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Be prepared this hurricane season

I'M SURE MANY OF YOU remember the devastation Hurricane Hugo left behind after sweeping through our service area.



Now, during hurricane season, Lynches River Electric Cooperative likes to share tips to help you and your family weather the storm:

Before

- ▶ Have an emergency supply kit handy. The American Red Cross (RedCross.org) offers a good list of what to include.
- ▶ Fill your gas tank and withdraw cash from ATMs.
- ▶ Check if shrubs, trees or weak limbs need trimming or cutting. Be careful working near power lines.
- ▶ Prepare to cover all windows of your home. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.

During

- ▶ Evacuate, if told to do so.
- ▶ Avoid using corded telephones and water sources (shower, sink and

bathtub) as lightning can enter a home through lines and plumbing.

- ▶ Disconnect electronic equipment to avoid electronic surges.
- ▶ Be aware of the calm during the hurricane “eye.” Once the eye passes over, high winds will resume.

After

- ▶ Minimize opening freezers and refrigerators to keep food safe longer.
- ▶ Stay clear of fallen utility lines and avoid tree limbs and debris that could hide fallen lines. If you see a line down, call 1-866-675-5732 or 911 immediately.
- ▶ Disconnect appliances that may turn on automatically when power is restored.
- ▶ During cleanup, do not pile debris near utility poles or other facilities.

Should outages occur, rest assured that Lynches River Electric Cooperative’s crews will be on the job ASAP. Stay safe!

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Stay informed, keep us informed

Always report your power outage! We may not know your power is out.

Automated Outage System—Lights out? Call 1-866-675-5732. Our automated outage-reporting system allows you to check or report outages by telephone 24/7. If we have a record of the phone number, the outage system recognizes it and verifies the location of the outage. You can also enter your account number. After you answer a few simple questions, and the outage is verified, crews will be promptly dispatched to your area.

Lynches River website—More information on hurricane preparedness, including a list of supplies in your emergency disaster kit, can be found on our website at lynchesriver.com.

Emergency reports—Tune to one of the following NWR stations for emergency information updates: WXK90 Cheraw 126.45, WXJ20 Columbia 162.4, WXJ22 Florence 162.55 or KHC27 Rock Hill 162.425. We also use social media to keep you informed, so be sure to “like” us on Facebook.

Co-ops develop mySCsolar.com to help consumers

LYNCHES RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE and South Carolina's 19 other electric co-ops are shining a light on solar energy with a new informational website for consumers, mySCsolar.com.

The site includes information about solar basics, finding an experienced, certified contractor to install solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, a Do the Math page that gives tips to size a PV system for a home, information about financing



and tax incentives and a calculator to determine estimated costs and savings. Other sections include a Final Checklist & Questions and provide information about Energy Storage and interconnect requirements and applications.

As a trusted source for reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible electricity for more than 75 years, the 20 independent, consumer-owned and not-for-profit electric cooperatives developed the

website to help consumers make informed decisions about investing in solar power, proper installation and safety. The website is aimed at helping consumers now that technological improvements, lower prices and a new state law have paved the way to making residential solar energy systems more accessible to South Carolina homeowners.

Call our office at 1-800-922-3486 or (843) 672-6111 if you would like more information.

Phone payments not accepted after 5 p.m. and weekends

OFFICE HOURS FOR Lynches River Electric Cooperative are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. During these hours, we are available to take payments over the phone.

When our office closes on weekdays at 5 p.m. and is closed on weekends, calls from members are sent to our after-hours answering service. The answering service is not equipped to take payments over the phone.

If you need to make a payment while our office is closed, you can make payments online through our website at lynchesriver.com. Paying online is easy and can be done at any time. Online payments can be made using an E-check or credit/debit card. There is a \$4 convenience fee for credit/debit card payments.

If you have questions about how to set up your online account, please call our office at 1-800-922-3486 or (843) 672-6111.

Turner crowned Little Miss South Carolina

MARGARET ELIZABETH TURNER, 8, granddaughter of Lynches River Electric Cooperative board member J. Randolph Mackey of Kershaw, was recently crowned Little Miss South Carolina. Margaret Elizabeth is the daughter of John and Jennifer Turner of Greenwood. Contestants are judged based on their beauty, talent and a private interview, which counts toward 50 percent of their total score. The pageant also promotes community service and academic excellence.

Margaret Elizabeth Turner, granddaughter of Lynches River Electric Cooperative board member J. Randolph Mackey, was crowned Little Miss South Carolina July 18.



Attention members

LOOK FOR YOUR Official Annual Meeting Notice on the front-cover wrap of the October issue of *South Carolina Living* magazine. Be sure to tear off the entire bottom section of the cover wrap. Bring the official registration card with you along with a photo ID to the Annual Meeting to register and enter the prize drawing.

Registered members DO NOT have to stay for the prize drawing to be eligible to win.