep the lights on in homes across America.

Think back over the last 12 months. We've seen flooding, tornadoes, ice and snow. No matter the emergency, we rely on our dedicated lineworkers to brave the elements, enduring grueling hours and difficult conditions to restore power as quickly and safely as possible.

Because of the challenging weather and terrain lineworkers often face, it's easy to focus on the physical demands of the job. For all the physical strength required, however, lineworkers' mental strength and focus are equally crucial. Working with dangerous high-voltage lines requires extraordinary attention to detail and safety every day.

That's why Inter-County Energy insists on thorough and constant safety training, provided in conjunction with Kentucky Electric Cooperatives,



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and a careful adherence to professional standards.

Before our lineworkers begin any job assignment, we first assess the staffing and equipment needs. A mandatory job briefing discusses the objective, location of the worksite, potential hazards, nearest emergency help and coordination of other entities as required.

These practices reflect the professionalism of our line crews. On April 14, please join me in expressing gratitude to these dedicated members of our community, and to the retired lineworkers who helped build the safe and reliable electrical system we enjoy today.

Use #ThankaLineworker in your social media posts to show support for our Inter-County Energy lineworkers who help power our homes and businesses every day.