

POWERLINE

A monthly newsletter for co-op members of Corn Belt Energy

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Spring into Savings

Use your Co-op Connections Card today!

As a Corn Belt member, make sure to use your **free** Co-op Connections Card for discounts and valuable offers at local businesses and national retailers for those everyday purchases and holiday gifts. Over 140 local offers are listed on the following pages. Go online to search for local and national deals by zip code or by category at www.connections.coop.



Need a New Card?

Contact us at 1-800-879-0339 or marketing@cornbeltenergy.com to request wallet cards. Simply show the card at participating businesses to receive your discount.

Promote your Business

Would you like to promote your product or service to 35,000 Central Illinois households for free? Email us at marketing@cornbeltenergy.com to learn more about this great program.

Smart Phone App

Saving with your Co-op Connections Card is even easier when you download the free app for your Apple or Android smartphone!

Use the GPS function to easily find local offers near your current location. Identify your favorite local offers and save them in "My Deals" for easy access.

To download the app, visit www.connections.coop.



** Healthy savings discounts are not insurance and are not intended as a substitute for insurance.*



Your free Co-op Connections Card can save you 10% to 60% on prescriptions at participating pharmacies, including CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Target and many more!

Use your card to purchase prescriptions not covered by your insurance plan. Simply present your Co-op Connections Card with your prescription at any participating pharmacy and pay the discounted price; no additional forms or paperwork are needed.

Corn Belt members have saved over \$139,000 on 10,675 prescriptions since the card program was launched in 2007. Corn Belt members have been saving an average of 33% on prescriptions!

Visit www.healthysavings.coop to look up drug prices by location and find participating pharmacies.*

ABINGDON

Bradshaw's TV & Appliance

309-462-5703
801 N. Monroe St.

50% off all repair estimates.

BLOOMINGTON

A & B Auto Body Supply, Inc.

309-663-0236
1624 Commerce Pkwy.

10% off list prices.

A Child's View Cooperative Preschool

achildsviewcooperativepreschool.com
309-829-3995
400 W. Union Street

*Save \$10 on your registration fee
when you show your card.*

Aaron's Sales & Lease

shopaarons.com
309-820-8700
1724 R.T. Dunn Drive

50% off first month's payment.

All About Eyes

allabouteyes.net
309-663-2700
101 N. Veterans Pkwy.

*30% off frames (designer frames: 20% off)
and 25% off all lenses.*

Alliance Eyecare

alliance-eyecare.com
309-828-7723
1228 N. Towanda Ave.

*15% discount on eyewear.
Excludes contact lenses.*

American Home Lending USA

americanhomelendingusa.com
309-665-0506
2310 E. Oakland Ave.

*Free credit report consultation
and \$200 off closing costs.*

BLOOMINGTON

Baymont Inn

baymontinns.com
309-662-2800
604 1/2 IAA Drive

10% off.

Bellas Landscaping

bellaslandscaping.com
309-827-5263
2405 Fox Creek Rd.

*Save \$300 any project of \$3,000 or more.
Cannot combine with other offers.*

Blue Fish Estate Sales

dsheehan.cbhoa.com
309-838-9396
1 Burgundy Ct.

*\$100 cash back bonus at the conclusion
of an estate sale or household.*

Body Dynamics Fitness Equipment

bodydynamicsonline.com
309-662-5159
1500 E. Empire

*10% off any equipment or accessory
purchase. Exclusions apply.*

Brown St. Storage

309-827-4004
302 Brown St.

*One month free storage with
six month signing.*

Brown's Wrecker Service Inc.

browns wreckerservice.com
309-828-3753
302 Brown St.

\$5 off any towing or road service.

Bussy's Automotive

309-664-5398
1627 Commerce Parkway

*10% off brake repair over \$200;
\$10 off any motor val fuel.*

BLOOMINGTON

Calahan Solutions, Inc.

calahansolutions.com
309-826-5263
8 Shoreline

*5% off Organization Assessment
and Consultation Services.*

Capital Merchant Solutions

checkman.com
309-452-5990
3005 Gill St.

*FREE credit card terminal or software
and 50% off first month's fees.*

Carl's Ice Cream

carlsicecream.com
309-828-7732
601 W. Locust Street

*Buy one soft-serve sundae, get one of
equal or lesser value free.*

Carl's Pro Band

carlsproband.com
309-828-4676
802 N. Morris Ave.



*\$50 gift certificate with \$500 purchase;
\$100 gift certificate with \$1,000 purchase.*

Carpets Plus Color Tile

carpetspluscolortile.com
309-663-9101
1115 Lafayette

10% discount on materials.

Century 21 Aper Realty

c21aperrealty.com
309-664-4455
2409 E. Washington St.

*Free market analysis. Learn today's value
of your home.*

Chateau Hotel & Conference Center

bloomingtonchateau.com
309-662-2020
1601 Jumer Drive

10% off regular daily rate.

BLOOMINGTON

Chem-Dry CleanMasters

cdclnmasters2.com
309-681-1744
33 Felton Place

15% discount on carpet and upholstery cleaning over \$100.

Chocolatier

chocolatier.ws
309-821-0277
3 Finance Drive

5% off all assortment boxes. Truffles not included.

Clay Dooley Tire and Auto Service

ClayDooley.com
309-828-5037
307 E. Grove
309-662-2886
1507 East Vernon Avenue

Up to \$20 off auto repair and maintenance services.

ComeToBuy, Inc.

CTB123.net
309-808-1241
3006 Gill St.

10% discount on website hosting.

Community Home Connection

wevisitu.com
309-275-1130
PO Box 5154

Free gift bag full of coupons and community information to new movers, newly married and new parents.

Cost Cutters Family Hair Salon

costcutters.com
309-662-1945
2103 N. Veterans Pkwy.

\$3 off an adult shampoo and cut; 20% off retail products.

BLOOMINGTON

Davis Tire & Auto Service

davistire.com
309-663-6366
1809 Eastland Drive

10% off tires, mechanical parts & services, excluding batteries.

Domino's Pizza

dominos.com
309-665-0505
2205 E. Oakland Ave.

Buy one large pizza at regular menu price, get a medium 1 topping free!

Emmett-Scharf Electrical

emmett-scharfelectric.com
309-664-1111
1005 E. Lafayette St.

10% off labor for any energy saving lighting upgrades. \$150 off any generator with installation.

Energistics

energisticssolutions.com
309-261-0967
PO Box 5652

10% off home energy evaluations. 10% off ENERGY STAR certification for new construction.

Fast Signs

fastsigns.com
309-661-1300
1605 G.E. Road

20% off first purchase. New customers only. Maximum discount \$100.

FloorX Pro Floor Care

fxpfc.com
309-834-3602
1712 Hamilton Road

10% off all services.

Glass Specialty

glassspecialty.com
309-807-2982
1712 E. Hamilton

\$15 Walmart gift card with autoglass replacement.

Healthy Savings³⁸ Discounts

Use your Co-op Connections Card for valuable healthcare savings. Simply show your card to receive discounts! Visit www.healthysavings.coop for details and to find local providers.



PRESCRIPTIONS

Simply show your card to save 10-50% on prescription drugs not covered by insurance at thousands of pharmacies—including CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Target and many more.



DENTAL SAVINGS

Use your card to receive 20% to 40% on most dental services, including orthodontics, periodontics and endodontics.



VISION SAVINGS

Save on eyeglasses, contacts, eye exams and surgical procedures at optometrists, independent optical centers and national chain locations like LensCrafters, Pearle Vision, JC Penney Optical, Sears Optical and more.



HEARING AIDS

Receive 35% discount off hearing aid prices at 2,000+ Newport Audiology Center locations.



IMAGING & LAB

Save 10-60% on MRI and CT procedures while utilizing credentialed radiology providers. Receive discounts off usual charges for blood tests and all other lab testing, too.



CHIROPRACTIC CARE

Save 30-50% at over 3,000 participating Chiropractors nationwide.

BLOOMINGTON

Gold's Gym

goldsgym.com
309-661-4653
11 Currency Drive

10% off enrollment fee on a 24-month membership.

Granite Transformations

fitsontop.com
309-661-8155
1712 E. Hamilton Rd.

20% off any in-stock granite off-cut. Not valid with other discounts.

Heartland Foot and Ankle Associates

heartlandfootandankle.com
309-661-9975
10 Heartland Drive

10% off over-the-counter products.

Interstate All Battery Center

interstatebatteries.com
309-663-5911
1115 E. Lafayette

10% off retail price on any product, excluding automotive batteries.

Made in the Shade Blinds & Decor

309-378-4214
9913 Wolf Hill Rd.

20% off suggested retail price.

Masters Brothers

mastersbros.com
309-661-0400
4109 Wicker Road

Save \$100 on a Generac Guardian Series Generator; 10% off any HVAC service.

Mid-Illini Credit Union

midillinicu.com
309-661-1166
1811 Eastland Drive

Open a checking account, get first box of checks free. \$200 off mortgage closing.

BLOOMINGTON

Monster Pawn & Monster Deals

monsterpawn.com
309-821-1792
1610 R.T. Dunn Drive

Buy 2 DVDs, get 1 free! Show card to clerk for discount.

Nybakke

nybbake.com
309-662-7272
814 IAA Drive

10% off disposal bags and filters. Not valid with commercial accounts or with other discounts.

Orkin

orkin.com
309-663-9546
3008 Gill Street

\$30 off initial pest control service based on 1 year agreement; 10% off initial termite treatment.

OSF St. Joseph Center for Healthy Lifestyles

309-661-5151
2200 E. Washington St.

10% off of any regular priced merchandise at the center for Healthy Lifestyles.

Outdoor Connection

fishingandhuntingglobaladventures.com
309-838-1225
15667 Crestwicke Drive

Discount varies by adventure.

Paint Depot

309-664-6733
2407 GE Road

20% off.

Papa Murphy's Pizza

papamurphys.com
309-662-9000
2402 E. Oakland Ave.

\$2 off a family size pizza at regular price.

BLOOMINGTON

Performance Growth Partners

performtogrow.com
309-664-7741
3 Mallard Ct.

\$100 off the cost of a customer service assessment or training.

Pheasant Lanes Family Fun Center

pheasantlanes.net
309-663-8556
804 N. Hershey Rd.

Buy one game and get second game free during open bowling. Shoe rental not included.

Pro-Air Heating & Air Conditioning

proairhvac.com
309-452-3415
106 Oak Creek Plaza

Service call at \$50/per hour rate. Any parts or materials extra.

Prudential Snyder Real Estate

bevedgerton.com
309-826-2101
One Brickyard Drive

\$100 McLean County Cash gift certificate presented at closing.

Radiator Plus

309-827-4004
302 Brown St.

\$10 off new radiator purchase.



BLOOMINGTON

Raspberry Grove Equestrian Center

equi-coach.com
309-829-3150
14148 N 900 E Road

5% off six lessons; 10% off twelve lessons.

Red Wing Shoe Store & Adrian's Shoe Repair

309-827-6370
1210 Towanda Plaza

10% off regular priced merchandise priced over \$100.

Sam Leman Automotive Group

samlemandealers.com
309-662-0629
1602 Commerce Pkwy

10% off maintenance services.

Specs Around Town Optical Boutique

specsaroundtown.com
309-827-7327
317 N. Center St.

25% off any in-stock sunglasses. Not valid with any other offer.

Strong Concrete & Excavating

309-275-4237
1001 Croxton Avenue

\$50 off any job over \$500.

Sunblock Films, Inc.

sunblockfilmsinc.com
309-829-2400
901 E. Grove Street

10% off the total installed cost of any project. Mention offer during estimate.

Tarvin's Culligan Water Conditioning

culliganbloomington.com
800-282-5922
8 Gilmore Dr.

\$100 off HE Water Conditioner; \$100 off Culligan Reverse Osmosis system; Cash & Carry: Buy 9 bags salt, get 1 free; buy 9 bottles of water, get 1 free.

BLOOMINGTON

Union Auto Sales 783

unionautosales783.com
309-829-7251
1201 S. Main St.

\$100 off purchase. Present card prior to purchase.

Weed Man

weedmanUSA.com
309-827-9390
10051 McCue Dr.

One free application for new customers when scheduling a full program.

Wm. MarKen Jewelers

wmmarken.com
309-663-2299
713 IAA Dr.

20% off any merchandise purchase; 25% off Seiko watches.

Wm. Masters, Inc.

wmmastersinc.com
309-662-8481
401 Olympia Dr.

\$100 off Guardian standby generator system; \$50 off transfer switch wiring system for portable generator; 10% off plumbing service call for new customers; Free energy analysis & system evaluation; \$200 off new Trane hybrid htg/ac system; \$300 off new Waterfurnace geothermal hg/ac system; 5% off new security system or video surveillance system.

Ziebart Superstore

www.ziebartsuperstore.com
309-662-7878
9 Westport Ct.

\$40 off retail price of complete detail; \$30 off home or auto window tint over \$199.

CARLOCK

Fresh Air Photography

fresh-airphotography.com
309-275-5777
470 Carlock Road

50% off sitting fee for portrait photography.

CHAMPAIGN

All About Eyes

allabouteyes.net
217-531-5393
507 Town Center Blvd.

30% off frames (designer frames: 20% off) and 25% off all lenses.

Bard Optical

bardoptical.com
217-351-8622
907 Market View Dr.

Save 10% on disposable and specialty contacts. Save 20-40% on all other eyecare products.

Nick's Porterhouse of Paints

porterpaints.com
217-356-5711
110 W. John St.

Buy 1 get 1 FREE on all Porter & Pittsburg Paints. No Limit.

DAHINDA

Discount Wildlife Service

wegotbats.com
309-879-3029
250 Greenleaf Ct.

\$25 off the cost of a service call. \$10 off the cost of a chimney cap.

DANVERS

Grayco Heating & Cooling

309-963-2005
118 E. Exchange Suite B

\$10 off regular hours service call.

Lullaby Studios

lullaby-studios.com
309-963-6466
18682 N. Apache Path

\$15 sitting fee and free gift with \$200 portrait order!

DECATUR

Bard Optical

bardoptical.com
217-422-3881
288 N. Park

Save 10% on contacts; 20-40% on all other eyecare products.

Glass Specialty

glassspecialty.com
217-429-2371
505 E. William

\$15 Walmart gift card with autoglass replacement.

FARMER CITY

Sabrina Walsh Photography

swphotography.shootproof.com
309-928-9863
19575 Depot Road

25% off any portrait session; New clients only; not valid with other offers.

Top Hog BBQ

tophogbbq1.com
309-928-9284
15496 Leroy Road

2 pounds pulled pork free with purchase of 20 pounds.

Whispering Pines Llama Farm

whisperingpinesllamafarm.com
309-928-9284
RR 2, Box 103

Free breeding to any male on our farm with purchase of a female. 10% discount on llama fiber.

FARMINGTON

M&K Parties

mkparties.com
309-245-2468
34 N. West

\$20 off inflatable ride rental. Mon-Thurs 3 hour time limit.

FORSYTH

All About Eyes

allabouteyes.net
217-877-7900
106 Barnett

30% off frames (designer frames: 20% off) and 25% off all lenses.

Bard Optical

bardoptical.com
217-875-3724
1351 Hickory Point Drive

Save 10% on contacts; 20-40% on all other eyecare products.

Cost Cutters Family Hair Salon

costcutters.com
217-872-0503
1351 Hickory Point Rd.

\$3 off an adult shampoo and cut; 20% off retail products.

GALESBURG

Bard Optical

bardoptical.com
309-343-7799
1265 N. Henderson St.

Save 10% on contacts; 20-40% on all other eyecare products.

Bunker Links Municipal Golf Course

ci.galesburg.il.us/parks/bunkerlinks.htm
309-344-1818
3500 Lincoln Park Drive

\$20 greens fee for 18 holes with cart.

GALVA

Lucky Dog Lodge

luckydoglodge.com
309-932-2888
24074 S. County Road

Use your card to save 10% off all services!

GENESEO

Bard Optical

bardoptical.com
309-686-6491
206 W. First St.

Save 10% on contacts; 20-40% on all other eyecare products.

HUDSON

Whitacre's Furniture

whitacresfurniture.com
309-726-1305
704 S. Broadway

10% off purchases. Excludes sale items.

LASALLE

Coon's Grove Nursery

coonsgrovenursery.com
815-223-9287
359 N. 35th Rd.

10% off the purchase of any evergreen tree 6'-8' or shade tree 2-2 1/2" caliper. Discount does not include planting and delivery.

LE ROY

Oleson Construction Inc.

yourhomeyourbuilder.com
309-499-0147
110 Falcon Ridge Drive

\$25 off jobs \$250 or more; \$50 off jobs \$500 or more.

LINCOLN

Bard Optical

bardoptical.com
217-735-1707
1481 Woodlawn Rd.

Save 10% on contacts; 20-40% on all other eyecare products.

LINCOLN

Glass Specialty

glassspecialty.com
217-735-3395
103 Taylor Court

\$15 Walmart gift card with autoglass replacement.

MENDOTA

Triple Service Plumbing, Heating & Cooling

tripleserviceinc.com
866-539-3828
801 Monroe St.

\$100 off any replacement; \$25 off any repairs

MORTON

Ashland House

bestwesternillinois.com
309-263-5116
201 East Ashland

10% off regular rack rate. Excludes special event dates.

Glass Specialty

glassspecialty.com
309-266-9580
911 W. Jefferson

\$15 Walmart gift card with autoglass replacement.

Leisure Spas, Inc.

309-263-0637
405 E. Tyler Street

15% off all spa chemicals.

Pete's Shoe Store

309-266-9212
109 W. Jefferson

20% off Red Wing work boots.



NORMAL

America's Best Value Inn

americasbestvalueinn.com
309-454-4070
6 Traders Circle

\$60 Sunday - Thursday nights; \$70 Friday and Saturday nights.

Baird's Auto Care Center

bairdsautocarecenter.com
309-452-9819
804 W. Division St.

\$1.50 off full service oil change. 10% off repair parts. No discount on labor or warranty parts.

Bard Optical

bardoptical.com
309-454-2233
1700 Parkway Plaza

Save 10% on contacts; 20-40% on all other eyecare products.

Bratcher Heating & A/C

bratchercomfort.com
309-454-1611
1210 Ft. Jesse Rd.

15% off of service calls. \$100 off of furnace or a/c installation. \$300 off of Geothermal installation.

Carl's Ice Cream

carlsicecream.com
309-454-7733
1700 W. College Ave.

Buy one soft-serve sundae, get one of equal or lesser value free!

College Station Apartments

collegestationapt.com
309-454-5549
9 Traders Circle

\$30 application fee waived when presenting Co-op Card.

CornBelter's Baseball

normalbaseball.com
309-451-3445
1000 W. Raab Road

20% off any one item in the team store! Show card, limit one per visit.

NORMAL

Domino's Pizza

dominos.com
309-454-5111
305 W. Beaufort

Buy one large pizza at regular menu price, get med 1 topping free!

Glass Specialty

glassspecialty.com
309-663-5707
2024 Eagle Road

\$15 Walmart gift card with autoglass replacement.

Gloria Jean's Coffee

facebook.com/GloriaJeansNormal
309-808-1328
1609 Northbrook Drive, Suite 1

10% off any drink! Cannot combine with other offers.

Illinois Agricultural Auditing Association

ag-auditing.com
309-862-3870
318 Susan Drive

10% discount on the preparation of personal income tax returns.

Mid State Transmission

midstatetransmission.net
330-452-5595
1408 Fort Jesse Road

\$25 off on clutch replacement or automatic transmission rebuild.

Midwest College of Cosmetology

midwestbeautycollege.com
309-451-1373
755 W. Raab Rd.

25% off any service with member card. May not be used with any other offer.

Midwest Equipment II

midwestequip.com
309-454-6800
2150 W. College Ave.

Save \$200 on an installed Generac automatic standby generator.

NORMAL

Monster Pawn & Monster Deals

monsterpawn.com
309-452-5327
1408 South Main Street

Buy 2 DVDs, get 1 free! Show card to clerk for discount.

O'Brien Mitsubishi of Normal

obrienteam.com
888-483-3446
1601 Fort Jesse Road

Get any new vehicle at 5% over invoice; used vehicle at employee pricing

OOPS! (Outstanding Organic Product Specialties)

309-862-3121
1520 E. College Ave.

\$10 off your purchase of \$75 or more.

Papa Murphy's Pizza

papamurphys.com
217-452-7575
1531 E. College Ave.

\$2 off a family size pizza at regular price.

Reflections Etc by Pam

reflections-etc.com
309-452-9262



20% off any portrait session fee, plus a complimentary 5x7 print (\$35 value).

Signature Inn - Normal

309-454-4044
101 S. Veterans Pkwy.

\$60 room rate on all standard rooms. Offer not valid during special events.

Team Automotive & Tire

teamautomotiveandtire.com
309-454-5454
1223 S. Adelaide St.

10% off all parts. Cannot be combined with other discounts or specials.

NORMAL

Uncle Bill's Self Storage

unclebillsstorage.com
309-451-4500
421 Kays Dr.

\$25 off first month's rent. (Can also be used for truck rental.)

Washburn Flowers

309-452-1113
111 North St.

10% off floral products only. Cash and carry only. Excludes plants, giftware, and the month of February.

Wild Birds Unlimited

wbu.com
309-454-3455
1520 E. College Ave.

20% off any in-stock bird feeder or birdhouse. One per family.

OGLESBY

CAL Manufacturing

calmanufacturing.com
815-712-1708

Free lighting kit and installation with purchase of a Tow Tender!

OTTAWA

Cost Cutters Family Hair Salon

costcutters.com
815-434-2428
2729 Columbus St.

\$3 off an adult shampoo and cut; 20% off retail products.

Glass Specialty

glassspecialty.com
815-434-5687
310 W. Main Street

\$15 Walmart gift card with autoglass replacement.

PEKIN

Bard Optical

bardoptical.com
309-353-9313
3287 Court St.

Save 10% on contacts; 20-40% on all other eyecare products.

Cost Cutters Family Hair Salon

costcutters.com
309-353-9000
2139 Court Street

\$3 off an adult shampoo and cut; 20% off retail products.

Mattress Doctor

mattressdoctoronline.com
309-382-2600
2818 Court Street

Save 15% off of non-sale items; save 10% off sale items.

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All About Eyes

allabouteyes.net
815-224-1178
5255 State Rd. 251

30% off frames (designer frames: 20% off) and 25% off all lenses.

Bard Optical

bardoptical.com
815-220-0652
3323 Frontage Road

Save 10% on contacts; 20-40% on all other eyecare products.

Glass Specialty

glassspecialty.com
815-223-1060
4115 Progress Blvd

\$15 Walmart gift card with autoglass replacement.



PRINCETON

Adler Chiropractic

815-872-1800
403 S. Main St.

10% discount on new patient office visit.

Hattie's Arts & Antiques

815-875-9151
24 W. Long

10% discount on items over \$20 unless marked net or firm.

Johnsons Carpet Shoppe

815-875-3444
1033 N. Main

*Save \$1.00 per yard on carpet.
Not valid with other sales.*

Very Important Pet Grooming

815-875-9806
634 S. Main St.

10% off any service.

Wyanet Carpet

wyanetcarpets.com
815-879-0005
816-818 N. Main St.

Show card and receive up to 10% off.

ROANOKE

Lifts of Illinois, Inc.

liftsofil.com
800-835-5438
415 W. Front St.

*\$50 off purchase over \$3,000.
\$100 off purchase over \$8,000.*

SPRING VALLEY

Kramers Guns & Supplies

815-894-2239
RR #1

Receive 10% discount on purchases of ammo or accessories.

SPRINGFIELD

Bard Optical

bardoptical.com
217-793-2273
3055 W. Wabash

Save 10% on contacts; 20-40% on all other eyecare products.

Calhoun Mohawk Floorz

calhouncarpet.com
217-544-2138
1730 S. Dirksen Parkway

10% off any carpet purchase.

George Alarm Company

georgealarm.com
217-525-1334
917 S. 9th St.

Change your monitoring to us and we'll beat your existing price by 15%!

Glass Specialty

glassspecialty.com
217-544-9886
829 S. 11th Street

\$15 Walmart gift card with autoglass replacement.

UTICA

Apple Tree Acres Alpacas

appletreealpacas.com
815-667-4228
3037 E. 11th Rd.

*10% off on all alpaca apparel.
Excludes non-alpaca items.*

*Do you want your business listed here?
Reach 35,000 Central Illinois families for free!
Email us at marketing@cornbeltenergy.com
to learn more!*

Use our free app for Apple and Android devices to find offers close to you!



Download the app at www.connections.coop

Tree Planting Guide

Arbor Day is April 25 and we encourage co-op members to take the following planting tips into consideration as you begin planning your spring landscaping projects.

With a little research and a simple layout, you can produce a landscape that will cool your home in summer and tame the winter winds. Your well-planned yard should contain trees that grow well in the soil and moisture of your neighborhood.

Your trees should be properly placed to avoid collisions with power lines and buildings, and the aesthetics will increase your property value. A proper landscape plan also takes these factors into consideration:

1. Height: Will the tree bump into anything when it is fully grown?

Sizing guide available at www.arborday.org.

2. Canopy spread: How wide will the tree grow?

3. Is the tree deciduous or coniferous? Will it lose its leaves in the winter?

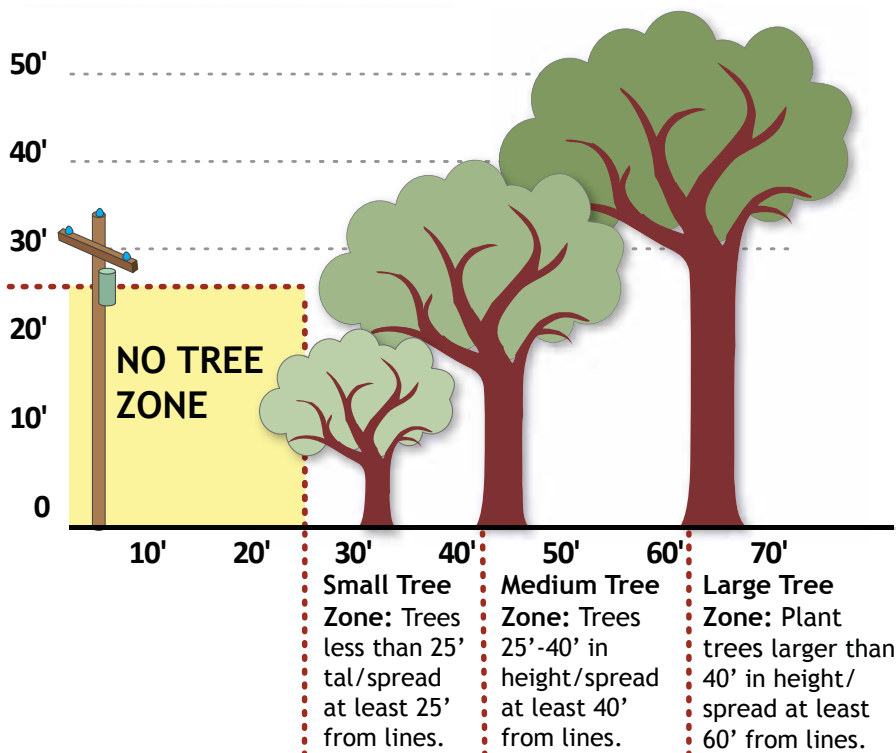
4. Form or shape: A columnar tree will grow in less space. Round and V-Shaped species provide the most shade. *Shape guide available at www.arborday.org.*

5. Growth rate: How long will it take for your tree to reach its full height? Slow growing species typically live longer than fast growing species.

6. Soil, sun, and moisture requirements

7. Fruit: No one wants messy droppings on busy sidewalks.

8. Hardiness zone: Indicates the temperature extremes in which a tree can be expected to grow. Most of Illinois is part of hardiness zone 6. *Visit www.arborday.org to find a list of trees that will grow well in this zone.*



Pruning

Trees growing near Corn Belt Energy electric lines occasionally need to be pruned or sometimes cut down in order to minimize outages and to maintain reliable, safe electricity at a low cost. If your area is scheduled to be pruned (see below), you will be notified with a green postcard approximately 3 to 4 weeks prior to trimming.

If you request the removal of a tree that could endanger Corn Belt lines, the entire tree will be taken down and cut up for your use or disposal. In clearing the right-of-way for our electric lines, trees will be cut up and brush and wood will be piled separately. If tree pruning is required, tree branches will be chipped and the larger wood will be cut up and left for your use or disposal. If you notice a dead or dying tree near power lines, a tree with branches growing very close to or touching power lines, please contact us immediately and do not attempt to remove the tree branch(es) yourself.

All tree pruning is done in accordance with American National Standards Institute recommendations (A 300, part 11-2001) and Dr. Alex L. Shigo's pamphlet, Pruning Trees Near Electric Utility Lines. Please contact Operations Department at 1-800-879-0339 x265 for more information.

2014 Pruning Schedule:

Corn Belt has contracted Four Seasons Tree Service to prune around power lines in these areas: Anchor, Arrowsmith, Bloomington, Carlock, Clinton, Colfax, Congerville, Cooksville, Deer Creek, Dewitt, Eureka, Farmer City, Goodfield, Hudson, Leroy, Lexington, Mackinaw, Morton, Secor, Towanda and Wapella

Cooperative members living near Princeton will see crews from Shearer Tree Service pruning around Corn Belt lines this year.

Is Your Home Protected?

April showers can bring an increased threat of power surges, which are defined as sudden, short-lived increases in voltage.

Your cooperative can help protect your home from the threat of power surges which could damage your valuable electronics and appliances.

INTERNAL SURGES

80% of temporary power surges come from *inside* the home; protect your equipment with surge protector devices like power strips. Make sure to look for the UL 1449 label, which guarantees it meets tested and approved standards. Surge protectors carry a "joule" and/or a "surge-current" rating; the higher the rating of these two categories, the higher the quality of internal surge-stopping components. Corn Belt carries several surge strips and outlet receptacles that may fit your needs.



EXTERNAL SURGES



Whole-house protection is recommended for more severe surges, including lightning strikes. Corn Belt can install a surge protector on your exterior electric meter for \$6.95/month

(200 amp meter) and a \$25 installation fee. 400 amp meter protection is available for \$8.95/month with a \$25 installation fee.

Sign up in April and we'll waive the \$25 installation fee AND give you a complimentary surge kit valued at over \$35!

Inside your home, a panel-mounted circuit panel or service entrance suppression device (TVSS) forms a second layer of defense by greatly reducing harmful surges entering your home. A qualified electrician can ensure proper installation.

For more information, contact Justin Stuva, Energy Advisor, at 1-800-879-0339 x235 or email him at: justin.stuva@cornbeltenergy.com



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Always call JULIE at 8-1-1 to have underground utilities located before you dig.

To avoid personal injury and damage to underground lines, state law requires you to contact Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE) before any digging project, regardless of the project size or depth. The call is free, and so are the services.

According to state law, the person doing the digging is required to call JULIE with the locate request information at least 48 hours (*two working days, excluding weekends and holidays*) in advance of the start of excavation. You must begin your project within 14 days from the time you call and if you want to start your project over the weekend, remember to contact JULIE by Wednesday at 4:00 PM.

In order to help the utility locator properly identify your project area, JULIE recommends that you mark the area where you will be digging with white paint and/or flags.

Each JULIE utility member is responsible to mark their own underground facilities with paint or flags within the two working day period required by law (*excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays*).

Visit www.illinois1call.com to learn more about the process.

Electric Safety Training

Corn Belt recently covered the cost for Live Line Demo to provide first responder safety training for thirty firefighters at the Normal Fire Department. Your cooperative also sponsored electric safety training for over sixty first responders from Bureau, Marshall and Putnam counties through the Bureau County Farm Bureau in February. Specialty training can help ensure their safety as they respond to emergencies.



Levelized Billing Option



Contact Us

1-800-879-0339

Call this number to report an outage and call from a phone associated with your account if possible.

LOCATION

1 Energy Way
Bloomington, IL 61705

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Monday - Friday

cbec@cornbeltenergy.com
www.cornbeltenergy.com



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Levelized Billing gives you a way to guard against large fluctuations in your monthly electric bill, without ever having to play “catch-up” at the end of the year. The program is designed to keep your electric bills consistent every month of the year, as long as you remain on the plan. It’s the ideal way to accurately anticipate your monthly electric bill, which makes budgeting your expenses that much easier.

With Levelized Billing, your monthly electric bill becomes a “rolling average” of your electric usage for the most recent 12 months. By averaging

your changes in usage over a 12-month period, your bill will remain fairly consistent every month, even in very cold or hot months when usage may be unusually high. Our Levelized Billing program is completely free; members with accounts in good standing and with at least 6 months of service history can enroll.

Members can deactivate the Levelized Billing program at any time by contacting our Billing Department. If a member on Levelized Billing becomes delinquent or enters into a delayed payment agreement, they will be removed from the program.

America needs an affordable energy strategy that includes coal. Send a message to the EPA at www.action.coop

1. 

ABANDONS ALL-OF-THE ABOVE
The Administration is reversing course: **ditching our All-of-the-Above energy strategy** for an **All-But-One** approach that bans new coal plants.

2. 

TECHNOLOGY GAMBLE
New regulations essentially require technology that's **not commercially viable and prohibitively expensive** – leading to higher bills down the line.

TOP 4 FACTS

ABOUT THE EPA'S NEW CLIMATE REGULATIONS

3. 

LIMITS ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, DOMESTIC ENERGY
By banning new coal plants, Americans forfeit a **236-year domestic source of energy** with a historically stable price.

4. 

HISTORY REPEATS: ALL-BUT-ONE DOESN'T WORK
A 1978 mandate prevented use of natural gas & forced utilities into coal or nuclear – **before common sense prevailed and it was repealed 9 years later.**