

## Celebrate National Electrical Safety Month

May marks National Electrical Safety Month and Shelby Electric Cooperative is teaming up with the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) to launch a public awareness campaign to promote the importance of electrical safety and educate key audiences about the steps that can be taken to prevent electrical fires, injuries and fatalities in the home.

“Eliminating electrical hazards begins with education and awareness,” says ESFI President Brett Brenner. “National Electrical Safety Month is a time for all of us to re-examine our surroundings and determine what steps we can take to prevent the hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries and billions of dollars in economic losses that occur each year because of electrical hazards.”

Electricity is the cause of over 140,000 fires each year, resulting in more than 500 deaths, 4,000 injuries and \$1.6 billion in property damage in the United States. In the workplace, more than 300 workplace fatalities and approximately 4,000 injuries occur each year due to electrical hazards, according to a study published by the Itasca, Illinois based National Safety Council.

To help raise awareness of electrical safety, ESFI will focus on a different electrical safety topic each week in May as part of a broader outreach effort.



**May 2-8 - Educating Your Children:** Do your children know what it takes to stay safe when it comes to electricity? Visit ESFI’s Kids Corner, a brand-new online resource designed as a one-stop shop for teachers, educators, parents and students!

**May 9-15 - Staying Safe at Work:** Electrical accidents in an office environment usually occur as a result of faulty or defective equipment, unsafe installation or misuse of equipment. During the second week of National Electrical Safety Month, perform an electrical safety inspection of your office.

**May 16-22 - Renovating the Right Way:** Whether you are a first-time do-it-yourselfer or a “weekend warrior,” practicing safe habits can reduce your risk when it comes to home electrical work. Use ESFI’s Electrical Safety Workbook to help better understand and maintain your home’s electrical system.

**May 23-29 - Remembering Electrical Safety in the Field:** Use ESFI’s Never Assume Electrical Safety Series to give you and your co-workers the right frame of mind when it comes to safety in the workplace. From job planning to arc flash awareness, this one-of-a-kind video program is a must for anyone working with or near electricity!

ESFI’s newly redesigned website offers a variety of print, online and multimedia resources for teachers, educators, parents, students and anyone else interested in learning about electrical safety or teaching others about it.

*The ESFI is dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home and the workplace. ESFI proudly sponsors National Electrical Safety Month each May, and engages in public education campaigns throughout the year to prevent electrical fires, injuries and fatalities. For more information about ESFI and National Electrical Safety Month, visit [www.electrical-safety.org](http://www.electrical-safety.org).*

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**Shelby Electric Cooperative**

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# How much have you saved using the Co-op Connections Card?

Have you been using your Co-op Connections card? If you have, you know how much money you've been saving on discounts from participating local and national businesses. There is a new and improved Website where you can search businesses nationally, regionally and locally to help save you money when you're at home or whether you are traveling across the state or country. Go to [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop) or link via [shelbyelectric.coop](http://shelbyelectric.coop) to find over 80,000



discounts all across the country. Your connections card also has a great pharmacy benefit with over \$16.2 million saved across the country.

Shelby Electric Cooperative members have saved over \$22,500 since the pharmacy discount program was started in 2007. A total of 2,050 prescriptions have been filled with an average savings of 22%.

The back of your connections card has information regarding your pharmacy discounts. Visit [www.locateproviders.com](http://www.locateproviders.com) to see a full listing of pharmacies that accept the card. Pharmacy discounts are not intended as a substitute for insurance.

### Assumption

- The Knick-Knack Shoppe 820-1168  
10% off final purchase of non-consigned merchandise, excluding furniture.

### Bloomington

- Glass Specialty Company Inc. 309-664-1087  
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.

### Champaign

- Glass Specialty Company Inc. 352-4258  
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.
- Wireless Mike's 356-9300  
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

### Decatur

- Creative Media Services, Inc. 428-9950  
20% off first hour of graphic design and/or consulting.
- Glass Specialty Company Inc. 429-2371  
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.
- Scotty's Pest Control 422-9372  
10% discount on all jobs.

### Effingham

- Great Clips 342-4030  
\$2 off haircut.

### Greenville

- Enertech, Inc. 618-664-9010  
\$50 per ton equipment discount (max 5 ton) on GeoComfort or Paradise geothermal systems.

### Macon

- Macon Speedway 764-3000  
\$2 off regular admission ticket to include NASCAR nights.

### Mattoon

- Wireless Mike's 258-8771  
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

### Oconee

- Hired Hands Services 539-4218  
5% off any carpet or resilient flooring.

### Pana

- Bland Heating & Air Conditioning 562-4256  
10% discount on service calls.

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**Office Hours:**  
**7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**



## OUTAGE REPORT

### LINE OUTAGES

DATE	HOURS	SUBSTATION	CAUSE	MEMBERS AFFECTED
3/25/2010	0.27	Shelbyville	Trees/storm	65
3/25/2010	2.00	Lakewood	Trees/storm	120
3/31/2010	2.50	Yantisville	Trees/storm	85

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- **Merle Norman Cosmetic/Cut N Curl**  
562-4722  
10% discount off retail purchase.
- **Pana Iron Store Co.** 562-2168  
10% discount off retail purchase.

### Peoria

- **Glass Specialty Company Inc.**  
309-676-6181  
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.

### Pleasant Plains

- **Paul Tree Farms, LLC.** 414-9556 or 971-7876  
10% off pines, spruces, maples and oaks.

### Shelbyville

- **Barker's Ballooney & Bridal** 774-2588  
10% off all balloons & gift basket purchases.
- **Best Wedding Chapel** 774-7809  
A framed personalized wedding prayer with full wedding package.
- **Beyers Chiropractic** 774-5313  
10% off vitamins, braces and pillows.
- **Bogart Vision Care** 774-4422  
20% off eyeglasses/sunglasses, 50% off second pair.
- **Carl Grabb Motors** 774-2165  
\$5 off full service oil change.
- **Coon Creek Lodge** 756-3147  
10% discounts on kitchenettes.
- **Custom Care Cleaners** 774-3422  
\$1 off every \$10, \$2 off every \$20, \$3 off every \$30.
- **Druby's** 774-5143  
2 free medium drinks w/purchase of any everyday Family Deal.
- **Just A Stitch** 774-2227  
20% off regular priced merchandise.
- **Leach-Wilson Chevrolet Buick CO.** 774-3975  
5% off parts and labor.
- **M & M Crafts** 774-2609  
10% off.
- **Macari's Service Center** 774-4214  
10% discount on furnace/AC clean/checks. Card to be presented at time of billing.

- **Main Street Decker-Rations** 774-2535  
10% off McCall's candles.
- **Merle Norman Cosmetic's & Boutique** 774-4233  
Save \$2 on a purchase of \$25 or more.
- **Possum's Treasures** 774-1300  
Free greeting card with \$10 purchase.
- **Shelbyville Public Printer** 774-2337  
15% off business customers or individual customers.
- **Whalen's West Side Floral** 774-4644  
10% off, some restrictions apply.
- **Woodpile Primitives** 254-6955  
10% off on any stock item.

### Sullivan

- **Coyote Cabins** 728-7150  
Regular price is \$125/night, discount price is \$99/night for weekend and \$89 Sunday - Thursday.

### Taylorville

- **A Classic Bouquet** 824-6556  
10% off purchases - cash & carry.
- **Don's Lion's Den** 824-6111  
10% on all non-consigned merchandise.
- **Gordon Pontiac GMC** 824-3381  
\$200 off bottom line price after you have made your best deal. Limit- 1 offer per transaction, no cash value.
- **Market Street Inn** 824-7220  
10% off single night stay, 20% off two or more nights stay.

- **ProStitch Auto Interiors & Upholstery, Inc.** 824-3228  
\$10 off any basic headliner replacement or free black vinyl for ag/commercial seat repairs.
- **Taylorville Community Credit Union** 824-9658  
.25% off any new installment loan.
- **The Best 4 Less** 824-4003  
10% off already discounted prices.
- **Yard Heating & Cooling** 824-4737  
10% off on furnace and/or air conditioner checkup.

### Urbana

- **Wireless Mike's** 365-9300  
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

### Windsor

- **Deerfield Bed & Breakfast** 459-2750  
10% discount.
- **Hickory Hills Crafts & Collectibles** 459-2347  
10% off on \$20 or more.

Please keep this copy for your convenience. We will notify our members of any future participating businesses through this newsletter and on our website [www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop) and via our tweets from [twitter.com/YourCoop](https://twitter.com/YourCoop). If you have misplaced or lost your card stop by the cooperative for a new one.



## Co-op Connections Card brings Mother's Day discounts

Use your discount card for three offers just in time for Mother's Day, two from ProFlowers and one from Shari's Berries. ProFlowers is offering one dozen assorted roses with vase and chocolates for \$29.74 or spring blooms with vase and lavender spa trio for \$33.99. Prefer something sweet? Then try six giant, hand-dipped strawberries for \$16.99. For these and other great deals visit [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop). Taxes and other restrictions may apply.



# PWR-net

www.pwr-net.coop

## PWR-net now serving more communities

With the 2010 expansion under way and on target, the following communities and surrounding areas may now have service to the cooperative's line-of-site, wireless broadband product PWR-net.

"If you live in or around Oconee, Nokomis, Palmer, Ohlman, Rosamond, Moweaqua, Stewardson, Strasburg, Owaneco and southern parts of Taylorville, there is a really good chance you'll now be able to use our wireless Internet product PWR-net," said Cooperative COO Josh Shallenberger.

This list adds to the current subscriber base in and around Shelbyville, Findlay, Lakewood, Cowden, Tower Hill, Pana and Assumption.

To find out if service is available in your area, call PWR-net toll-free at 1-877-994-2323 or email [subscriberinterest@pwr-net.coop](mailto:subscriberinterest@pwr-net.coop).

## Plan to attend your cooperative's annual meeting

Mark your calendars now for the Shelby Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of members to be held on June 11, 2010. The meeting will be at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds in Shelbyville, which is located just behind the cooperative headquarters. Registration and lunch begin at 11:00 a.m., with the

business session to start at 1 p.m. Watch for your annual meeting notice to arrive in your mailboxes in early June.



### Energy Efficiency

### Tip of the Month

Properly hooking up your clothes dryer can help save on energy costs. The outdoor dryer exhaust door should close when the dryer is off. Check to make sure the dryer vent hose is tightly connected to the dryer and also to the inside wall fitting. The vent hose should not be kinked or clogged.

Source: Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives

## REAL LIFE REAL POWER

**When looking for ways to save energy at your house, don't forget to look outside. Make the switch to CFLs in your outside light fixtures. Have you ever forgotten to turn off your porch light? Just one 60 watt, incandescent light bulb costs about \$1.50 in electricity when used for 8 hours a day for one month. A 60 watt equivalent CFL (14 watts) only costs \$0.30 for the same amount of use!**

**Shelby Electric Cooperative wants to help you save energy plus have a safely lit porch. You may pick up your free, 14-watt, yellow Bug light at the cooperative headquarters (ONE PER MEMBER, while supplies last).**

