



# Powerline Press

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## Keeping Your Power Lines Clear



Dusty Jones, LREC right-of-way

Trees beautify our communities, provide habitat for wildlife, offer shade, and help keep our environment clean. But, trees that grow too close or into LREC's power lines can result in power outages and pose a safety risk. That is why LREC operates a vegetation management program that keeps our power lines clear of trees and ensures the following.

### ► Safety

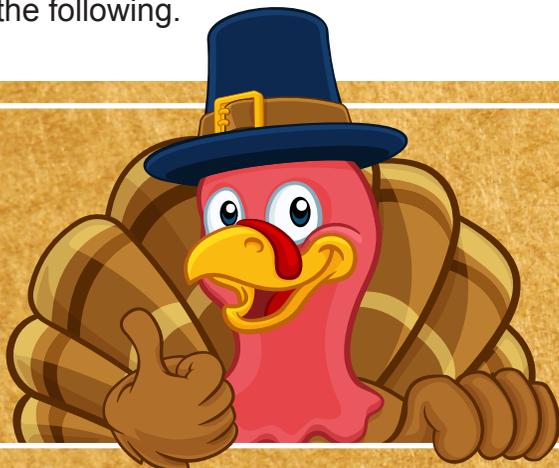
Trees are excellent conductors of electricity, and if they grow into power lines or even just too close, they become a significant safety hazard. Electricity can travel through the trees and injure or kill individuals who may be working or playing on the energized tree. 2022803

### ► Reliability

Maintaining a proper clearance between our power lines and trees minimizes the impact trees have on your electric service. This buffer helps prevent wind, snow, and ice from breaking off tree limbs and sending them into the power lines.

### ► Affordability

By maintaining clear right-of-ways around our power lines, we prevent the need to repair and replace power lines, poles, and equipment that may be damaged by trees during storms. Significant savings outweigh the upfront cost to our vegetation management program from reduced outages and equipment maintenance.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**LREC offices closed for Thanksgiving**

Thursday, November 28 - Friday, November 29.

**LREC offices closed for Christmas**

Tuesday, December 24 - Wednesday, December 25.

# Change a little. **Save a lot**

You hear a lot about how upgrading your furnace or replacing all your appliances with Energy Star models can reduce your energy use and ultimately save you money. But these big changes also come with big price tags and are often out of reach for the average LREC member. So, what can you do to save energy without breaking the bank? Check out these low and no-cost tips.

- Reduce the temperature setting on your water heater to no more than 120F, in fact 115F works just fine.
- Don't let the water run while you're brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing dishes.
- Wash the majority of your laundry in cold water. Save the hot for only your dirtiest loads.
- Use your bath towels more than once before washing them - try using your towels for a week.
- Make sure your dryer vent hose is tightly connected to the dryer so no hot air escapes and that your hose isn't kinked or clogged with lint.
- Skip the dryer all together and line dry when weather permits.
- Recycle that old fridge in the garage that you're using just for drinks. It's an energy hog.
- Only run your dishwasher if it is fully loaded and air-dry your dishes instead of using the heat-dry.
- Turn off lights. Don't leave lights on outside or inside if you're not actually using them.
- Turn off your computer and laptop when you're not using them. Sleep and standby mode still use energy, so be sure to go full shutdown mode.
- Use an extra blanket instead of an electric blanket on your bed.
- Same goes for your thermostat - set it no warmer than 68 degrees in the winter and no cooler than 78 degrees in the summer.
- Unplug your battery chargers for phones, tablets, cameras, and the like when they aren't in use.
- Close your shades during the day in the summer to keep sun from heating up your home. In the winter, keep them closed at night to keep the heat from escaping through your windows.
- Caulk around your windows, doors, and all plumbing and electrical penetrations to prevent air flow in and out of your home.
- Try to cut down your shower time to 7 minutes or less.
- As your light bulbs burn out, replace them with LEDs.

# 2020

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP  
CO-OP PROGRAMS**

**Leadership Summit**

**March 16**

**Youth Power Energy Camp**

**May 26 - 29**

**Washington D.C. Youth Tour**

**June 19 - 25**

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## Your Phone, the TV remote



Did you know that you have a TV remote around you nearly all the time? That's right, your smart phone can become a TV remote with the right apps. Most apps are specific to various brands of TVs or operating systems. Here are some of the best apps for giving your smart phone one more tool you can use.

**1. Samsung Smart View.** If your smart TV is a Samsung, you can probably use the Samsung Smart View remote to control your TV from your phone.

**2. Panasonic TV / LG TV remote.** If you use a Panasonic smart TV or LG smart TV, respectively, these two apps are simple and straightforward.

**3. Apple TV remote.** If you're on the Apple system and use Apple TV to play content on your TV, this app is made for you. It even works with Siri!

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If you're the sort of person who's often asking, "Where is the remote?", you might find one of these apps useful. If you don't see your brand on the list above, Phillips, Android, Roku TV, and many others also offer smartphone TV remote apps.

**Harnessing today's technology  
for a brighter future.**



# Can You Dig It?



An underground utility line is damaged once every 9 minutes because someone didn't call 811.



Call 811, the "Call Before You Dig Number," at least 2 business days prior to digging.



811 locator's do not detect underground sprinkler systems, invisible fences, private lines, or gas piping to a garage.



Even if you have previously had underground utilities marked, it is best to call before starting a new project.



Once all of your utilities have been located, then you can start your digging project.



Before every digging project, call 811 and get your underground utilities marked. You will prevent costly and dangerous mistakes.

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# LREC New Employees



Photo by: Larry Mattes

Left to right: Levi Carson and Riley Light

LREC has added several new employees, and we will introduce them all in the next couple of issues in our newsletter. Last month we welcomed two new apprentice linemen to our co-op. Please help us welcome Levi Carson and Riley Light, both graduates of OSU IT high voltage school.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

Don't forget to fall back on November 3!  
Set your clocks back by one hour.

