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Your Safety Matters

Trees and powerlines can co-exist

Trees that grow too close to power lines can create shock and fire hazards as well as power outages. More importantly, children can become victims of electric shock when they climb trees that have grown too close to power lines.

Trees growing into power lines can also create electrical hazards for people who might be trimming branches, hanging lights or otherwise working around them.

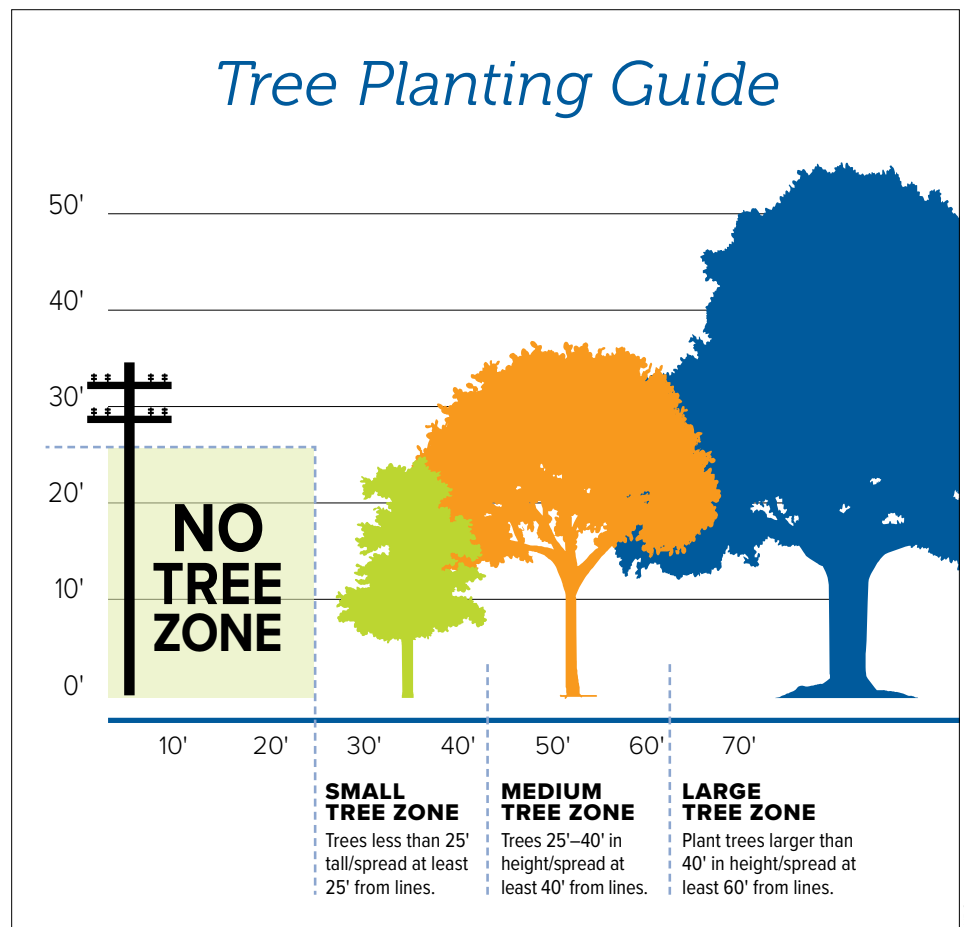
If a member hires a professional to maintain trees on their property and has concerns about the proximity to power lines, please call Kenergy at (800) 844-4832 to be inspected for safety.

Right tree, right place

Kenergy believes trees are an important part of our environment and community. To avoid dangerous situations, the right tree needs to be planted in the right place.

As you landscape your property this spring, remember to “look up” and keep these tips in mind:

- Cooperate with Kenergy in our efforts



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- to provide safe, reliable electric service by maintaining easement areas.
- Be aware of a tree's spread and height at maturity. This will help you select the right tree to plant.
- To get the height and spread specifications for a specific tree, visit

ArborDay.org, your local cooperative extension office or a local nursery.

- Never plant vegetation too close to or under power lines and poles.
- Report any trees that may threaten the cooperative's service.
- Call 811 before digging or planting.





Field Engineer Steffan Hart—10 years of service



Construction and Maintenance Line Technician Jonathan Speed—5 years of service. Photos: Kenergy staff

Message from the President

Thank a lineworker

Kenergy celebrates National Lineworker Appreciation Day

All of us at Kenergy are dedicated to improving the quality of life in the communities we serve, and no one works harder toward that goal than our co-op lineworkers.

It's a marvel of this era that electricity is a given. Thanks to co-op leaders of previous generations, we have a system in place to serve you. Our lineworkers play a critical role in making sure Kenergy's infrastructure is built and maintained so that we can consistently provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity for our members.

America's electric cooperatives have designated the second Monday of each April as National Lineworker Appreciation Day, and on April 8, Kenergy will honor these hardworking individuals who often face challenging conditions to keep the lights on. We are proud to recognize the 42 lineworkers who maintain 7,217 miles of power lines in our service territory.

Our lineworkers' efforts and sacrifice are plain to see, but you may not realize the amount of training and study it takes to become a lineworker in the first place. It's about a four-year process to advance from an apprentice to journeyman lineworker. Apprentices work alongside our veterans, learning best practices and what we expect of them.

We stress safety every day at Kenergy. When working with electricity, diligence and professionalism are absolute necessities. That's why the lineworkers who work to restore and maintain your power never stop training. In conjunction with our statewide association, Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, lineworkers are always learning and are held to professional standards to keep everyone safe.

Whether they're restoring power after a major storm or maintaining infrastructure that's critical to our electric system, lineworkers are Kenergy's first responders, and they're always ready to get the job done, day or night.

In honor of National Lineworker Appreciation Day, we invite you to take a moment to thank lineworkers for everything they do. Use #ThankaLineworker on social media to show your support.

By Tim Lindahl
President & CEO



Frankfort Youth Tour

Nearly 100 high school students representing Kentucky's electric cooperatives gathered at the Kentucky Capitol on February 21 for the Frankfort Youth Tour, a program designed to offer rising young leaders a personal understanding of Kentucky history, civic engagement and their role as citizens and members of electric cooperatives.

Students were welcomed by Rocky Adkins, senior advisor to the governor, before touring the Capitol and attending meetings of the Senate Health Services and Senate Natural Resource and Energy committees. Throughout the busy day, students interacted with legislators and elected officials in the hallways and heard from Gov. Andy Beshear and Rep. Samara Heavrin about their legislative priorities and issues facing Kentuckians. In June, many of these students will travel to our nation's capital during the Washington Youth Tour.

Kenergy was represented by three delegates:

- **Madison Rowland**—Daviess County High School
- **Abigail Riley**—Daviess County High School
- **Tate Nobles**—Union County High School

Since the inception of the youth tour program, co-ops have sponsored more than 1,800 Kentucky high school students in Washington, D.C., and thousands more in Frankfort. Kenergy is proud to invest in our future leaders.



From left, Madison Rowland, Tate Nobles and Abigail Riley. Photo: Tim Webb

The launch of the 2024 Co-ops Vote initiative—a nonpartisan effort to boost voter turnout in the areas served by rural electric cooperatives—coincided with the Frankfort Youth Tour. Secretary of State Michael Adams spoke to students about the importance of being involved in the democratic process and making their voices heard by voting.

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Two incumbents will face opposition in 2024 board election

Kenergy members of District 2, which includes all of Union County and a portion of Crittenden County; District 7, which includes that area of Daviess County bounded on the west by U.S. 431, on the north and east by Kentucky 54 and on the south by the Daviess County line; and District 10, which includes all of McLean and Ohio counties, will be asked to vote this year for a director in the upcoming election.

Kenergy's bylaws stipulate that any uncontested candidate will be declared the winner of the board seat without an election. By virtue of being the only candidate nominated, incumbent Robert White of District 2 will retain his seat for another three-year term.

Eddie Leach, who has represented District 7 since 2021, is being challenged by Will Wathen of Owensboro, Chris Rhoads of Masonville and Cory Maynard of Utica.

Jonathan Ayer, who has represented District 10 since 2012, is being challenged by Jared Bratcher of Utica and Garrett Owen of Livermore.

Ballots will be mailed in mid-May. Members have the option of voting online or by mail. Winners of the election will be announced at the cooperative's annual membership meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, at Kenergy's office in Owensboro.

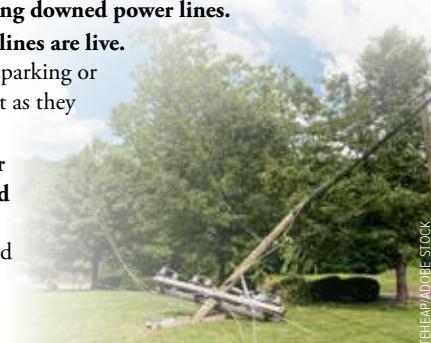
AVOID DOWNED POWER LINES

If you see a downed power line, move away from it.

Keep a distance of at least 35 feet, as the ground around downed power lines may be energized.

ADDITIONAL TIPS:

- **Don't touch anything touching downed power lines.**
- **Assume ALL downed power lines are live.** They don't have to be arcing, sparking or humming; they can be as quiet as they usually are.
- **If you see someone in direct or indirect contact with a downed line, DO NOT touch him or her.** You could become energized as well. Call 911 for assistance.



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