



Along the LINE

July 2021

For members of
Edgecombe-Martin County EMC

Above-Average Activity Predicted for 2021 Hurricane Season

Researchers at North Carolina State University are predicting an above average 2021 Atlantic hurricane season.

The researchers at North Carolina State University are predicting 15 to 18 named storms, with seven of those storms developing into hurricanes, and two to three becoming major hurricanes in the Atlantic this season, which runs from June 1 through Nov. 30.

Although hurricane season starts June 1, the majority of storms occur between mid-August and mid-October. You should always make plans and prepare ahead of time for a major storm so you are not caught off guard. Take time to create a hurricane plan and gather the necessary supplies to keep you safe.

2021 Atlantic Hurricane Names

Ana	Henri	Odette
Bill	Ida	Peter
Claudette	Julian	Rose
Danny	Kate	Sam
Elsa	Larry	Teresa
Fred	Mindy	Victor
Grace	Nicholas	Wanda



Holiday Closing

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC
will be closed on
Monday, July 5, in observance
of Independence Day.

Payments after office hours and
on holidays can be made at
the kiosk under the drive-thru
canopy, by calling our automated
telephone service at
1-855-356-6358, placed in the
night deposit box or you may
choose to utilize the convenience
of online bill-pay by logging on to
www.ememc.com

To report an
emergency after hours, please
call
1-800-690-0657.



Edgecombe-Martin County
Electric Membership Corporation
A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

**To report a loss of power or an
emergency after hours, please
call 1-800-690-0657.**

Sign up for Paperless Billing for a Chance to Win a Credit on Your Bill

During the month of July, if you sign up for paperless billing, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 bill credit.

Over the last few months members have reported delayed bills and payments because of continued USPS delivery delays. There's no better time to say goodbye to paper bills and mailed payments. Once you enroll in paperless billing, you'll receive an email each month alerting that your bill is available for online viewing. You can log into SmartHub on your computer, tablet or phone and have full access to your account. Check your usage, make a payment, report an outage, or contact our Member Service Department at one easy location.

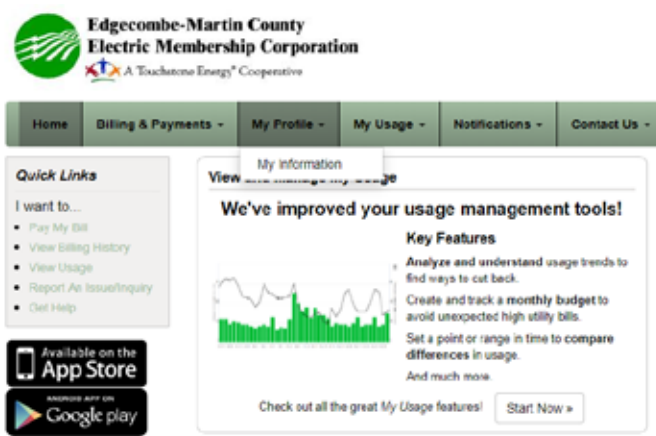
For every member who signs up for paperless billing service, the Co-op saves about \$5 a year. With just 6,000 members participating, that adds up over \$30,000 in annual savings. If every Edgecombe-Martin County EMC member participated, we could save more than \$60,000. That's a lot of savings!

The other thing paperless billing saves is time – your time. When you receive a bill by email, you can log on to your account, using either your computer or mobile device, and pay it immediately or schedule to pay at a later date. You can also save bank account information so that you don't have to enter it every time. Simply select your payment method, enter the amount you would like to pay, and click the “Make Payment” button to confirm. No stamps, checks, or envelopes required.

In addition to an email, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC members can receive a text notification when their bill is ready to view. Text notification for paperless billing, as well as other notification options, are available under “Manage Notifications” in SmartHub.

You can sign up for paperless billing today through SmartHub. If you don't already have an account, it's easy to set one up. In SmartHub, go to “My Profile -> My Information -> Update My Printed Bill Settings” and set your “Printed Bill Status” to “off.” You can also email memberservices@ememc.com or call 252-823-2171 to sign up for paperless billing.

If you sign up for paperless billing during the month of July, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 bill credit. The drawing will be held on August 2.



Log in or create an account through SmartHub. SmartHub is the online system to view and pay your bill. It's also a mobile app! At the top, hover over “my profile” and go to “my information.”



Go to “update my paperless settings” like shown above. On the right of your name and account number, you'll see an on/off button for paperless. Click “on.”



As a local, not-for-profit cooperative, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC is committed to creating a brighter future for our members and our community. Beyond providing safe, reliable, sustainable and affordable power, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC partners with educators, students and local organizations to support scholarships, grants, community programs and economic development.

Bright Ideas Education Grants

Local K-12 teachers bring learning to life each year with help from the cooperative's Bright Ideas Education Grants. Since 1994, Statewide, North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives have collectively awarded more than \$12.9 million for 12,359 projects benefiting 2.5 million students. Teachers can apply through September 15 at ncbrightideas.com.

Community Investment

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC supports education of our youth through a variety of scholarships, grants and learning opportunities. One scholarship opportunity is the Noel Lee Jr. Memorial Scholarship. To be eligible for the Noel Lee, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, applicants must be a member of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC or live in a home served by the co-op. These scholarships are intended for students who plan to attend a North Carolina accredited one or two-year vocational, technical or community college program. Applications can be completed online at ememc.com. Funds for the scholarships are raised through various raffles and activities of the Volunteer Action Committee of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC.

Operation Round Up

In January, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC started a new community-oriented program called Operation RoundUp. This program encourages members to round up their electric bill to the next-highest dollar, with the money going into a fund for charitable community projects and local needs. Operation RoundUp is a voluntary program in which more than 200 electric cooperatives across the country participate, including most North Carolina electric cooperatives.

Through the generosity of members who round up their monthly bill to the next dollar, Operation Round will help our neighbors and community by contributing money to local non-profit organizations and charities.

Economic Development

By partnering with local and state officials, we are doing our part to support job creation and encourage economic growth. Statewide, North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives have contributed to projects resulting in \$1 billion in new capital investment and the creation of over 5,000 jobs.

Our electric co-op is led by members and belongs to the community it serves. Our local focus drives these and other efforts to support our community and deliver value to cooperative members. In this decade and beyond, we will continue our commitment to build a brighter local future by providing reliable electricity at the lowest possible cost, while also advancing the pursuit of responsible sustainability goals and meaningful investments in education, economic development and other community-focused activities. Learn more at ncelectriccooperatives.com/brighter.

Cooperatively Yours,
Winston Howell
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METERS ALERT CO-OP OF POWER OUTAGES

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC has technologies that alert us immediately when power goes out at a substation or at the electric meter on your home or business.

Before you call our office to report your outage, check the map at : bit.ly/EMEMCoutage. Be sure to bookmark this web address on your computer or smartphone.



Apply Early for Bright Ideas Education Grants and be Entered to Win \$100

As the old saying goes, “the early bird gets the worm.” Be one of the “early bird” K-12 teachers who submit their Bright Ideas Education Grant application by Aug. 15 to get “the worm,” or a chance to win one of five \$100 gift cards in a statewide drawing.

The final deadline to apply for a Bright Ideas grant of up to \$1,500 from Edgecombe-Martin County EMC is Sept. 15.

The Bright Ideas Education Grant program, offered by Edgecombe-Martin County EMC and North Carolina’s 26 electric cooperatives, advances excellence in education and accelerates student learning by providing funds for innovative projects. Since the program began in 1994, educators statewide have received more than \$13.6 million in Bright Ideas grant funding for nearly 12,922 projects benefiting 2.7 million North Carolina students.



Apply Today!
ncbrightideas.com

To learn more about the program and apply, visit ncbrightideas.com.

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