

# COLUMBUS CURRENTS

## Restoring a Power Outage

Summer is here, school is out and families are gearing up for a few months of fun and relaxation. While summer brings much fun in the sun, it can also bring the occasional severe storm. In the event of a power outage, you can trust that Columbus Electric Co-op is ready to respond.

The major cause of most power outages comes from damage to power lines due to falling trees and branches. We work year round – through right-of-way clearing – to ensure power lines in our service territory stand little risk of being damaged by trees, branches or other types of vegetation.

Despite our best efforts, during major storms, damage can occur to transmission stations, substations and power lines. When this happens, our first priority is to safely restore power to as many members as possible in the shortest amount of time.

We start by mobilizing our line crews and other critical staff. Every phone line available is utilized to take your outage report calls. The big problems are handled first – like damage to transmission lines. These problems must be corrected before we can focus on other areas where more localized damage may have occurred.

Columbus Electric's line crews inspect substations to determine if the problem starts there, or if there could be an issue down the line. If the root of the problem is at the substation, power can be restored to hundreds of members.

Next, line crews check the service lines that deliver power into neighborhoods and communities. Line crews repair the damaged lines, restoring power to hundreds of people. If you continue to experience an outage, there may be damage to a tap line outside of your home or business. Make sure you notify CEC so crews can inspect these lines.

We will do our best to avoid power outages, but sometimes Mother Nature has other plans. Please report your outages to our office at 800-950-2667.



## Youth Tour 2018



Brenda Elias and Adylene Lopez returned from a weeklong, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 2018 Electric Cooperative Government-in-Action Youth Tour held from June 6th - 14th. They joined more than 1,600 students from across the nation representing their respective electric cooperatives in touring the nation's capital visiting monuments, memorials, and historical sites as well as meeting with government officials. Brenda and Adylene have both expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the co-op for the opportunity to gain this new experience. For more information on the Youth Tour contact our office.



### Save the Date

Columbus Electric Co-op 39<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Tournament of Ducks Parade

August 25, 2018

More details to follow in the August  
newsletter

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

In spring and summer months, set your ceiling fans to turn in the counterclockwise direction. This will create a cool breeze. Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not rooms. Turn them off when you leave the room.

Source: [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov)



*Emergency Response Number*  
**1-800-228-0579**

*Toll - free Office Number*  
**1-800-950-COOP (2667)**

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