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President and CEO

Remember to #ThankALineworker on April 13

Lineworkers serve on the frontlines of our nation's energy needs, and on April 13, 2020, McDonough Power Cooperative, along with other electric cooperatives across the country, will honor the brave men and women who work hard to keep the lights on. **8320A3A-650B**

Line crews work around the clock, sometimes in difficult and dangerous conditions, to keep power flowing to our local communities. Whether they're restoring power after a major storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to our electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of our co-op.

When a storm hits, they set aside their

personal priorities because Mother Nature doesn't work around holidays, vacations and birthdays. A service-oriented mentality is one of the many admirable characteristics of an electric lineworker.

McDonough Power is proud to honor the eight lineworkers that maintain 1,413 miles of power lines in our service territory.

McDonough Power invites all co-op members to take a moment and thank a lineworker for the important work they do. On April 13, you can use #ThankALineworker on social media to show your support for the brave men and women who power our lives.

LINeworkers know how to get the job done.

LET'S THANK THEM FOR POWERING OUR LIVES.



Lineworker Appreciation Day
April 13, 2020





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**PLEASE MOVE
OVER FOR
EMERGENCY
AND UTILITY
CREWS**

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible.

Together, we can keep our crews safe.



Respect the orange signs

Move over and slowdown in work zones

For many, there aren't enough hours in the day. Because of that, many people use drive time to be productive. They might call their boss, text their best friend or apply mascara.

Multitasking can be an effective use of time, but not while driving.

In 2017, 799 people died in work zone accidents, according to the U.S. DOT's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). **12127B7B-1059B**

Although this reflects incidents that took place in road construction zones, know that accidents, injuries and deaths can happen in any roadside work zone, including utility work zones.

That is why we ask you to help keep our crews safe by slowing down and following any other instructions — including moving over to give them space — anytime you see orange warning signs and cones that lead up to a work zone.



Cars or trucks that speed through a work zone not only endanger workers on the ground. Driving too fast or not moving over can also put an elevated line-worker in danger by causing the bucket he or she is in to move or sway.

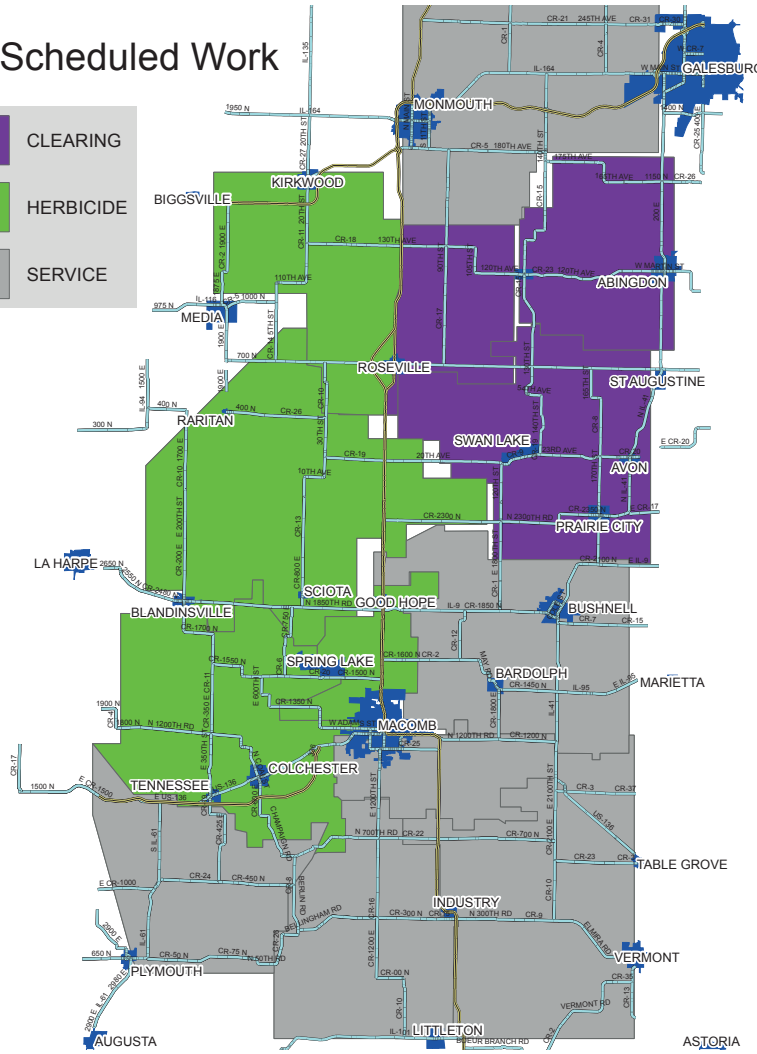
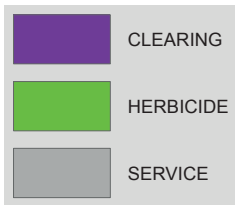
Lineworkers already have enough to contend with by working high up on power lines while out in the elements. Their profession consistently places on the Bureau of Labor Statistics most dangerous jobs. Do your part; please don't add noncompliant drivers to the mix.

Other 2017 statistics released by the U.S. DOT's FHWA include:

- 203 fatal crashes where speeding was a factor
- 222 fatal work zone crashes involving large trucks or buses
- 132 worker fatalities in road construction sites

For more information about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.

2020 Scheduled Work



Right-of-way clearing to begin in April

One of McDonough Power Cooperative's biggest yearly expenditures is right-of-way clearing, and we are constantly analyzing and measuring the performance of our contract crews. With that being said, we have once again contracted with Spoon River Electric Cooperative (SREC) to perform vegetation management in the following areas beginning early spring and continuing through the summer and fall. See the map for details. This work might include cutting, trimming, mowing and application of environmentally safe herbicides. Vegetation management work is necessary to protect the integrity of the electric system and to prevent potential safety hazards. This work can impact reliability more than just about any other issue. SREC personnel are licensed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and are experienced in all aspects of tree pruning and herbicide application. If you have any concerns regarding work to be done in your area, please contact our office at 309-833-2101. 316D1-1116C

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

This spring, consider using a rain barrel to save energy. Rain barrels capture rainwater from a roof that can be used later for watering your lawn, garden or indoor plants.



**McDonough Power Cooperative
Annual Meeting**

*Wednesday, August 12
at The Crossing in Macomb*

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: ca811.com

1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



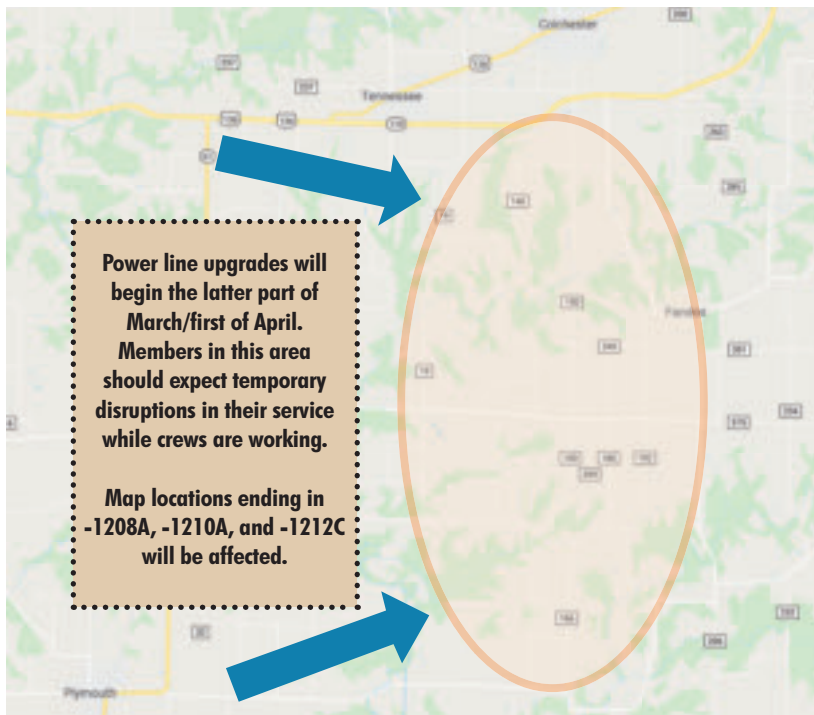
5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.



ATTENTION Fandon area members:

Croft Electrical has been contracted to upgrade the power lines in your area. Work is scheduled to begin early spring. Members should expect temporary disruptions in service while work is in progress. Please call our office at 309-833-2101 with any questions or concerns. 4336D1-530C



Cooperative offices will be closed
on Friday, April 10,
in observance of Good Friday.



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