



JOE IMEL

Keeping the lights on

Why right-of-way maintenance matters

At Kenergy, our mission is to provide safe and reliable electric service while preparing for future challenges in the communities we serve. One of the most important ways we fulfill that mission is through ongoing right-of-way clearing and maintenance.

Vegetation management plays a critical role in delivering dependable power. Trees and other vegetation that grow too close to power lines can interfere with the electric distribution system, causing outages, equipment damage and safety hazards. A consistent ROW maintenance cycle allows Kenergy crews to trim and clear problem areas before they create disruptions. The result is fewer outages, improved safety and more efficient restoration efforts when repairs are needed.

The public also plays a key role in protecting the power system. Homeowners should carefully consider the tree type, size and location when planting to avoid potential contact with power lines or equipment. Contact Kenergy or your local extension office for guidance when in doubt.

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 you hire a professional to maintain trees on your property and have concerns about the proximity to power lines, please call Kenergy at (800) 844-4832 to be inspected for safety.

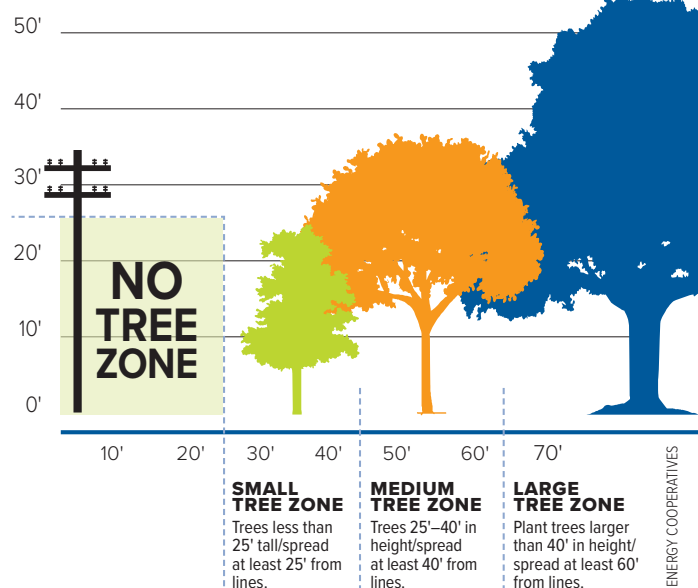
Right tree, right place

We believe 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 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.

Tree Planting Guide



- 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.

By working together—through proactive maintenance and smart planting decisions—we can protect both the beauty of our landscape and the reliability of your electric service.



KENTUCKY'S TOUCHSTONE ENERGY COOPERATIVES



Crew Leader Blake Cowan—10 years



Field Engineering Technician Clint French—10 years



Utility Forester Morgan Horn—5 years



Field Engineering Technician Richard Moore—5 years

Message from the President

Lineworkers are ready when it matters most

As CEO of Kenergy, I have the unique privilege of seeing firsthand what it truly takes to keep the lights on for our members. In April, we take time to pause and recognize the brave people who make that possible every single day—our lineworkers.

When storms impact our communities and outages occur, many people experience the inconvenience, but our lineworkers see a call to action. Our crews are always ready when it matters most—leaving family dinners, working through the night and heading into challenging conditions to restore power as safely and quickly as possible. That readiness is not accidental. It comes from rigorous training, deep experience and a shared commitment to serving others.

What makes lineworkers especially remarkable is that they aren't just restoring power to a system—they're restoring power to their own communities. They live here. They raise their families here. They understand that electricity is more than a convenience; it's essential to daily life, to local businesses, to schools, farms and emergency services. Powering the places we call home is personal to lineworkers.

Electric cooperatives like Kenergy were built on the principle of neighbors helping neighbors, and our lineworkers embody that spirit every day. They are the first to respond and the last to leave, often working long hours behind the scenes. At times, serving our neighbors means going beyond our own service territory through a process known as mutual aid. During major outage events, like the most recent Winter Storm Fern, our crews stand ready to assist neighboring co-ops—sometimes close to home, and sometimes across state lines—to help restore power. This spirit of mutual aid strengthens all cooperatives and ultimately benefits the members we serve.

We understand any time the lights go out can be frustrating. It brings everyday life to a halt. We are incredibly grateful to our members for your patience and encouragement during these times. Linework is demanding, physical and, at times, it can be dangerous. Our crews approach each job with a focus on safety and teamwork. They take pride in their craft and in the trust our members place in them.

In April, we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day, but one day is hardly enough. Every day, we thank lineworkers for their service and dedication.

By *Tim Lindahl*
President & CEO



Pole inspections to start in spring

Alamon, a pole inspection contractor for Kenergy, will be inspecting poles this spring. Each wooden pole Kenergy owns, or uses will be inspected to ensure there are no hazards. Inspectors check for decay, insects, cracks, holes, age and any damage members may have caused.

You may see trucks in your area with a Kenergy Contractor magnet. Inspectors will also have an Alamon picture ID with them. Inspectors will be working during daylight hours only. Don't be alarmed if you see the contractors parked for a few hours and/or riding from pole to pole on an all-terrain vehicle.

Inspection areas include **East Owensboro, South Dermont, Horse Fork, Crossroads, Little Dixie and Dermont.**

If you suspect something irregular or suspicious, please give us a call at (800) 844-4832.



J.J. BROWN

2026 KENERGY ANNUAL MEETING SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Kenergy Owensboro Office
3111 Fairview Drive
Owensboro, KY

Registration: 10:30-11 a.m.
Business Meeting: 11 a.m.

Look for additional details about Member Appreciation Day coming in the fall!



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(800) 844-4832

Henderson: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
6402 Old Corydon Road

Owensboro: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
3111 Fairview Drive

Hanson: 9 a.m. – Noon, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
2620 Brown Badgett Loop

Hawesville: 9 a.m. – Noon, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
315 Hawes Blvd

Marion: Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon,
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., 3000 Mott City Road

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GIVE CREWS LOTS OF ROOM

It's the law

**National Work Zone Awareness Week is April 20-24.
Be mindful of lineworkers on the job.**

- **Work zones also include utility crews who work along the road-sides** to build, repair and maintain the highway of electric power lines.
- When motorists see the orange work zone warning signs and vehicles with flashing amber lights, **they should slow down and prepare for the zone ahead.**
- **Kentucky law requires motorists to approach cautiously and change lanes away from the emergency vehicles if they can do so safely.** If not, they should reduce their speed to 10 mph under the posted speed limit and proceed with caution.