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RUS Vital to Co-ops

Support is as crucial today as it was in May 1935

AT A RECENT NATIONAL MEETING of electric co-op leaders, attendees heard President Franklin Delano Roosevelt say that creating the Rural Electrification Administration was one of the "lasting achievements" of his four terms in office from 1933 through 1945.



Actually, the statement came from Ed Asner, best known for his years as Lou Grant on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." Asner portrayed the 32nd president at the 2010 annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), marking the 75th anniversary of FDR signing an executive order in May 1935 establishing the Rural Electrification Administration (REA).

"It [the REA] enabled citizens to bring power to themselves with only a little help from government," said Asner as FDR. "When those electric cooperatives were unleashed, they grew to a force of more than 900 across the country."

South Carolina's electric co-op network is part of that force. Thanks in large part to financing provided through REA (now the Rural Utilities Service), co-ops provide affordable, reliable service to 1.4 million South Carolinians.

Yet, for 75 years, co-op leaders have faced challenges to support for this public/private financing partnership. In his 2011 budget, President Obama proposed cutting RUS electric loan program levels to \$4.1 billion – \$2.5 billion less than Congress passed for this fiscal year. These are loans paid back to the government or loan guarantees, so there is little cost to the taxpayers, except for administrative expenses.

As we've done in the past, South Carolina's co-ops will be asking our congressional delegation to support restoring RUS funding to this year's levels. We carried that message to Washington during the annual NRECA Legislative Conference early this month.

We also need RUS support for a program to help members make home energy-efficiency improvements. The Rural Energy Savings Program, an idea proposed by S.C. electric co-ops and now expanded nationwide, could create thousands of jobs and help transform our state into one of the nation's most energy efficient.

Even with ramped-up efficiency efforts, RUS remains the best financing option for co-ops as we continue to make expensive investments to serve about 12 percent of the nation's population spread out over 75 percent of the landmass.

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Ed Asner
as
President
Franklin
Delano
Roosevelt

Now is the Time to Make a Family Emergency Kit

ON PAGE 20B, JEFF SINGLETARY WILL give you tips and information concerning upcoming summer storms. In this article, we'll give you a list of items used to make up a Family Emergency Kit.

When storms threaten, it's good to have an emergency kit ready to be used. This should be accessible to the entire family. Be sure you keep items in a waterproof container:

Some storms hit quickly. They do not follow a set schedule, so families are not always together. It is very important to have an emergency plan that includes all family members. Each person should know where to meet after a storm passes. Instructions should be posted for all to see and an extra copy should be kept in the emergency kit.

Foods

bottled water	crackers
peanut butter	snacks
canned fruit	fruit drinks
canned meat	dried fruit

First Aid Kit

Prescription medicines	Bandages and Band-Aids
Antiseptic	Adhesive tape rolls
Aspirin	Tylenol
Allergy medication	Insect repellent
First aid handbook	Scissors
Antibacterial soap	Safety pins
Thermometer	Tweezers

General items

Hand-cranked or battery operated radio	
Plastic forks and cups	Napkins
Can opener (non-electric)	
Batteries for flashlights and radio	
Plastic trash bags	
Charcoal (only use outside - never inside)	
Water purifying tablets	Flashlights
Candles and matches	Clothing and bedding
Extra socks and underwear	Pillows
Sleeping bag and blankets	
Washcloth and towel for each person	
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste
Soap	
Deodorant	Shaving kit
Contact lens solution	Hair care items and mirror
Feminine hygiene supplies	
Paper towels	Toilet paper
Watch and/or clock	Hammer and nails
Hand saw	Screwdrivers
Socket wrenches	Pliers, measuring tape

You should have at least one traditionally wired landline phone, as cordless or cellular phones may not work in an emergency.

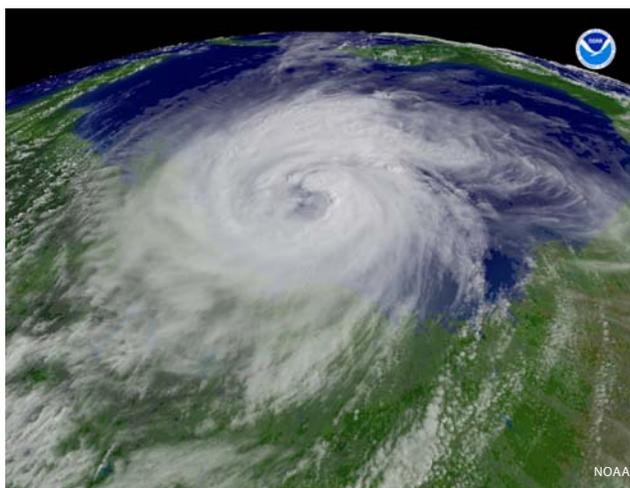
Hurricanes Will Come

Don't be scared - Be ready

The hurricane season forecast from Colorado State University's Tropical Meteorology Project predicts above-average activity in the Atlantic for 2010 beginning June 1st.

The 2010 hurricane season is predicted to be more active than the average for the 1950-2000 seasons. The April 2010 report estimates 15 named storms, 8 hurricanes and 4 major hurricanes occurring during the 2010 Atlantic hurricane season, which is more typical of years in an active era, such as the 1995 season.

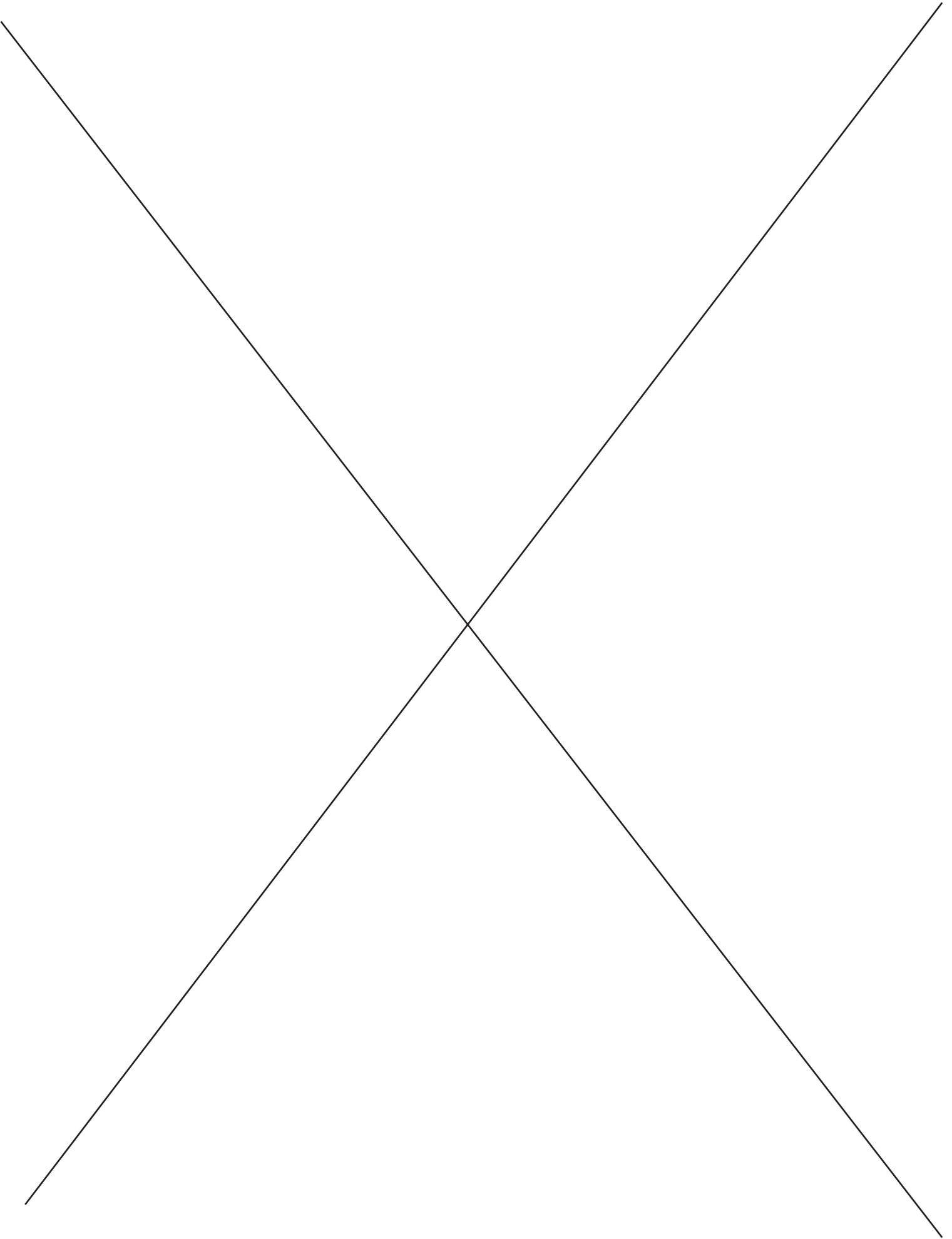
The forecast utilizes a statistical methodology derived from 58 years of past data and climate-related global and regional predictors. The effects of El Nino or La Nina also have an impact on the frequency of hurricanes. El Nino creates warmer water, and stronger winds that rip tropical depressions apart before they become tropical storms or hurricanes. La Nina creates cooler water, resulting in more hurricanes. Based on these facts, it is forecast that El Nino conditions now in effect will weaken.



The Pee Dee area has been fortunate in the fact that no major hurricanes have made landfall since 1989 with the destructive force of Hugo.

Colorado State's prediction this year is for a 45% probability for at least one major hurricane to make landfall on the East Coast of the United States. The average over the last 100 years is a 31% average.

The best way to handle a storm situation is to be prepared. Please go to our Web site, PeeDeeElectric.com and the National Hurricane Center at nhc.noaa.gov.



Closed Loop Truck Wash Recycles Water — Saves Money

We don't want the bugs out of this project!

SINCE PDEC BEGAN THE “Growing Green Together” initiative, our efforts have led to **Landfill Free** certification, a Dual-Fuel program for members to conserve energy and a continuing commitment to find ways to go green.

We have recently added a new, integrated washing and recycling system for fleet vehicles. The system is fully contained as a closed loop configuration. It contains 7,000 gallons of water that is recycled, cleaned and reused time after time. Except what little is lost by evaporation and replaced, the same water stays in the system.

But, how is it cleaned? That's where the bugs come into the picture. As the vehicles are pressure washed, the water runs off into a specially designed drain located in the center of the wash bay. Any large pieces of debris (sticks, wire, etc.) are trapped and not allowed back into the system. The water then

travels underground through a series of up-and-down baffles forcing smaller particles of soil and sand to fall to the bottom where they are trapped until removed. Next, since oil and water don't mix, the oil/water separator easily removes the oil. At this point, millions of microbes (bugs) feast on the oil and soap residue while the water goes through a final filter, making it ready to travel through the pressure hoses and wash another vehicle.

And there's more! Washing a big bucket truck can now be accomplished by one person instead of an entire crew. With the unique soaping action dispensed through the pressure wand, no brushes are required. This saves even more time.

Pee Dee Electric Co-op will continue its search for ways to protect the environment, save energy and save money as we continue “Growing Green Together.”



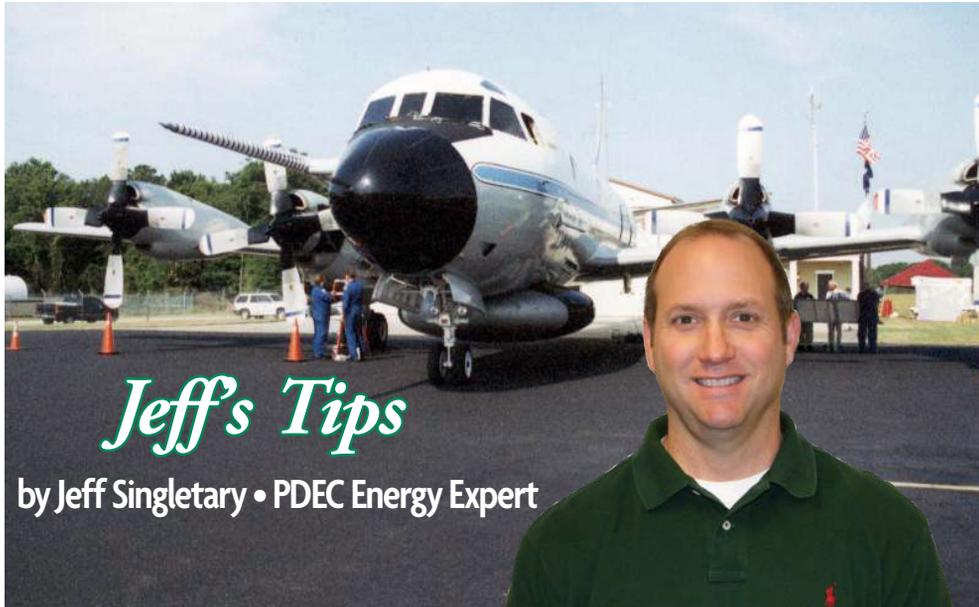
PDEC's Edward Stokes rinses a fleet bucket truck in step one of keeping this unit looking good. The pressure hose is 50-feet long. Addition of a special soapy emulsion is easily attained by turning a small handle on the wand's shaft. The wash bay is 80-feet long and there are two pressure hose/wand combinations, so two full-size trucks may be washed at any time.



The stainless steel tank is where the bugs live. Millions of microbes clean the water of oil and soap deposits. The tank on the left is where the final filtration of the recycled water takes place. Next stop, another dirty truck.



Growing
Green
Together



I'm in front of a Lockheed WP-3D Orion Hurricane Hunter aircraft. Let's hope it won't have to be used this year.

On page 5, there's a list of items for an Emergency Kit. I urge each family to have one ready in case of a bad summer storm. There are three major storms that can leave you without power and can possibly damage your home: Lightning, Tornado and Hurricane. Here are some tips that will help you stay safe.

Lightning Safety

1. When you first see lightning or hear thunder, that is the time to go to a building or a vehicle. Lightning often precedes rain, so don't wait for the rain to begin.

2. IF OUTDOORS. - Avoid water. Avoid the high ground. Avoid open spaces. Avoid all metal objects including electric wires, fences, machinery, motors, power tools, etc. Unsafe places include underneath canopies, small picnic or rain shelters, or near trees. Find shelter

in a substantial building or a fully enclosed metal vehicle such as a car, truck or a van with the windows completely shut. If lightning is striking nearby when you are outside, you should:

Crouch down. Put feet together. Place hands over ears to minimize hearing damage from thunder.

3. IF INDOORS - Avoid water. Stay away from doors and windows. Do not use the telephone. Take off head sets. Turn off, unplug, and stay away from appliances, computers, power tools, & TV sets. Lightning may strike exterior electric and phone lines, inducing shocks to inside equipment.

4. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning or thunder before resuming activities.

5. INJURED PERSONS do not carry an electrical charge and can be handled safely. Apply First Aid procedures to a lightning victim if you are qualified to do so. Call 911 or send

for help immediately.

Thanks to: National Lightning Safety Institute.

Tornado Safety Terms

Tornado Watch

Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert. Listen to radio or watch local TV.

Tornado Warning

A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.

Look for the following danger signs:

Dark, often greenish sky
Large hail

A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)

Loud roar, similar to a freight train.

If you are in:

A structure (e.g. residence, school, nursing home, hospital, factory, shopping mall)

Then:

Go to a designated shelter such as a basement. If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners,

windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. Do not open windows.

If you are in:

A vehicle or mobile home

Then:

Get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building or a storm shelter. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.

If you are:

Outside with no shelter

Then:

Lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location.

Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter.

Watch for flying debris. Most injuries and fatalities from tornadoes are caused by flying debris.

Hurricane Safety

1. Listen to the radio or watch TV for latest information.

2. Remember, most hurricane damage in inland areas is done by tornadoes and heavy rainfall.

Never, ever, touch a downed power line or anyone who has one touching them. Call 911.

H2O Select is a water heater rebate program offered to qualifying members of Pee Dee Electric Cooperative. It provides rebates up to \$250 for installing new high efficiency electric water heaters in existing homes or new construction.

How Do I Participate in H2O Select?

1. Purchase a new 50- to 79-gallon electric water heater and receive a \$200 rebate on your energy bill.
2. Purchase a new 80-gallon or larger electric water heater and receive a \$250 rebate on your energy bill.

- Water heater must meet qualifying installation requirements including:
- a control switch installed by PDEC at no cost to the member
- 10/2 copper wire with ground
- 30 amp/two pole breaker

How Do I Cash In On H2O Select?

Simply contact a marketing representative to determine what size water heater best suits your needs.

Normally:

- 50-gallon size for 1-3 people
- 80-gallon size for 4 or more people

Purchase and have the water heater properly installed as noted above. PDEC will then come out, inspect and install a control switch.



Let Pee Dee Electric's Energy Experts® help you save money and energy! Contact Jeff Singletary or William Fleming for more information or to apply for your rebate.

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