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Delaware office sets moving date!

Members are not likely to experience an interruption in customer service as we transition from the 680 Sunbury Road, Delaware location at 5 p.m. on April 16, and open the 4993 St. Rte. 521 location at 8 a.m. on April 17. Additional reminders will be provided in upcoming issues of *Country Living*, *Between the Lines* and at www.consolidatedelectric.coop.



Between the Lines

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Trees are one of the best landscape investments we can make. They can shade our homes or buildings to keep them cooler in the summer and they can serve as a windbreak in the winter. In both cases, these lovely, long-lived plants help save on our energy costs.

As eager as many of us are to start decorating the property with trees, it's important to take electricity, and other utilities, into consideration.

First, call before you dig. It's the law. The OUPS toll-free number is 1-800-362-2764. Second, remember not to plant under the right-of-way. Crews may need to repair or replace electric lines. Third, remember to plant so the tree limbs can't touch, reach over or through the electric lines. Trees can conduct electricity if they come in contact with power lines. Further, when weighed down with ice, or wind whipped during one of our raging thunderstorms, can pull the electric lines down and cause a power outage.

For best results, visit www.consolidatedelectric.coop and click residential, vegetation management to find the right tree for the right place.



Rising energy costs

What can you do?

Because Consolidated Electric is a cooperative and owned by those we serve, we want to help you reduce the impact of rising energy costs. Below are simple steps you can take to lower the impact increasing prices have on your bill and help minimize future increases.



1. Use less energy

Using less energy reduces your bill and your impact on the environment. Consolidated Electric's Web site is full of energy-saving ideas and tools.

2. Lower wholesale power costs

Help reduce Consolidated Electric's wholesale energy bill by taking advantage of our rebates, Cool Returns/remote control switch installation, and the Energy Calculator. Visit our Web site for additional information on these programs.

3. Raise your voice

Future legislative decisions on energy policy may increase your bills even more. Let your elected officials know how proposed legislation will impact you. Visit www.ourenergy.coop to contact your elected officials.

Consolidated Electric became Tree Line USA utility certified in February. Certification requirements were to demonstrate the use of proper tree care practices near utilities, to provide evidence of annual worker training for tree care and to provide public education and commitment to community tree planting. We are proud to be a part of the growing appreciation of the importance of trees and the realization that a good tree care program is a wise investment for the future.



Save with rebates!

Not only can you save money but you can also conserve energy with several rebate programs offered by Consolidated Electric.



Roger Keller,
CEC Energy Advisor

Water heater rebate

The water heater rebate program offers up to \$550 for installation of an electric water heater and a radio-controlled switch. In addition, you could be eligible to receive up to \$24 a year in credits on your electric bill if you use more than 750 kilowatt-hours of electricity each month and have a radio-controlled switch on your water heater.

Dual fuel rebate

A dual fuel system can heat and cool your home very economically. Dual fuel systems are an economical energy choice that can save you 40-60 percent on your heating costs annually. You may also qualify for a \$600 rebate from Consolidated Electric when you install your new system.

Geothermal rebate

Geothermal systems are a form of heat pump that uses the natural heating and cooling ability of the earth. A geothermal system is one of the most energy-efficient heating and cooling systems you will find. Consolidated Electric offers a \$600 rebate on geothermal system installs.

Call us at 800-421-5863 to learn about how you can qualify for one of our great rebate programs.

In the Community!

Consolidated Electric Cooperative is more than just an electric utility. In an effort to further promote its concern for the local communities, Consolidated incorporated the Consolidated Electric Foundation, better known as "The People Fund".



At the Board's January meeting, the following awards were approved from The People Fund:

Cub Scout Pack 94 - Pine wood derby track - \$800

Fort Morrow Fire District - Rope and water rescue equipment - \$2,677

Heartland Conference Center - AED unit - \$1,500

Morrow Co. Transportation Collaborative - Eight GPS units for transportation vans - \$1,600

Morrow Co. Litter Advisory - Trash bash bounty - \$1,000

If you know a neighbor or local organization that may be in need of emergency or special needs assistance, please direct them to our Web site to download a People Fund request form at www.consolidatedelectric.coop. Consolidated Electric and The People Fund are making a positive impact in your local community — that is the Cooperative difference!

Kids Corner! Green GENERATION



Do you ever wonder how things will be when you grow up? What kind of job will you have? What new inventions will be made? Will your favorite baseball team ever win the World Series? These are all important questions to a kid!

But there is another question you should be asking – What will my future be like if there isn't enough electricity?

Our Energy, Our Future is a program developed in order to start talking about the energy in your future! Ask your parents to visit www.ourenergy.coop to find out how to send a letter or e-mail to their elected government officials about these very questions.

make it a habit...



Above the Rest
Garage Doors
AquaGuard
D&J House Dr.'s
Parkfield Insulation
Solid Surface Design
Steve's Painting Service

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