



Daviess-Martin County

**REMC**

dmremc.com

#### CONTACT US

Toll Free: 800-762-7362

#### OFFICE HOURS

7:30 a.m.—4 p.m., Monday—Friday

#### STREET ADDRESS

12628 E. 75 N, Loogootee, IN 47553

#### MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 430, Loogootee, IN 47553

#### SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

To report an outage or emergency, call 812-295-4200 or 800-762-7362 day or night.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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#### MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, June 25, 7 p.m.

Daviess-Martin County REMC office

#### BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

SmartHub — online bill payment system

Budget billing

Auto bank draft

Drive-thru window

Night depository

Credit card payment (VISA,

Discover and MasterCard accepted)

Pay-by-phone: 1-888-222-0624

#### MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to provide safe, reliable electricity and quality services for our members at a reasonable cost."



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## SAVINGS TIP

Ceiling fans can help you save energy by creating a windchill effect on your skin to make you feel a few degrees cooler. Raise the thermostat a few degrees and turn on fans to reduce air conditioning costs. Remember, ceiling fans cool people but don't actually lower the indoor temperature. Turn them off when you leave the room.

— ENERGY.GOV

## co-op news

# CLEARING THE PATH to reliability

Trees are beautiful and good for the soul. But we also know that our members depend on us to deliver reliable power to their homes and businesses. That's why Daviess-Martin County REMC strives to balance maintaining the beautiful surroundings we all enjoy while ensuring reliable electricity. You might not realize it, but there are several benefits to regular tree trimming.

## Reliability

Keeping power lines clear of overgrown vegetation improves service reliability. After all, we've seen Mother Nature's whims during severe weather events, with fallen tree limbs taking down power lines and utility poles. While many factors can impact power disruptions, about half of all outages can be attributed to vegetation. This is why you see Daviess-Martin County REMC crews or contractors out in the community trimming trees near power lines. Our trimming crews have been trained and certified based on the latest industry standards.

Scheduled trimming throughout the year keeps lines clear from overgrown or dead limbs that are likely to fall, and we can better prepare for severe weather events.

Plus, we all know it's more cost-effective to undertake preventative maintenance than to make repairs

after the fact.

Drone inspections of power lines and vegetation allow us to reduce labor and equipment costs while bolstering reliability.

## Safety

Working near power lines can be dangerous, and we care about your safety and that of our lineworkers. For example, if trees are in power lines in our members' yards, they can pose a grave danger to families. If children can reach those trees, they can potentially climb into a danger zone. Electricity can arc, or jump, from a power line to a nearby conductor such as a tree.

Any tree or branch that falls across a power line creates a potentially dangerous situation. A proactive approach lessens the chances of fallen trees during severe weather events that make it more complicated and hazardous for lineworkers to restore power.

## Affordability

As a co-op, Daviess-Martin County REMC always strives to keep costs down for our members. If trees and other vegetation are left unchecked, they can become overgrown and expensive to correct. A strategic vegetation management program helps keep costs down for everyone.

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When it comes to vegetation management, there are ways you can help, too. When planting new trees, ensure they're planted safely from overhead power lines. Medium-height trees (40 feet or smaller) should be planted at least 25 feet from power lines. Taller trees (over 40 feet) should be planted at least 50 feet from power lines. You can also practice safe planting near pad-mounted transformers. Plant shrubs at least 10 feet from the transformer door and 4 feet from the sides. If your neighborhood has underground lines, contact 811 before you begin any project requiring digging.

Additionally, if you spot an overgrown tree or branch dangerously close to overhead lines, please call us at 812-295-4200.

We have deep roots in our community and love our beautiful surroundings. Providing reliable service requires a balanced approach, and our vegetation management program is a crucial tool in ensuring that.

**RYAN DANT**  
Chief Executive  
Officer



# FIVE STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Summer weather is here, and that means home improvement projects.

Some of those projects may include digging. Whether putting in a new pool or planting a tree, it is important to take proper action to ensure no underground utility accidents.

## 1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two or three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.

## 2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.

## 3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.

## 4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of the project.

## 5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location.



# EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

We wanted to take the time to thank the following employees for their time at DMREMC.

They are key to providing you with the best service possible.

**NATHAN KELLAMS**

**JUNE 5  
1 YEAR**



**RYAN DANT**

**JUNE 19  
7 YEARS**



**JORDAN KAISER**

**JUNE 27  
2 YEARS**



**Happy 4th of July!**

The office will be closed  
July 4 for Independence Day.

## Local fair dates

**DAVISS COUNTY FAIR**  
June 25-29

**LAWRENCE COUNTY 4-H FAIR**  
July 6-13

**DAVISS COUNTY 4-H FAIR**  
July 8-19

**MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIR**  
July 11-16



## YOUR CHANCE TO WIN \$50!

In each issue of the magazine, Daviess-Martin County REMC asks our readers three questions. The answers can be found in the articles of Indiana Connection. Clip the coupon below along the dotted line. Fill it out and return it to our office with your monthly payment before the 20th of the month. (Delinquent members are not eligible.)

Each month, a winner will be drawn from the entries submitted. Make sure you bring or mail in your most recent coupon as the coupons are dated monthly. Copies will not be accepted, and coupons are not available at the office! Winners will be notified and their names will be published in a subsequent issue of Indiana Connection.

**MARCH WINNER:** Janet Daily

**For bills dated the 5th of the month  
and paid by the 20th.**

1. About half of all outages can be attributed to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ lines are high-voltage lines that carry electricity from generating plants to substations.
3. During \_\_\_\_\_ outages, we can notify you ahead of time of the outage so you can make needed arrangements.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOUNT NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_



I would like to round my monthly bill up to the next whole dollar for Operation Round Up.

### MEDICAL PRIORITY

Every year, we remind our members that we offer medical priority to households with members who rely on life-sustaining equipment.

Please let us know if you rely on life-sustaining equipment such as respirators or dialysis. In certain situations, such as planned outages, we can notify you ahead of time of the outage so you can make needed arrangements.

Despite our best efforts, an interruption in electric service may be caused by any number of events, such as accidents, storms, etc. Therefore, our members who rely on life-sustaining equipment should obtain emergency backup systems, such as batteries or generators.

To submit your information, visit [dmremc.com/medical-priority](https://dmremc.com/medical-priority). You will need a doctor's or home health care provider's statement.



PLUG INTO  
SAFETY

### STEPS TO RESTORING SERVICE

#### HERE IS HOW YOUR ELECTRIC CO-OP PRIORITIZES REPAIRS TO RESTORE SERVICE.

- 1 **Transmission lines** are high-voltage lines that carry electricity from generating plants to substations (or between substations). Since tens of thousands of people could be served by one transmission line, damage here is taken care of first.
- 2 **Substations** are electrical facilities that switch or regulate the voltage of electricity. If problems are taken care of at the substation, power to a large number of people can be restored.
- 3 **Main distribution lines** are seen along roadways and carry electricity from the substations to groups of consumers. When power is restored here, all consumers from this supply line will see their lights come on unless there is a problem farther down the line.
- 4 **Tap lines** are electric feeder lines running from the main distribution line to utility poles and underground transformers outside houses or buildings. They serve small numbers of consumers.
- 5 **Individual service lines** run from the transformer on the nearest pole to your electric meter.