

# INTER-COUNTY ENERGY

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## May Electrical Safety Month

# Respect the power of electricity

One of the greatest things that powers our lives every day is electricity.

It is a powerful force that we see in nature like when lightning flashes across the sky. Through modern technology, our cooperative is able to harness the power of electricity and bring electric power to homes and businesses all across our local communities.

But electricity must also be respected. Why? Without the proper precautions, electricity can cause serious injuries, fires and even death.

Here at Inter-County Energy, we work with electricity every day. No matter how familiar we are with electricity, we know that it's a force that must always be used with care.

Electricity always seeks a path to the ground, and because humans are made up mostly of water filled with all types of minerals, we conduct electricity. All we have to do is make contact, and devastating or potentially lethal injuries are instant.

It's important be safe with electricity inside and outside of the home.

If you are climbing trees or on a ladder, make sure that a limb is not touching a wire. Always look up and watch out for overhead lines.



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You may see a green box in your neighborhood. That's a transformer for underground power lines. Please don't sit on it, and never dig near it, even to plant a bush or a tree.

Remember to be safe around electricity when using all the appliances and

tools you use in your home. When you use tools: look for frayed, damaged cords and prongs.

Remember, that Inter-County Energy cares about your safety. We want you to go home to your families safely each and every day.



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## Enjoy a safe summer

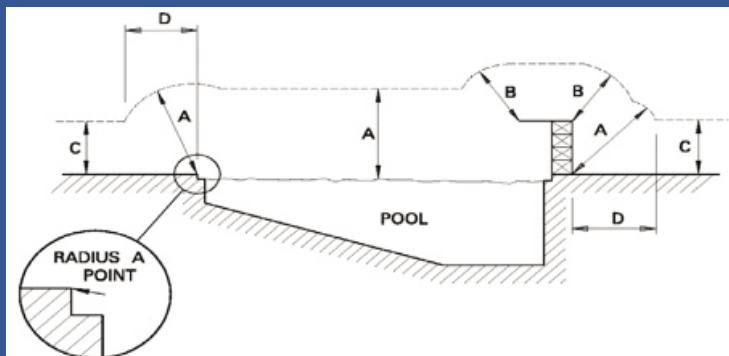
Inter-County Energy would like to remind you to always put safety first when enjoying summer fun in the pool. Keep these safety tips in mind:

- Do not put any electrical appliances within 5 feet of a swimming pool.
- Any electrical outlets within 20 feet of a pool should be equipped with a GFCI, or ground fault circuit interrupter.
- Use battery-operated, rather than electrical, appliances near swimming pools.
- As always, never swim during a thunderstorm.

Remember to contact Inter-County Energy for information on line clearances when installing a new swimming pool. Visit [www.intercountyenergy.net](http://www.intercountyenergy.net) for more electrical safety tips.

## Swimming pool clearance

When installing a new swimming pool, it is important to be aware of the location of electric lines in relation to the pool. For your safety and the safety of others, please refer to the diagram below before beginning the installation of any swimming pool. With questions about line clearances, please contact Inter-County Energy at (859) 236-4561 or toll-free at (888) 266-7322.



	NEUTRALS	SERVICES CABLES	PRIMARY
A. Clearance in any direction from the pool.	22	23	25
B. Clearance in any direction from any pool-related structure (slide or diving board)	14	15	17
D. Underground cables	5	5	5





# STORM RECOVERY

## Downed power lines are a threat to the area around them.

If you see a downed power line, move away from it and anything touching it. Keep a distance of 40 feet, as the ground around downed power lines may be energized.

Assume all downed power lines are live. If you see someone in direct or indirect contact with a downed line, do not touch him or her. **Call 911 for assistance.**

If your vehicle comes in contact with a downed power line while you're in

the vehicle, stay inside the car. If you must exit the vehicle for life-threatening reasons—jump out and away from it, making sure to land with your feet together and touching. Then, shuffle away with your feet touching until you are at least 40 feet from the vehicle. Never attempt to get back into a vehicle that is in contact with a power line.

**If your vehicle hits a downed power line, STAY IN THE CAR!**



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## MEMBER MATTERS

Helping others is in our core values. For years, we've sponsored the Special Olympics Summer Games in Kentucky, where we volunteer our time and energy to helping athletes be their best. To learn more, visit [www.togetherwesaveky.com/community](http://www.togetherwesaveky.com/community).



## Honoring our veterans—thank you for your sacrifice

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans consider this as the unofficial start to the summer season by having family gatherings, participating in parades and visiting cemeteries and memorials.

**Inter-County Energy will be closed Monday, May 31, in honor of Memorial Day. Please feel free to use our mobile app or contact our 24-hour outage line in case of an emergency or outage at (866) 224-2235.**



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# Thank you Mom!

## OUR MISSION

The mission of Inter-County Energy Cooperative is to provide long-term valued electrical energy and services to our members through a culture of safety, accountability, innovation, integrity, and commitment to community.

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Toll-free: 1-888-266-7322

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If you haven't marked your calendars yet, hopefully you are reading this issue of *Kentucky Living* in time to remind you that Mother's Day is May 9.

The origins of Mother's Day in the United States date back to the mid-19th century when an Appalachian woman named Ann Reeves Jarvis started "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to coach mothers in child-rearing. After the Civil War, these clubs helped foster reconciliation as mothers brought together former Union and Confederate soldiers.

After Jarvis died in 1905, her daughter Anna suggested a national holiday to honor the sacrifices mothers make for their children. Though she later would disapprove of

the commercialization of the holiday, since 1914 the second Sunday in May has provided an important reminder for children, grandchildren (and husbands) to thank Mom for who she is and what she means to the family.

As a community-oriented cooperative, Inter-County Energy shares in this sentiment as we honor the mothers whose sacrifices and contributions are fundamental to our families and communities.

The social distancing of the past year has prevented many of our families from being together, including important visits with our mothers. Though it does not take a pandemic to appreciate what Mom means to our respective families, perhaps this year's Mother's Day provides a unique opportunity to reconnect and say out loud the love we hold in our hearts for our mothers.

For those who have lost their mother, this holiday can be difficult, but chances are you know of other mothers in your family circle who deserve a greeting. For those mothers who, for whatever reason, may not hear from their children this year, know that your motherhood is celebrated and appreciated. Being a parent is hard, and only mothers can truly understand the unique emotions of motherhood.

There are all types of mothers and daughters in our world. Some mothers and daughters are best friends, like Inter-County Energy employee Davonne Price and her mother Doris "Mickey" McGirr a retiree of Inter-County. Davonne and Mickey are a great example of a positive Mother/Daughter bond. "She instilled in me the importance of accountability, responsibility, ethics, honesty, and giving 110% in everything. It was not hard to learn because I saw and still see this in her life every day. I am beyond blessed", said Davonne. Davonne, a mother herself, knew early in the stages of parenting, that she too wanted to raise her daughter knowing the importance of these same principles.

Regardless of if or how you commemorate this holiday, know that all of us at Inter-County Energy thank all the mothers who make up our community. We hope you have a happy, peaceful, and loving Mother's Day.



**Davonne Price, current employee, and her mom, Doris "Mickey" McGirr, an Inter-County Energy retiree of 27 years. Photo: Morgan Janssen**