

# energy update



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*Salute to Our Lineworkers*

## National Lineworker Appreciation Day April 14<sup>th</sup>

Electric lineworkers are wired to serve and show strength that shines in darkness. They are committed to keeping our communities connected and illuminating life. On April 14, we celebrate these remarkable individuals on National Lineworker Appreciation Day. The next time you flip a switch, take a moment to remember those who make it possible—the lineworkers who ensure we have reliable electricity.



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Lead Lineman



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Equipment  
Technician



**Jeff Cox**  
Line Crew Foreman



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# Our Crews Are Working to Serve You

Help us keep them safe

To provide excellent service and keep our crews as safe as possible, please help us with the following:

- At a job site, do not stop to ask crews what they are working on or when power might be restored. Crew members need to give the repairs their full attention to ensure safety. Asking them questions can divert their attention and increase the amount of time it takes for the issues to be resolved.
- When driving by a utility truck (or any roadside vehicle with flashing lights), please move over and give them space. In a work zone, follow all signage,

including speed limits. Drivers who travel through a work zone too fast can endanger workers on the ground and up in the bucket.

- If one of our employees is in your yard or on an easement to address service issues, be sure to secure your dogs. Please keep meters and padmount transformers (green boxes) free from obstructions.

Please be patient as we work on an outage or other issues. Safety is our top priority, for you and for our employees.

Learn more at [safeelectricity.org](http://safeelectricity.org).

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Turn your suds into savings. Lower your energy use in the laundry room by washing clothes with cold water whenever possible, as heating water accounts for most of the energy used in a laundry cycle. Wash full loads to make the most of energy savings, and use high-efficiency detergent designed for cold washes. For drying cycles, clean the lint filter before each load to improve airflow and use dryer balls to reduce drying time.



## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Don't fall for a power restoration rip off. Some scammers will contact you and offer to restore power quickly or in a preferential order if you make an immediate payment. These scams typically occur after major storms or disasters that cause widespread outages. We will never request or require payment to restore power after a natural disaster or storm. If post-storm repairs to customer-owned equipment are necessary, we will advise you to work with a licensed contractor. If any charges are applicable, you will be billed through your account.

Source: *Utilities United Against Scams*

