

CLARK ENERGY LINES

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Setting off fireworks on the 4th? Look for power lines

If the fireworks show is in your yard this July 4, steer clear of power lines.

Most people celebrate by watching a local, professional show—supervised by firefighters. But if you're starting the performance early with consumer fireworks, here are some tips:

- Your fireworks might be legal, but that doesn't mean they are safe. The U.S. Fire Administration reports thousands of fireworks-related injuries each summer. The biggest threat—firecrackers, followed by bottle rockets and sparklers, which burn at about 2,000 degrees.
- Fireworks are especially dangerous when used near power lines, so stay clear. Light fireworks only in open areas where no power lines can be seen, and call Clark Energy immediately if your celebration gets tangled in an overhead wire.

Follow these additional safety tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- Children should be spectators, not participants, in the show. Never give children fireworks or sparklers.

- Read and carefully follow directions and warning labels. Most injuries result from improper use.
- Keep spectators at least 20 feet away and not downwind from where the fireworks will be set off.
- Light fireworks only on a smooth,

flat surface away from all flammable materials, including dry leaves.

- Never try to relight fireworks that don't function.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby in case of a fire.

Celebrate the holiday

Clark Energy's offices in all locations will be closed Tuesday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday. We will reopen at 8 a.m., Wednesday, July 5.

In the event of an emergency, please call our dispatch services at (800) 992-3269.



JAMES THEW

From the President's Desk

Contact Us

CLARK EC OFFICE LOCATIONS

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OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,
Monday - Friday

OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS

Winchester - (859) 744-4251
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Stanton - (606) 663-4330
Toll Free - (800) 992-3269
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Fax - (859) 744-4218

**To report an outage, please call
(800) 992-3269.**

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Electric independence

The connection between Ben Franklin and your cooperative



Managing Clark Energy has given me a different perspective on electricity, especially on July 4 when fireworks celebrate our nation's birthday. Both fireworks and electricity provide tremendous forms of energy, and there's a connection.

Nowadays, most members never experienced a time when they did not have electricity. What once was a luxury for most rural people 80 years ago is now a necessity. Can you imagine lighting your way

with a coal-oil lamp or washing your clothes by hand?

Electricity has brought so many wonderful changes to practically everything we do: lights show the way as we get ready for the day; it powers the coffee maker that gives us our morning jolt. And electricity is there the rest of the day whether you are working with machinery or computers, or using dozens of electrical appliances in your house. Electricity saves lives by powering hospitals and keeping food from spoiling.

There are some that believe one of our founding fathers even discovered electricity: Benjamin Franklin. While not actually true, electricity was known to science long before old Ben flew that kite with a key attached to its tail to harness lightning during a storm. Franklin was, however, a pioneer in the study of electricity and made many important contributions and discoveries. He conceived the terms "positive" and "negative" charge when referring to rubbing two objects together, resulting in an electric charge transferring from one to the other.

Mr. Franklin also has a connection to Clark Energy's cooperative side: he is credited with starting the first cooperative business in the United States. In 1752, he founded a mutual fire insurance company, The Philadelphia Contributionship, which continues to operate to this day. The power of cooperatives, indeed.

At Clark Energy, we've made sure this necessity we provide you is reliable and safe. Even though producing electricity is a complex process, the service Clark Energy provides you is still affordable compared to the increase of cost for other necessities.

As we celebrate our nation's 241st birthday, let's give founding father Benjamin Franklin a big shout-out as we take photos on our cameras charged by electricity.



Chris Brewer, President & CEO

Congratulations to the 2017 Citizen-Scholar Scholarship recipients



Recipients of Clark Energy's \$1,000 one-time scholarships for 2017 were:

Landon Bowman – Bourbon County High School

Sara Franklin – Menifee County High School

Zebulon Hart – Montgomery County High School and Craft Academy for Excellence

Maria Hoover – Madison Central High School

Haylee Johnson – Menifee County High School

Cameron Owsley – Powell County High School

Abigail Rank – Hilltop Home School

Noah Sallie – Montgomery County High School

Brooke Skidmore – Powell County High School

Emily Smith – George Rogers Clark High School

Hannah Tatman – Powell County High School

Haley Tribble – Madison Central High School

Jillian Turner – Locust Grove Christian

Shelby Walker – Bath County High School

Elissa Warner – Bourbon County High School

Emily Workman – Montgomery County High School

Your Safety Matters

When using a portable pool, four key steps can save lives

Summer is here and portable pools can provide needed relief from the hot summer days.

Hard plastic wading pools and inflatable, soft-sided pools can be a low-cost and easy-to-set-up alternative to heading to waterparks or public pools.

Before you set up a portable pool in your yard, think about safety first. Here are four essential safety steps:

- Find a safe location. It's very important to plan where you place the pool. Never set it beneath or in close proximity to power lines.
- Get children inside during storms. At the first clap

of thunder, always get everyone immediately out of the pool and move them into a shelter.

- Keep extension cords away. Do not place a stereo plugged into electricity close to a swimming pool. This is a potentially fatal accident waiting to happen.
- Watch the kids always. Never leave a child in a pool without supervision. Each summer, a child drowns every five days in a portable pool.
- Clark Energy cares about your family's safety. Stay alert and be safe while enjoying portable pools.

Keep Your Cool (and Cash) in Hot Weather

Do heat and higher-than-normal electric bills leave you a little hot under the collar? Our co-op has several ways to cool you down.

With our SimpleSaver program, you get credits to lower your electric bill by allowing us to install energy-managing switches on certain appliances. We will pay you up to \$20 annually for each central air conditioner you enroll. Sign up your 40-gallon or greater electric water heater and receive an additional \$10 annual credit. You will automatically receive those bill credits each and every year you remain in the program. You will also receive up to a \$20 sign-up bonus just for joining the program.

To sign up, call (800) 305-5493 or go to www.simplesaver.coop

Here are other simple ways to save:

Heave the Old 'Fridge

We'll pick up and dispose of your old refrigerator or freezer if you call 1-844-HAUL4ME (1-888-428-5463). You get a \$50 rebate for each old unit hauled. Also, ask about our ENERGY STAR® Appliance Rebates to earn a \$50 to \$300 in rebates on new appliances.

Plug Leaks

Get a free Button-Up audit to identify costly air leaks. By adding insulation and taking simple do-it-yourself steps – like putting mastic on your ducts, your home can become more comfortable and energy efficient. Plus, you can pocket a cool rebate of up to \$1,370 for documented savings.

Track Your Energy Use

Go to our website and click on Billing*Insights* for an instant analysis of where energy is being used in your home and ways to improve efficiency.

Our co-op has lots of ways to help you save electricity — and money. Contact us to schedule a free energy audit or for information about any of our power-saving programs and rebates. Call us or visit our website at www.togetherwesaveKY.com.

Keep your cool — and cash — this summer. We've got lots of ways to help you save.

Beat the HEAT!

Switch it up...

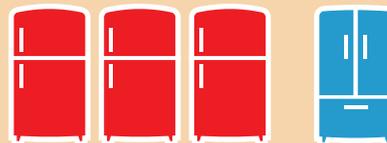
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Receive **yearly** bill credits



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2-3x More Power



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\$300

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30% More
Energy
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