



ILLUMINATIONS

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Hello everyone! I hope each of you have had the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful, spring season that is amongst us (aside from the overabundance of pollen that seems to be floating in the air causing us all to sneeze).

To continue with our spotlight series on departments of MES, I would like to talk about our Right-Of-Way (ROW) program. MES currently has a ROW contract with McBride Tree Trimming. Our ROW Specialist, Tyler Young, works closely with them weekly to ensure we keep vegetation out of the electric lines. It is essential to keep the ROW clear so MES can continue delivering safe and reliable electricity to our customers. Trees that are growing into overhead electric lines can cause power outages – especially during this time of year when severe weather and thunderstorms bring high windspeeds and heavy rainfall. I look forward to highlighting more departments in the coming months as we continue to learn about the essential work that keeps our community powered and connected. Always remember in the event of a power outage, call 931-473-3144 to report it as soon as possible.

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Tree Trimming: KEEPING THE POWER ON

Regular tree trimming is essential for reliable power, particularly during spring storms. Right-Of-Way (ROW) maintenance plays a vital role in preventing outages. Here's why:

***Safety First:** Overgrown branches near power lines are a major safety hazard. Storms can cause these branches to break, leading to outages and even fires. Regular trimming minimizes this risk.

***Preventing Damage:** Branches too close to power lines can damage poles, transformers, and wiring, causing outages. Trimming helps maintain the integrity of the electrical system.

***Faster Repairs:** Well-maintained trees allow utility crews easier access to power lines for repairs, resulting in quicker restoration times after storms.

Investing in regular tree trimming significantly reduces the risk of storm-related power problems and ensures a safer, more reliable power supply for the community.



**Pictured: Tyler Young from MES
and Toby McBride from McBride Tree Service**



McMinnville Electric Receives National Recognition

McMinnville Electric System has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2024. The recognition comes from the American Public Power Association (APPA), a trade group that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities. Once per year, APPA's Reliability Team compares outage data to national statistics tracked by the U.S. Energy Information Administration for all types of electric utilities. "The utilities recognized here are truly elite when it comes to keeping the lights on. Their communities should be proud of the hard work and dedication of their local power providers as they earn this truly deserved recognition" said APPA Director of Research and Development Paul Zummo. Nationwide, the average public power customer has their lights out for less than half the amount of time that customers of other types of utilities do. "We are proud to receive this recognition. It is a testament to the hard work of all our staff to ensure that we keep McMinnville powered," said Brittany Davis, CEO at McMinnville Electric.

Thank you!

We shine brighter as an organization because of your dedicated service and commitment to McMinnville Electric. The following were recently recognized at our Employee Appreciation & Safety Dinner:

Kendra Matheney- 5 Years

Hugh Slaughter- 10 Years

Corey Brown- 15 Years

Kim Flanagan- 25 Years

Craig Foster- 25 Years

Will Davis- 30 Years

Lorie Dotson- 30 Years

CHILDREN'S CORNER **Coloring Contest:**

*May is **National Electrical Safety Month**. Students in grades 1-6 can download a sheet to color from our website to bring by during the month of May for a chance to win. One lucky child will be selected to receive a summer beach bag, packed with everything you need for all your summer fun adventures—including a plush oversized towel, a float, a tumbler, and more to enjoy in the sun on your summer break.*

★ MEMORIAL DAY ★

***Our offices will be
closed on Monday,
May 26, 2025, in
observance of
Memorial Day.***



*Refrain from running your dishwasher, clothes washer or dryer during the heat of the day.

*Unplug to power down. Unplug any unused or unnecessary electronic devices—even when they're turned off, they still use energy if plugged in.

*Send your old appliances packing. Have an old additional fridge out in the garage or basement that you're still using? Consider recycling that sentimental dinosaur...it's still inefficient.

*Lighten up. Make the switch to more energy-efficient light bulbs. They use 75 percent less energy, and—bonus—they put off less heat!

*A slightly warmer house equals less sizzle on your budget. Setting your thermostat between 75-78 degrees during the day (even higher if no one is home for a few days) can make a significant difference in your power bill.

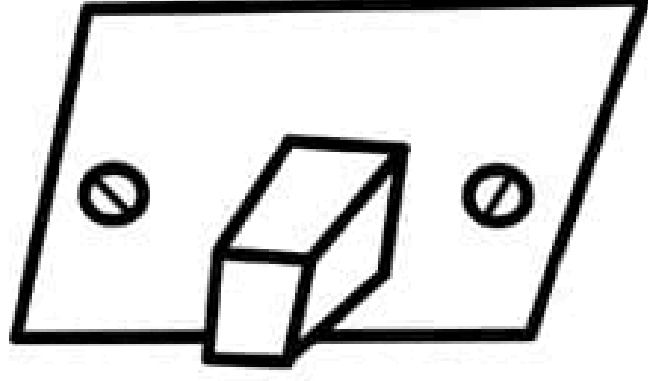
*Create your own shade by keeping curtains closed during the day on the south, west, and east sides of the house to block out sunlight.

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Always make sure your hands are dry
before touching an outlet, a switch or
any appliance that is plugged in.



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