

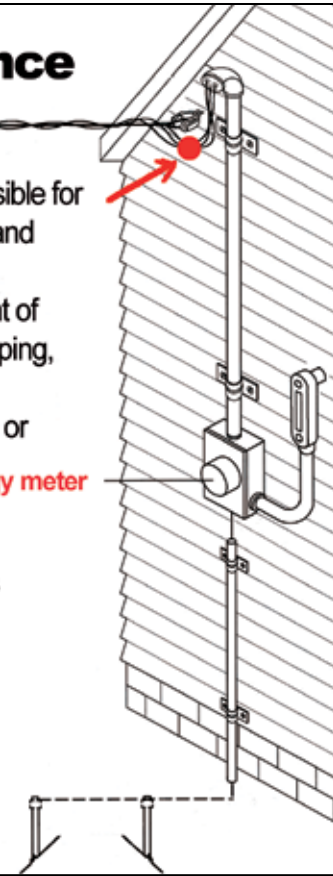
Service Entrance

Kenergy service wire

Member owns and is responsible for maintaining equipment after and including point of attachment. That equipment includes point of attachment, weather head, piping, wiring, mounting hardware, meter base, and ground rods or other equipment.

Kenergy meter

Kenergy owns and maintains service wire and the meter.



Johnny Musarra's Chocolate Pie Recipe

From the North South Truck Stop in Robards

Ingredients:

1 baked pie shell
1 c. sugar
3 rounded Tbsps of cocoa
3 rounded Tbsps of cornstarch
5 egg yolks
1 tsp vanilla
1 c. milk
1 can evaporated milk
1 tsp butter

Meringue:

5 egg whites
½ c. sugar

Mix together the sugar, cocoa and cornstarch. Mix together the egg yolks and vanilla and add to the dry mixture. Mix well.

Pour milk and evaporated milk into that mixture and heat on a medium-high burner until the pie filling reaches a pudding consistency. Add the butter when the mixture begins to warm. Be sure to stir the mixture constantly while it is on the stove to prevent scorching.

Once the mixture thickens, pour it in a baked pie shell.

Make the meringue by mixing the egg whites and sugar until they form peaks when the mixer is lifted.

Pile meringue on the filling as tall as you want. Bake the pie at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes, or until the meringue browns.



Why topping is harmful to trees

Known by many names – topping, rounding over, heading, tipping and hat-racking – this method of pruning is one of the most harmful tree pruning practices known. However, it remains a very

common practice.

The most common reason for topping is to reduce the size of the tree. Often homeowners feel their trees have become too large and fear these trees may pose a hazard. Topping, however, is not a viable method to reduce the size of a tree and definitely does not reduce the hazard. In fact, topping will make a tree more hazardous over the long run.

Topping stresses trees

Topping often removes 50 to 100 percent of the leaf-bearing crown of a tree. Trees get their food from and through leaves; removing them starves the tree. When this happens, the tree goes into “survival” mode and begins to rapidly produce new buds and leaves. During this time, all of the tree’s energy is used for this growth and is diverted away from the rest of the tree, weakening it and making it more vulnerable to insects and disease. Repeated topping will eventually result in the tree dying and becoming a hazard.

Topping creates hazards

When trees are allowed to grow naturally, without topping, the branches grow slowly and develop in an overlapping method. The new shoots that grow quickly as a result of topping are only anchored to the outermost layer of the existing tree. This makes them very prone to breaking, especially during windy conditions. They also become a much greater risk to power lines and Kenergy’s ability to maintain reliability.

Topping is expensive

The cost of topping a tree is not limited to the cost of having it done the first time. If the tree survives, it will require pruning again in a very short time due to the rapid branch growth. It is very likely that limbs or the whole tree will need to be cleaned up following a storm. In the most likely scenario, if the tree dies, it will have to be removed which is very expensive.

The irony is that while the goal of topping is to reduce a tree’s size and make it safer, topping actually makes trees more hazardous.

Alternatives to topping

There are times when a tree needs to be reduced in height or spread, such as near power lines. Using proper techniques is important. For example, if possible, branches should be removed back to their point of attachment. Sometimes the best solution is to remove the tree and replace it with a species that is more appropriate for the site. The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) are two very good sources for proper pruning techniques.

mark **YOU!** calendar

- March** Washington Youth Tour winners will be announced.
- May 30** Offices Closed - Memorial Day.
- June 7** Kenergy Annual Meeting in Henderson.

The FOCUS

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Monthly Newsletter for Kenergy Members

Electric costs would soar under new federal regulations



Sandy Novick
President/CEO

national’s future energy policy.

Recent studies by outside experts suggest the ultimate impact of these rules on our nation’s power supply will be substantive and negative. Some studies estimate up to 20 percent of our nation’s existing coal-fired generation will shut down because many power plants will become uneconomic to operate. The result will be increased power prices and reduced electric system reliability.

Big Rivers Electric Corp (BREC), our wholesale electric provider, generates more than 92 percent of its power from coal. As a consequence, the proposed new environmental compliance regulations will have a dramatic and significant negative impact on BREC. Its leaders estimate BREC will spend more than

CAIR. CATR. HAPS. EPA. SO2. NOX. GHG. These acronyms probably mean nothing to you, but they will most certainly have a significant impact on the price you pay for electricity in the future.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has begun the regulatory process of creating substantial new environmental compliance rules for all power plants. These rules are complex, aggressive, and are considered by some to be an attempt to bypass Congress in determining our

\$785,000,000 to try and achieve compliance. That translates into the likelihood of Kenergy seeing wholesale power costs soar by as much as 39 percent by 2015 – just for BREC’s compliance with these new rules.

Kenergy continues to work with our Washington legislators to ensure they understand the impact and to encourage them to collaborate with other legislators to achieve a more balanced and manageable approach to coal-fired power plant emissions and discharges. Additionally, we are focusing even more on helping our members use energy more wisely and efficiently, thereby reducing the financial burden of increasing power costs.

Kenergy has always been supportive of responsible environmental stewardship. We have encouraged and assisted our members in the efficient use of electricity for many years. For example, the co-op started giving members compact fluorescent light bulbs long ago. To date, Kenergy has distributed more than 47,500 of these energy-efficient bulbs, as well as assisted through discounts and technical advice on the installation of numerous geothermal heating/cooling systems.

We perform energy audits for our Commercial and Industrial customers and have extensive energy-efficiency data on our Web site. For those members who have attended our Annual Meeting during the last several years, they know we have hosted energy-efficiency trade shows with numerous vendors and technical information, including innovative products for members to evaluate. In recent months, we started pilot programs for refrigerator replacements, energy-efficient lighting and ENERGY STAR new-home construction.

We continue to follow events in Washington and the movement of these EPA rulemakings. As always, we will continue to lobby our legislators on our members’ behalf. We promise to keep you updated as events unfold.

Kenergy is member-owned, and we take the prospect of higher power prices and their impact on our members very seriously. We remain committed to serving you with the proper balance between affordable power prices and sensitivity to preserving our environment.

Electricity is a good value!



AT HOME IN HAITI

Kenergy members David and Judy Heady are on a mission.


Story inside.




How to Clean Up a Broken Compact Fluorescent Lightbulb (CFL)



1 Ventilate the room.



2 Scoop up powder and glass fragments using stiff paper or cardboard. Seal in a plastic bag.




3 Use duct tape to pick up any fragments or powder.

4 Immediately place all materials used to clean up and the plastic bag in an outdoor trash container. Remember to wash your hands.



5 Discard any clothing or bedding that comes in direct contact with broken glass or powder from inside the bulb. Washing tainted items may cause mercury fragments in clothing to contaminate the machine and/or pollute sewage.

To learn more about CFLs and why you should be careful when cleaning up a broken bulb, visit www.epa.gov.



Source: Electrical Safety Foundation Institute, YASLY

At home in Haiti



Kenergy members David and Judy Heady went to Haiti in 1982 on short mission trips. The country and its people stole their hearts. Within months of their first mission trips, the Daviess County couple sold their businesses and moved to Haiti. They spend less than 15 nights per year in their local home.



DAVIESS COUNTY – David Heady is 71. His wife, Judy, is 68.

Most people their ages prop up their feet in retirement. Not the Headys.

They are busier than ever, working 14-hour days as missionaries in TiTanyen, a town about 15 miles north of Port Au-Prince, Haiti. They are the directors of Global Outreach Haiti, a 66-acre compound that provides scores of services to area residents.

Since the 2010 earthquake that rocked Haiti, their mission has helped build homes for many in the village of TiTanyen. So far, Global Outreach has constructed 33 new homes and repaired at least 25 more.

Several charitable organizations have used the Global Outreach compound as their staging ground for aid to Haiti. The Headys are heavily involved in helping these groups set up logistics or meeting other needs of fellow ministries.



ference center sleeps 212 and feeds more than 350 at a time.

The mission provides four schools, which feed all the students daily. Also, Global Outreach Haiti teaches sewing and cooking skills.

Each week, the ministry provides 62 elderly with enough food



“Our well-drilling crew is working in the largest tent city set up with over 100,000 people in it,” Judy says. “We are drilling as fast as we can to get potable water to as many as possible.”

The need for safe drinking water is great since the earthquake; however, drilling for water has long been a Global Outreach service. Since 1994, the ministry has drilled nearly 300 wells in surrounding communities. Poor water quality causes many diseases in Haiti, especially among children.

In addition to providing aid during natural disasters and many essential services on a daily basis, the ministry offers conferences and retreats for Haitian pastors, school teachers and youth groups. The mission serves as a training ground for new missionaries entering service.

Global Outreach Haiti’s con-

for a week. The mission offers a burn clinic.

Even with all this going on, the Headys push for more. Next on their wish list: help Haitians generate electricity with wind turbines. “(Electricity) would revolutionize their lives,” David says in a video posted on Global Outreach Haiti’s Web site.

In 1983, the Headys sold their Owensboro businesses – Brite-Way Electric and Brite-Way Sign Co. – and moved to Haiti to become missionaries.

Last year, the couple celebrated their 50th anniversary. They met at a high school ballgame. David, who grew up in Maceo, went to Daviess County High School. Judy attended Owensboro High School.

The pair dated two years before they married. When they first wed, David worked as a meter reader and lineman for Green River Rural Electric, which later merged with Henderson Rural Electric Co-op to form Kenergy Corp.

“David wasn’t even saved until he was 37 years old,” Judy says. “After he was saved, the Lord grew him fast. Five years later, he was on the short-term mission to Haiti, and there is where the Lord spoke to him about full-time Christian service.”

At a time in his life when many men want to retire, David is the regional director for Global Outreach’s South and Central America programs, as well as the Caribbean. He is on the executive committee of Global Outreach International and is one of four men who make up the leadership team that oversees all of Global Outreach International.

In addition, David preaches every Sunday.

To learn more about these Kenergy members and their ministry, go to <http://www.freewebs.com/gohaitimission/>.

Calling 9-1-1



Kenergy members should never call Emergency 911 to report problems with their electricity.

And we urge members not to call Judge-Executives or Emergency Management directors when an outage occurs. Going through a third party, such as a county official, is the slowest way to report an outage. Instead, members should call the co-op at (800) 844-4832 and follow the telephone prompts.

During regular business hours, members will be able to speak to a Customer Service Representative if they choose. However, members may report outages

through the phone system without help from a representative.

Kenergy maintains a sophisticated phone system that logs outage calls directly into the co-op’s dispatch center on nights, weekends and holidays. There is no faster way to report an outage.

There are times when co-op members should call Emergency 911. For example, if they find a downed power line or other public-safety hazard, members should call 911. Each county’s dispatch center is trained to relay important public-safety information to the co-op.

In 2009, the Kentucky Public Service Commission recommended that all state co-ops educate members about when to call 911. And the commission urged all Kentuckians to call their utility only once to report an outage.

For more information, contact Renee Beasley Jones, Kenergy communications manager, at (800) 844-4832, extension 6103.

Refrigerator Replacement Rebate Pilot Program extended



In October, Kenergy started a Refrigerator Replacement Rebate Pilot Program that offered a \$50 gift card to members who bought ENERGY STAR-rated refrigerators.

That program has been extended to Feb. 28!

Any member who buys an ENERGY STAR-rated refrigerator between Oct. 1, 2010 and Feb. 28, 2011 is eligible to receive the gift card. Members must provide all the following as proof of purchase: an invoice from the dealer, UPC code from the carton and the Energy Guide showing ENERGY STAR certification of the new refrigerator.

Also, the dealer is required to remove and recycle the old refrigerator to receive the rebate. The dealer must certify on the invoice that he or she has removed and recycled the old unit.

For more information on this rebate, click on the Smart Savings button under the Twitter widget on the co-op’s home page at www.kenergycorp.com or call Jeanette Weedman at (800) 844-4832, extension 6157.

You have the power to make a difference.

Fuels used to generate electricity are getting more expensive. That’s driving prices up. Your electric cooperative is working hard to make a difference.

And you can do your part, too.

Install a programmable thermostat to make your home more energy-efficient. About half of your electric bill is spent heating and cooling your home. Contact Scott Heath at Kenergy (800) 844-4832, extension 6156, or sheath@kenergycorp.com for more information.

