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Spring into energy savings!

Heating and cooling make up the majority of most members' energy bills, so small changes in March and April can lead to real savings.

Here are some practical, low-effort tips (2545900) that really pay off during early spring:

- Lower the thermostat gradually: As outdoor temperatures rise, reduce heating by a few degrees or turn it off during the day.
- Use fresh air instead of HVAC: Open windows on mild days and use cross-ventilation to stay comfortable without running systems.
- Delay air conditioning: Dress in lighter layers and allow your home to adjust before switching to cooling.
- Reverse ceiling fans: Set fans to run counterclockwise to improve comfort without extra heating or cooling.
- Seal drafts: Close gaps around doors and windows to prevent heat loss on cooler spring nights.
- Replace HVAC filters: Clean filters help systems run more efficiently and reduce energy use.

Small changes can make a big difference in your bill. For more ways to save, visit our website at www.pcemc.org.

HAPPY EASTER

PC Electric wishes you a very Happy Easter holiday. Our office will be closed

Friday, April 3, 2026.

A dispatcher will be on duty for outage reporting and emergency calls.

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Celebrating National Lineworker Apprication Day - Unsung Heroes Who Keep Our Lights On

At 2:17 a.m., the wind is howling like a freight train, rain slicing sideways through the dark. Most of the town is asleep, but somewhere on the edge of the storm, a lineworker is climbing a slick utility pole, headlamp cutting a narrow beam through the chaos. His hands are steady despite the cold. His boots grip the creosote-soaked wood. He knows (349201) that somewhere down the road, a family is huddled under blankets, waiting for the hum of the heater to return.

Lineworkers are the quiet guardians of our modern lives. We rarely think about them until the lights go out, but their work is woven into every moment we take for granted—morning coffee, warm showers, the glow of a bedside lamp. They are the ones who answer the call when storms tear through neighborhoods, when ice snaps lines like twigs or when summer heat pushes the grid to its limits.

“It’s not just a job—it’s a responsibility,” says veteran lineworker Chad David, Operations Superintendent, who has been restoring power for nearly thirty years. “When you’re out there in the middle of the night, in the middle of nowhere, you’re not thinking about the weather or how tired you are. You’re thinking about the people who need you.”

The work is dangerous. High-voltage lines, unpredictable weather, and long hours test both skill and endurance. Lineworkers train for years to master safety protocols, rescue techniques, and the intricate dance of repairing live systems. They work in bucket trucks swaying in the wind, or on foot in flooded fields, carrying heavy gear through mud and debris.

But beyond the technical skill, there’s a deep sense of service. Many lineworkers describe their crews as family—bound not just by the work, but by the shared knowledge that they are often the first to respond after disaster strikes.

During a major disaster, crews from across the country converge to help restore power to devastated communities. They work (1535603) twelve-to sixteen-hour shifts, grabbing quick meals between calls. “You see the relief on people’s faces when the lights flicker back on,” says apprentice lineworker Nick Desormes. “That’s the moment you remember why you do this.”

Lineworker Appreciation Day, observed each year, is more than a date on the calendar—it’s a reminder to pause and recognize the grit, skill, and sacrifice behind the simple act of flipping a switch. It’s a chance to say thank you to the men and women who put themselves in harm’s way so the rest of us can live in comfort and safety.

So the next time a storm rolls in and the lights go dark, remember: somewhere out there, in the rain, in the wind, in the cold, a lineworker is already on the move—climbing, repairing, restoring—so that your home can shine again.

Because for them, keeping the (1561000) world connected isn’t just a job. It’s a promise.

Trouble Call - A lineman's story of restoration

by Tyler Bordelon, Foreman for PC Electric

The storm had been building all day, the kind of heavy, restless sky you learn to read when you grow up in Louisiana. By nightfall, the wind was bending the pecan trees, and the rain was coming in sideways. Most folks in Pointe Coupee Parish were hunkered down, but I was lacing up my boots, checking my gear, and heading out into the dark.

That's the thing about being a lineman here—you don't get to wait for the weather to pass. You go into it. I've been working these lines for 17 years now, and I can tell you, every storm has its own personality. Some are loud and fast, tearing through (1702100) like they've got somewhere to be. Others linger, slow and mean, soaking the ground until the poles lean and the bayous swell. Tonight's was the stubborn kind.

We got the first call just after 8 p.m.—a whole stretch of Highway 1 was out. I drove past sugarcane fields swaying like waves, the smell of wet earth thick in the air. Out here, the dark is dark. No streetlights, no porch lights, just the beam of my headlights and the occasional flash of lightning showing the silhouette of a downed line.

Climbing a pole in the middle of a storm isn't something you think about too much—you just do it. You trust your training, your (1854201) crew, and your own two hands. The wind was pushing hard, my rain gear plastered to my skin, but I kept my focus on the task. Somewhere down the road, I knew there were families sitting in the dark, maybe with kids scared of the thunder, maybe with someone who needed their oxygen machine running.

That's what keeps you moving.

Around midnight, we got a call about an outage near Livonia. It was an older couple, both in their seventies. When we finally got their power back on, the husband came out in his slippers, holding an umbrella that was doing him no good at all. He just shook my hand and said, "You don't know how much this means." But I do. I've seen it a hundred times, and it never gets old.

People think this job is about wires and poles, but it's not. It's about people. It's about making sure the lights come back on in the middle of the night, so a family can sleep warm, so a farmer's freezer full of meat doesn't spoil, so a hospital can keep running without a hitch.

When the storm finally broke and the first hint of dawn lit up the cane fields, I was still out there, boots caked in mud, hands sore, but feeling that quiet satisfaction you only get when you've done something that matters.

As long as I can climb, as long as I can work a line, I'll be out here—rain, shine, or hurricane—keeping the lights on for my neighbors.



PC Electric Invites Members to 2026 Annual Membership Meeting on March 25

PC Electric Cooperative is encouraging all members to attend the 2026 PC Electric Annual Membership Meeting, scheduled for (816801) Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at the Scott Civic Center in New Roads. The annual meeting is an important opportunity for members to engage with their cooperative, learn more about operations, and future projects of the cooperative.

Members who attend will enjoy a variety of perks and activities, including door prizes, a boxed lunch, and a health fair featuring valuable wellness resources. The meeting also provides a unique opportunity for members to visit one-on-one with cooperative board members, PC Electric employees, and local elected officials.

Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. for free health screenings, informational exhibits and demonstrations. Entertainment (252100) will also be provided. The business meeting will begin promptly at noon. Members are reminded to bring their registration cards included with the notification of the meeting. The business meeting will consist of reports of officers, directors and committees;

announcement of members elected to serve on the board; and other business that may properly come before the membership.

Registration is required for attendance. Registration cards were mailed to all members on Tuesday, March 3, and should be completed and returned according to the instructions provided. Please note that only PC Electric members are eligible to receive door prizes.

Only members are eligible to win door prizes. Must be present to win!

Enjoy exhibits, a health fair, entertainment, and lunch from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Bring your registration card to the meeting for registration and drawings.



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LOOK FOR YOUR ACCOUNT
NUMBER TO WIN A BILL CREDIT

If you see your account number published inside this issue, call PC Electric by February 28, 2026, to receive a \$25.00 credit on your bill. Your account number can be found on your billing statement.

GOOD LUCK!



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