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FREE Wi-Fi Locations a Success



Local family connected to Free Wi-Fi (while remaining in vehicle) for school lesson.

Lake Region Electric Cooperative has monitored a fair amount of usage on our three free Wi-Fi locations during the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak. These free Wi-Fi locations were created to keep area residents online and connected who do not have access to fast internet.

Free, public Wi-Fi is available at the Keys Elementary School parking lot, as well as the Hulbert City Park, and Norris Park, in Tahlequah. The name of the network at each location is "LREC Fiber," and it does not require a password to connect.

"We think it's important to have this available, especially for students who had to continue school from home," said Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO.

"Those who may not have access to the internet at their home, can park in these parking spots, stay in their cars, and connect. We thought it would be very important for our community, and we stepped up and added those free Wi-Fi locations to our network."

"We've contacted the schools, so they can send their students to these safe locations to download their lessons and do their homework," said Glen Clark, Director of Marketing.

"We know how important broadband access is becoming, especially now, and we were happy to help with these quick buildout solutions," added Clark.

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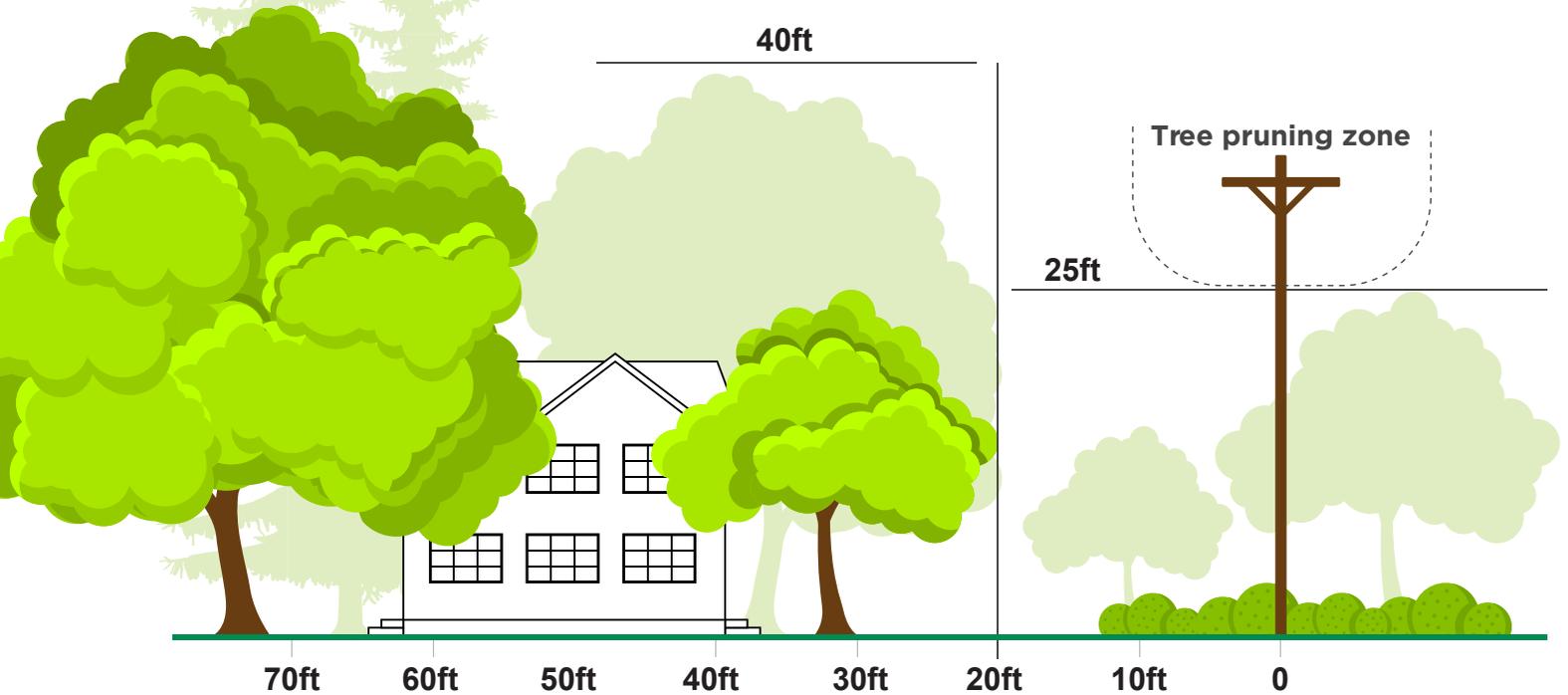
PLANT IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Keeping lines clear of trees and vegetation is important

Early summer is a great time to plant trees, but only if you plant them in the right location. Before planting trees in your yard, think about how tall they may grow and how wide their branches may spread. A good rule-of-thumb to follow is 25 feet of ground-to-sky clearance, meaning that no trees, limbs, leaves or other vegetation should be within 25 feet of overhead power lines, from the ground up.

By making sure your trees are planted safely away from Lake Region's power lines, you are helping us keep a safe and reliable supply of power (and fiber optic internet, too) flowing to your home or business. Thanks for keeping our power and fiber lines in mind 3143600 when you plant.

Check out the tree guide at: www.arborday.org/trees/



Get a programmable thermostat

Save up to \$130 on heating & cooling costs per year

Heating and cooling accounts for nearly half of the average household's yearly total energy use. Programmable Wi-Fi thermostats make it easy to reduce those costs by letting you control your thermostat from anywhere. Purchase a programmable Wi-Fi thermostat and complete a Lake Region Rebate form, and LREC will give you a \$50 rebate.

MORE WAYS TO SAVE > www.touchstoneenergy.com

UTILITY POLES ARE NOT BULLETIN BOARDS

There are still instances where our linemen must climb poles rather than use a bucket truck. Please consider our linemen's safety the next time you get ready to attach something to our electric poles. We see satellite dishes, yard sale and other signs. Satellite companies know that they should not attach dishes on the poles, but sometimes they still do. If an instance arises where one of our linemen must climb a pole with one of these obstructions in place, they will remove the obstruction without warning. So please, keep the utility poles for utility purposes only.



ELECTRIC VEHICLES VS. INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE (ICE) VEHICLES

Electric vehicles are increasing in popularity. With Charging infrastructure rapidly increasing and batteries that can go longer than ever, how do they stack up to standard ICE vehicles?

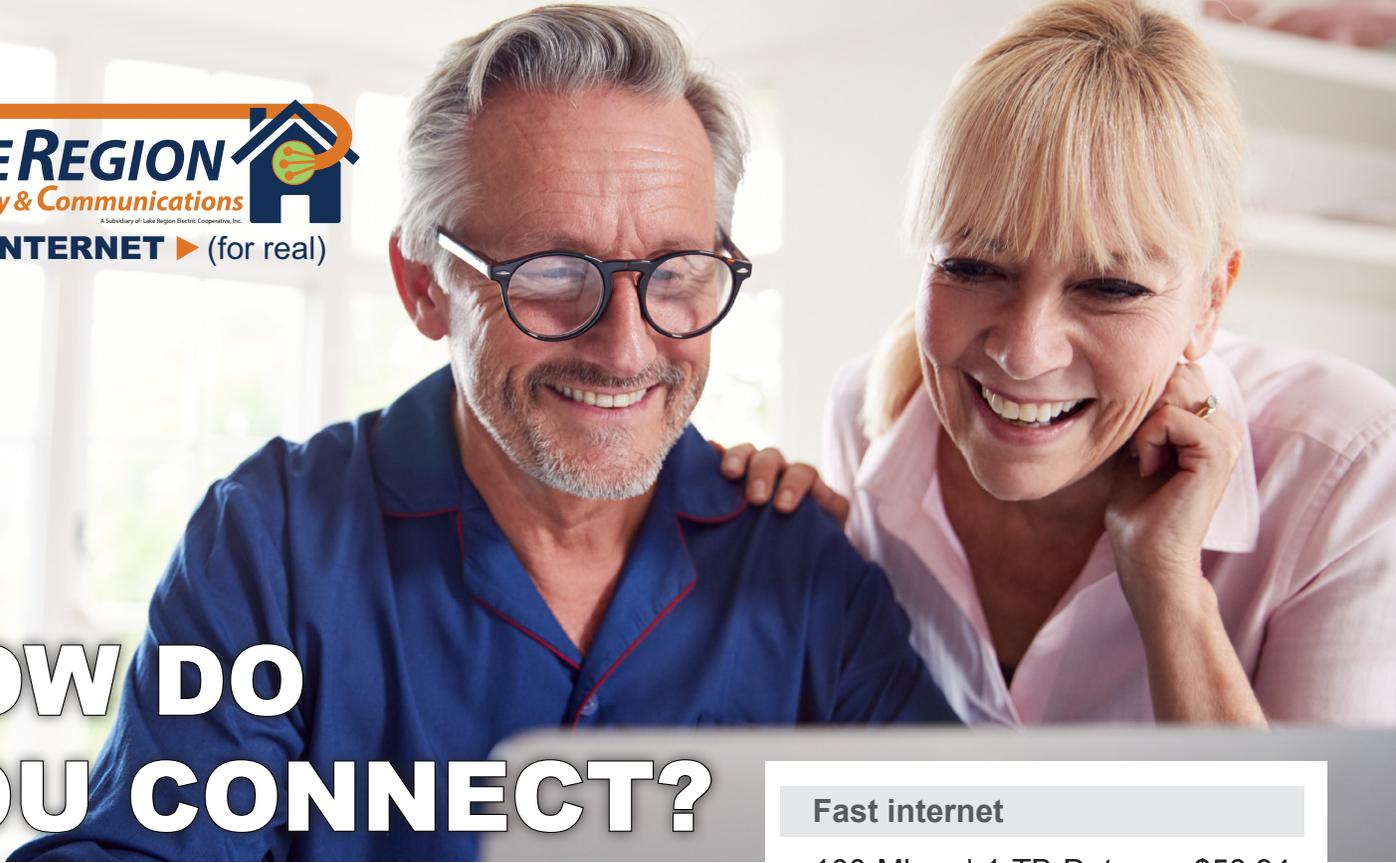
EV WINS

- Greater Energy Efficiency
- Zero Tailpipe Emissions
- Higher Performing
- Increased Energy Security
- Lower Fuel Cost
- Home Recharging
- Far Less Maintenance
- Tax Incentives

EV LOSSES

- Cost of Replacement Batteries
 - Less Stops at a Gas Station
 - Lack of Infrastructure
 - Range Anxiety





HOW DO YOU CONNECT?

Fast Internet | Simple TV | Reliable Home Phone

If your internet company isn't giving you fast internet, with plenty of data, and great customer service, they probably shouldn't be your internet company. Call us today and make the switch to Lake Region's new fiber optic service.

register.lrecok.net / 918-772-2526 / 

* Live service not available in all areas. Must pre-register for service. 24/mo contract is required for free installation. \$10/mo optional Wifi router fee. Other terms may apply.

Fast internet

100 Mbps 1 TB Data	\$58.94
250 Mbps 1.5 TB Data	\$78.94
500 Mbps 2 TB Data	\$108.94

Simple TV

Starter (138 channels)	\$71.00
Complete (198 channels)	\$81.00
Works (264 channels)	\$135.00

Reliable home phone

Unlimited long distance	\$39.95
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