



OWEN ELECTRIC CONNECTION

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The power of community in the heat of summer

July in Kentucky brings long days, family vacations, county fairs, backyard cookouts and plenty of time outdoors. It also brings some of the hottest temperatures of the year—and with that comes increased demand on the electric grid as air conditioners work overtime to keep our homes and businesses comfortable.

At Owen Electric, summer is more than a season. It is one of the times of year when reliability matters most.

When temperatures climb into the 90s and heat indexes soar even higher, electricity becomes essential to daily life and safety. Families depend on reliable power to stay cool, refrigerate medications and food, power medical equipment and provide relief from dangerous heat. That responsibility is something we take seriously every single day.

Owen Electric continually makes investments in infrastructure, technology and maintenance to ensure reliable service for the communities we serve. Crews work year-round inspecting poles and power lines, upgrading equipment and preparing for storms and peak demand periods. While most people are enjoying summer activities, lineworkers and operations personnel



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remain on call around the clock, ready to respond whenever needed.

The energy landscape is changing rapidly. Demand for electricity continues to grow while utilities across the country face challenges involving fuel supply, generation capacity and grid reliability. Rest assured that Owen Electric and our power supplier, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, are working proactively to plan for the future while maintaining the safety and reliability our members expect.

Summer also serves as a reminder that small actions can make a big difference. Adjusting your thermostat a few degrees, using ceiling fans, grilling outdoors instead of using the oven and avoiding major appliance use during peak afternoon hours can help reduce


strain on the grid and lower your monthly bill.

Most importantly, summer reminds us why Owen Electric exists in the first place: to serve and enhance the lives of our member-owners. Whether sponsoring local events, supporting youth programs and scholarships, investing in economic development or restoring power after storms, we are deeply connected to the communities we call home.

As you enjoy the rest of the summer season, know that Owen Electric remains committed to keeping the lights on, serving our communities and powering a brighter future for Kentucky.

President and CEO
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where power lines are.

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Out and about in our communities



Left, Josh Hearn and Johnny Fitzgerald brought the safety trailer to Owen County Amish Mennonite School for a hands-on demonstration focused on electrical safety. Students had the opportunity to see real-life scenarios and learn how to stay safe around electricity at home and in their community. Teaching the next generation about the power and responsibility that come with electricity is one of the most important things we do. Photo: Johnny Fitzgerald



Above, a hot dog may seem like an unusual tool for an electrical safety demonstration, but Service Technicians Chris Back and Bobby Von Bokern used one to represent a finger and show Summit View Academy students how electricity can impact the human body. Through the eye-opening demonstration, students saw firsthand the dangers of electrical contact and learned why even brief exposure to electricity can cause serious harm. Photos: Whitney Duvall



Some members of our team, including Misty Jump, Rebecca McQueary and Jude Canchola, pictured above, as well as Abigail Williams, recently spent the day volunteering at Ronald McDonald House Lexington, lending a hand wherever it was needed—from freshening up the landscape with new mulch and plants to painting and tackling other projects around the house. It's an honor to support a place that provides comfort and care to families when they need it most. We are proud of our employees for showing up, working hard, and making a difference in the community. Photos: Whitney Duvall and Tim Webb

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Summer Swimming Safety

WATER AND ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

- Locate and label the power switches to your pool, hot tub and spa equipment and lighting.
- Make sure your pool/hot tub/spa equipment is located at least 25 feet from power lines.
- Pools, hot tubs and spa equipment should be inspected annually. Inspections and any wiring or repairs should be performed by a licensed electrician.
- Install GFCI outlets on all receptacles within 20 feet of the water's edge. These can help prevent electrocution.
- While enjoying rivers and lakes, avoid swimming near wharves, marinas and plugged-in boats. They could introduce electric current into nearby water.