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The TECL and TWWI Board regularly schedule their workshops on the 1st Monday of each month and meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Headquarters' Office in Quincy, FL at 6:30 p.m.

Notice of any changes will be listed on the website.

Are You and Your Family Prepared?

Each year, June 1 marks the official start of hurricane season, and as Hermine and Irma reminded everyone, the time to prepare is NOW. Do not wait until a storm is headed in your direction. Now is the time to make a plan and make sure your family is safe and prepared.

Prepare Your Home. Make sure to get the inside and outside of your home ready for whatever storm comes your way. Cut down on wind hazards by removing any diseased or damaged limbs on trees around your yard. With severe weather, heavy rainfall is a guarantee. To help prevent flooding, always maintain drains or ditches in and around your property so the water can flow freely. And last but not least, you should keep important paperwork (like insurance policies) with you, and you should also make a copy of your household inventory, which should be documented with photos. In the event of any property damage, this documentation will assist an insurance adjuster in assessing the value of any destroyed property.

Emergency Kit. Assemble your kit, store the items in airtight plastic bags and place in one or two easy-to-carry containers, such as plastic bins or a duffel bag. A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items: water, non-perishable food, battery-powered or hand crank radio/NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, flashlight, first aid kit, extra batteries, can opener, local maps, charger/backup battery for cell phone, personal hygiene items, tape, garbage bags, whistle, change of clothes, and multi-tool. If you take prescription medications, do not forget to make sure you have enough on hand to add to your kit last minute.

Evacuation Plan. Everyone needs to know where they will go in the event they need to leave their home. When formulating your plan, there are several factors that you need to take into account. Know your property elevation level and if your area is prone to flooding. This information will assist when monitoring a storm's surge. You will also want to make sure that your evacuation plan takes you out of the path of the storm. Remember Irma, which covered the entire state of Florida and kept going north?

Our Members matter, and Talquin wants everyone to be prepared for whatever the 2018 hurricane season has in store for our region. Get prepared, make a plan, and communicate that plan with your family.

NOW is the time to get any trees or limbs on your property trimmed that could possibly cause a power outage. Call us, and we can come roll back your service wires while you have your trees/limbs trimmed and removed. This helps prevent outages and protects the equipment that serves your home. Please remember – after a storm, Talquin will come out and remove trees/limbs off of the lines to restore power, but we do not clean up vegetation debris after a storm.



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Check Your Breakers

During a power outage, do not forget to check your breakers. Remember, some locations have an outside breaker box near the meter. When breakers trip, they are usually in the middle position, so you will need to reset it by flipping it off and then flipping it back on.



Stay Safe – Do Not Go Near Downed Lines

Always avoid downed power lines – the wire could be live, which could be deadly for those nearby. Quickly report downed lines to your local electric cooperative.

Report downed lines by calling:



1-866-899-4832
(Automated System)

1-888-802-1832 (Live
Operator) or 911



Flood Hazards

- Heavy rains often cause flooding in lowland areas, homes, and basements. Be alert to electrical equipment that could be energized and in contact with water, along with other potential hazards that can create a serious danger of electrocution.
- During a storm, drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads. You won't know the depth of the water or the condition of the road underneath. Turn Around, Don't Drown.

« MOVE OVER ACT »



In honor of National Safety Month, we want to remind everyone of the Move Over Act. When approaching an authorized emergency, sanitation or utility service vehicle – do not forget to do the following:

- › **Move out of the lane closest to their vehicle**
- › **If you cannot move over, slow speed to 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit**

This is especially important to remember during storm season when there are more trucks out there restoring power. Thanks for helping to keep our employees safe!!

Powering Up After an Outage

When the power goes out, we expect it to be restored within a few hours. But when a major storm or natural disaster causes widespread damage, extended outages may result. Our line crews work long, hard hours to restore service safely to the greatest number of Members in the shortest time possible. Here's what's going on if you find yourself in the dark:



AMERICA'S ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVES

1. High-Voltage Transmission Lines:

Transmission towers and cables that supply power to transmission substations (and thousands of members) rarely fail. But when damaged, these facilities must be repaired before other parts of the system can operate.

2. Distribution Substation:

A substation can serve hundreds or thousands of consumers. When a major outage occurs, line crews inspect substations to determine if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself or if problems exist further down the line.

3. Main Distribution Lines:

If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. These lines carry power to large groups of consumers in communities or housing developments.

4. Tap Lines:

If local outages persist, supply lines (also known as tap lines) are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground service, outside businesses, schools and homes.

5. Individual Homes:

If your home remains without power, the service line between a transformer and your residence may need to be repaired. Always call to report an outage to help line crews isolate a local issue.

Safe Generator Operation

Electric generators can keep your lights and appliances running during power outages — but they can also pose serious safety hazards if operated incorrectly. To ensure the safety of your family, neighbors and Talquin Electric Cooperative employees, please read and follow the safety, maintenance and testing instructions in the generator's operating manual.

- Use heavy-duty extension cords to connect electric appliances to the outlet on the generator. Check for damage to cords and make sure to watch for trip hazards.
- Don't overload the generator. It should be used only when necessary, and only to power essential equipment.
- Never run an electric generator inside a building. Always ensure proper ventilation and airflow around the generator. The carbon monoxide generated is deadly.
- Start the generator before connecting appliances.

- Never add fuel to a generator while it's running. Avoid spilling fuel on hot components.
- Always have a fully charged, approved fire extinguisher located near the generator.
- Keep children away from the generator at all times.

Plug appliances directly into the generator itself. Connecting the generator directly to your home's circuits or wiring must be performed by a qualified, licensed electrician who will install a transfer switch that will keep the generator from feeding power back into the distribution lines. If that happens, the power crews working to restore your electric service could be put at risk. Also, if your generator is still hooked up when the power is restored, your generator and your household electrical system may be damaged.

If you are interested in a Gener-Link transfer switch, contact a Member Services Office to arrange purchase and installation of a unit for your home.



County Emergency Management

If you have special needs (due to age, disability, etc.) and may require assistance during a storm, or if you need shelter updates, contact your local County Emergency Management for information regarding services they provide.

Gadsden County

(850) 875-8642
www.gadssdensheriff.org/emergency_mgmt.html

Leon County

(850) 606-3700
www2.leoncountyfl.gov/ei/

Liberty County

(850) 643-2339
www.libertycountyfl.com

Wakulla County

(850) 745-7200
www.wcso.org/emergency-management

Watts Happening

Leon County Senior Outreach:

Explore "**Lunch and Learn**" to stay connected. No reservations needed to join the fun. Each event is from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Featuring a delicious catered lunch for \$6 per plate. Call 850-891-4065 for more information.

June 21 Lake Jackson Community Center

June 26 Chaires Community Center

No "Lunch and Learns" in July

Paul Hoover Memorial 5K Freedom Run:

Join us for the Sixth Annual Freedom Run/Walk 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run, that will benefit the Wakulla High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams for the upcoming 2018 season. After the devastating loss of our beloved friend and mentor, Coach Paul Hoover, the race was renamed the Paul Hoover Memorial Freedom Run to honor his legacy.

Saturday, June 30 (8:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

Wakulla Springs State Park

Town-Wide Side Walk Sale: It's summer time! And what better way to escape the kids and find some treasures than by joining us for a Sidewalk Sale! As always, we have the deals and steals to knock your socks off! Who wears those in the summer anyways? Most stores will be participating! So stop in for a day full of shopping, dining and enjoying the beautiful weather.

Saturday, July 14

Downtown Havana, FL

trading post

Miscellaneous

Camping Gear: family size tent, sleeping bags, lights, coolers and many other items. All offers considered. 643-3303 Wait for recording & press #1 to continue.

Two Roselawn Cemetery Plots for sale \$4,000 each OBO. 345-9817

25 Cu.Ft. Side-by-side GE refrigerator Model #GSH25UFRF, 36"W x 32"D x 68.5"H, 25 cu. ft. Slide-out shelves. Ice/water dispenser on door. Very clean. Excellent condition. \$300. 875-7854

Diehl straight line rip saw: worked when stored, cuts a whole sheet of plywood \$3500 OBO. 228-5300

Bedroom Furniture: Solid cherry chest of drawers, night stand, dresser, mirror, full size mattress, box springs, bed frame, \$800. Oak chest of drawers, \$80. 566-7486

2-black steel adjustable storage shelving units, 36Lx14Wx54H, like new, \$25 ea; **Over-sized black beanbag chair** \$25. You pick up. 980-7137

Cemetery lot, 1/2 price, Culley's Chapel Garden. 339-0154

4 burner counter top stove, use LP gas, brand new never used, still in box. \$70. 556-3942

Solid oak dining table w/ 6 chairs \$300 OBO; **bar** \$125 OBO. 556-6728/627-2275

Automotive

1978 Airstream Trailer – 31 ft. Good condition. \$8,000 OBO. 643-3303 Wait for recording and then press #1 to continue.

2001 George Boy/Ford. 37' long, gas, 2 slide-outs, 32,000 miles. Very nice. \$24,000. 321-2986

Honda GC160 Horizontal Engine-New in Box, 5 HP, 3/4" x 2-7/16" Shaft, 3/16" Keyway. Replaces Model GC160-QHA. Good for pumps,

Trading Post Guidelines

In order to continue to provide The Trading Post in every issue of *The Current*, we ask Members to adhere to the guidelines listed below when submitting an ad. If an ad does not meet the criteria, it will not be published. There is no cost to place an ad in The Trading Post.

- Members may submit one ad every three months (four times a year)
- Ads must be twenty-five words or less
- Must be typed or printed legibly in ink
- No registered businesses may run an ad
- No changes after ad submission
- Deadlines are the first day of the month preceding the month of publication (For example, December 1st is the deadline for the January edition.)
- Members must provide name, phone number, and account number.

Mail ads to: "The Current", Talquin Electric Cooperative P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679 or e-mail to: tradingpost@talquinelectric.com

pressure washers, tillers, etc. \$150. 545-0969

2006 Ezgo electric golf cart. Fully enclosed "soft top". Excellent condition. Asking \$3,000; **2010 Ezgo electric golf cart.** Fully enclosed "hard body". Excellent condition. Asking \$4,400. 933-1065

2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500HD, Extended cab, long bed, 145k Miles, new tires, no frills interior, tow pkg included, 2 large dents. Runs good. \$3,200. 528-2125, Near Lloyd

2001 Toyota Highlander, blue, good condition, everything works, used daily, must sell. \$2,500 OBO cash. Havana area. 570-3291

Collectors: 1985 Toyota MR-2 Sportcar, red, 2 seat, mechanically sound, all maintenance records available. \$4,000. 386-5371

2004 – 27' Prow camper trailer, has slide out and all the bells & whistles, in need of repairs, sale as is. \$3,000 OBO. 856-5818

Real Estate

Single family home for sale. Water Valley Dr. 3B/2B- 1 single car garage. All new appliances, and a privacy fence. 545-4586

Fixer-upper, Ochlockonee River @ Jack Langston Landing, lot 70 ft x 200 ft, private well and septic, great for hunting/fishing camp. Asking

\$28,000 cash. 229-378-0238 or 229-378-0432

Farm/Garden

Utility trailer, 4x8, w/ rails \$195 OBO; **Lawn aerator** (rider mower-towed) \$50 OBO; **Lawn spreader** (rider mower-towed) \$35 OBO; **Round porch table, iron w/fire pit** \$45 OBO. Pictures available. 770-856-7956 or wlee2630@comcast.net

John Deere x-340, 54" mower, 219 hrs. w/front rake, fert. spreader, cart, manual hydraulic front lift for service. \$3,800. 668-9242

Marine

'09 Bass Pro 17' Electric Sun Tracker, rebuilt & is new, Bimini top, on Petty Gulf Lake in Killbuck Lakes \$6,900. Email - ralphthebuilder1@aol.com

25' Stamas all elec. CC w/ cuddy cabin, 1999 225 Suzuki - \$9,000; **15' Allweld** w/ 25hp Tohatsu mtr, low hrs, like new - \$3,750. 694-4711

FREE

FREE assorted gardening containers, rectangular, round, all sizes, several 5 gal buckets, good condition, used once, pick or take all, as is. 717-5427, M-F 9 to 6, RW

Smashed White Bean and Avocado Club

Here is a no-cook, easy, and healthy recipe to have on hand during storm season.

- 2 15-ounce cans white beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 12 slices multigrain bread
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 cucumber, preferably hothouse

(seedless), thinly sliced (peeled, if desired)

- 1 4- to 5-ounce container sprouts (such as alfalfa, radish, broccoli, or a combination)
- 2 avocados, pitted and thinly sliced

In a medium bowl, combine the beans, oil, salt, and pepper. Roughly mash the mixture with the back of a fork.

Place 8 of the bread slices on a work surface. Divide the mashed beans among them. Top with the onion, cu-

cumber, sprouts, and avocado.

Stack the open-faced sandwiches on top of one another, avocado-side up, to make 4 double-decker sandwiches. Top with the remaining 4 slices of bread.

Slice each sandwich in half, if desired, and serve.

www.realsimple.com

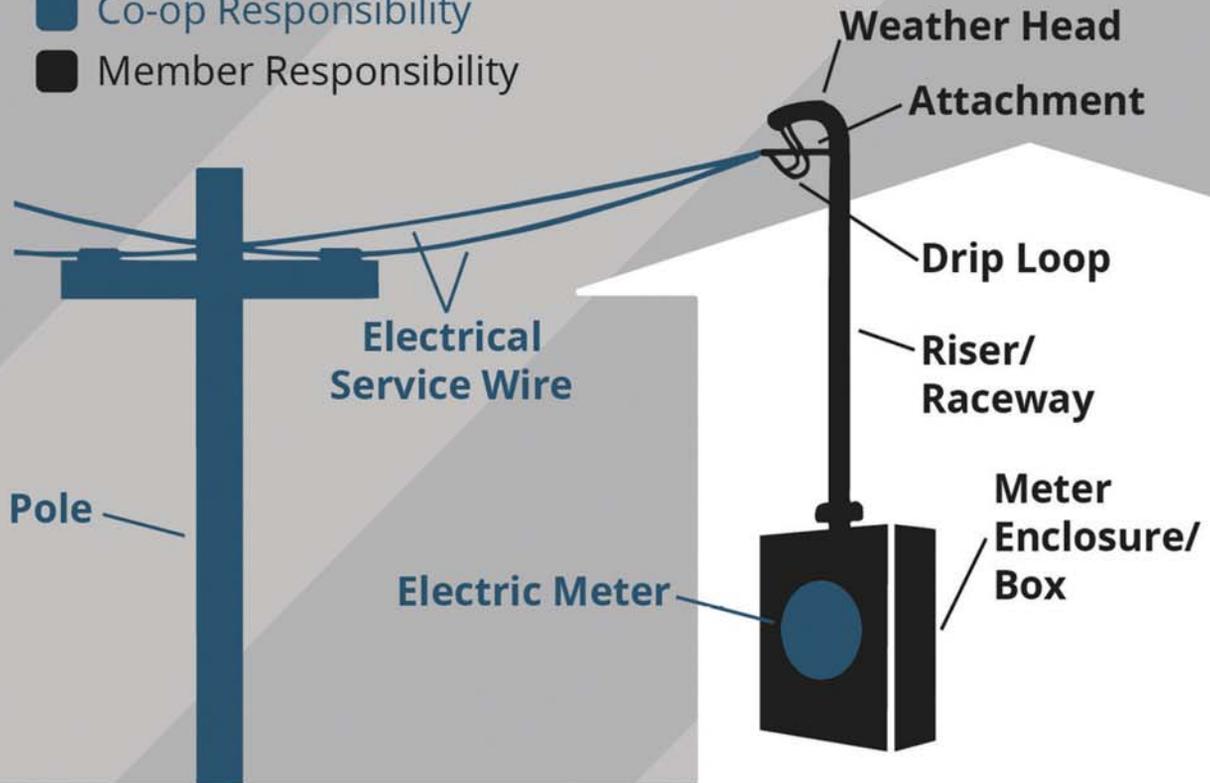


Who is responsible for fixing what?

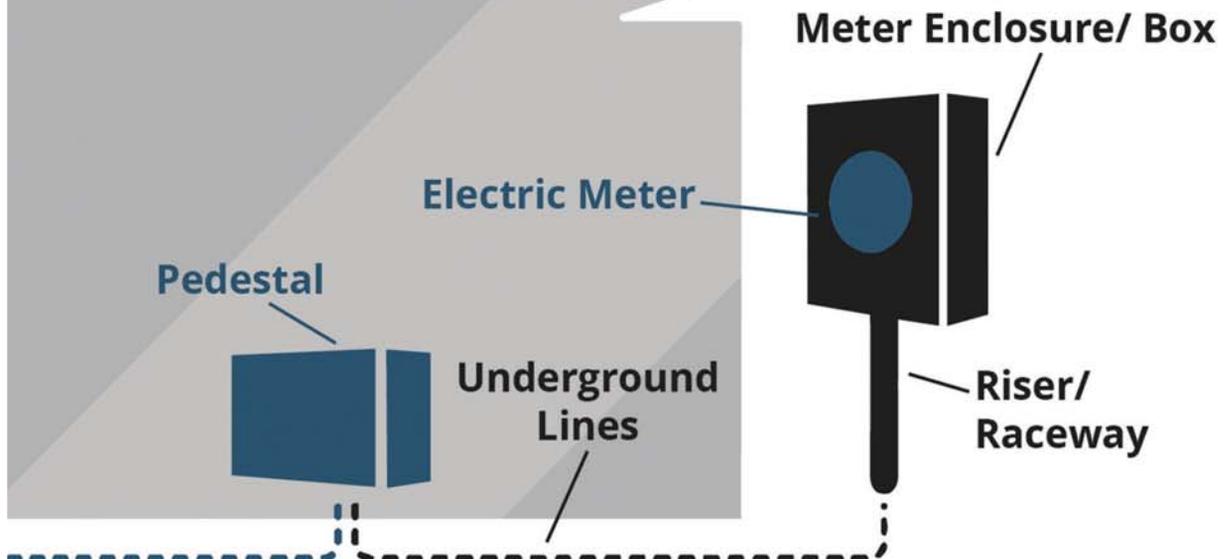
If your electrical components are damaged, you may be responsible for repairs. Identify your type of service connection below to learn what your responsibilities are. You may need to complete repairs before power can be restored to your home.

Above Ground Electric Service

- Co-op Responsibility
- Member Responsibility



Underground Electric Service





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681 Wakulla Arran Rd.
 Crawfordville, Florida 32327
 (850) 926-7422

Hosford Member Services Office

20557 NE Cooperative Way
 Hosford, Florida 32334
 (850) 379-8679

Lake Jackson Member Services Office

4808 Portal Drive
 Tallahassee, Florida 32303
 (850) 562-0125

Bradfordville Member Services Office

6724 Thomasville Road
 Tallahassee, Florida 32312
 (850) 893-6853

**Service Interruptions (Outages)
 Should Be Reported To**

1-888-802-1832
 (live operator)

1-866-899-4832
 (automated systems)

Visit us and report and view
 outages on the Web at
www.talquinelectric.com

Sign up for text outage notification
 at www.talquinelectric.com to report
 your outage quickly and to receive
 outage information.

Outages: How to Report & Get Updates

In order to ensure that Talquin knows when your power is out, ALWAYS contact us in one of the following ways:

Phone

Automated System:

1-866-899-4832

Live Operator:

1-888 802-1832

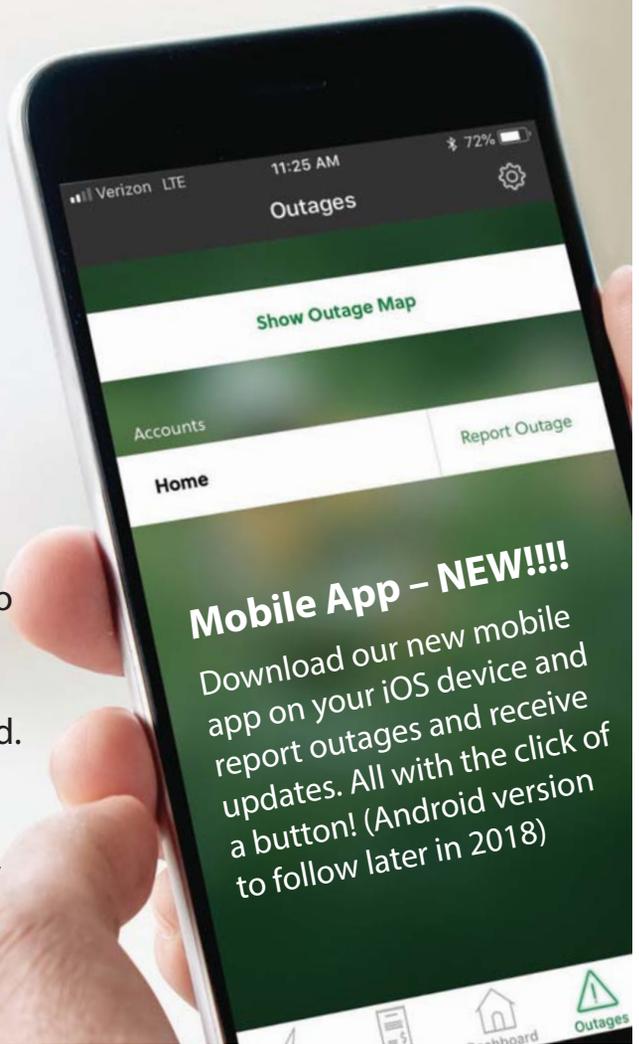
Website

www.talquinelectric.com

Text Message

Register to report your outage via text on our website. Text #outage to 85700 to report outages once you are registered and receive updates when power is restored.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay updated on current outage information.



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