



GIVE YOUR AIR CONDITIONER A SPRING TUNE-UP



Spring is a good time for maintaining your air conditioner. Chances are you welcomed the

cooler temperatures when they arrived last fall and turned off your air-conditioning unit without a lot of thought. Now, before you turn it back on again for the season, you'll want to make sure your unit is clean and ready to work properly and efficiently. If you keep the coils of your air conditioner clean, it will improve your comfort and reduce your electricity costs this summer.

Start by inspecting the outdoor condensing unit. The large outdoor coil—it looks like a car radiator—is where heat is dissipated from your home. The fan

in the condensing unit has to move a lot of air through the coil, so make sure there are no airflow restrictions around the unit. Cut nearby grass, shrubs, and branches so they are at least 3 feet away at the side and 5 feet away overhead.

Most condenser coils are loaded with pollen and dust even when you can't see it. The longest a condenser should go without cleaning is two or three years, depending on how much it operates during the summer. If you use your air conditioner for four months or more, annual cleaning is an excellent idea. Turn off the power to the unit and remove any visible grass and lint from the fins and/or louvers with an old hairbrush or whisk broom. Then put on a pair of rubber gloves and spray biodegradable outdoor coil cleaner into the coil. Wait five or 10

minutes and flush the coil with a gentle wash spray.

Your indoor coil might also need cleaning, even though you can't easily see it. If your air conditioner's filter or blower is dirty, then your indoor coil is probably dirty, too. This is usually a job for professionals, unless you have easy access, as with a central heat pump. To help keep your indoor coil clean, make sure your filter fits well, is easy to change, and that you change it regularly. Have your air conditioning contractor make improvements to the filter, if needed, so it is easy to get to. Change the filter often to help keep your indoor air conditioner coil clean and reduce energy consumption.—Source: John Krigger, Saturn Resource Management, www.residential-energy.com

Contact Greg for a Spring Air Conditioner Maintenance Check-Up TODAY!



WHY INSTALL A DAIKIN DUCTLESS HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM?



Forget wall-mounted thermostats that can be difficult to program or operate. Daikin systems feature built-in intelligence that allows individual control with the ability to automatically maintain preferences. These systems make subtle and continuous adjustments to ensure your home stays at a constant and comfortable temperature at the touch of a button.



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CENTRAL AIR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Earn an \$8/month credit on your electric bill during the summer cooling season

To help reduce the demand for electric power during the summer season, Clark Electric Cooperative offers an Air Conditioner Load Management Program Incentive.

Each central air conditioner (AC) unit being managed during a period of high demand is shut off for approximately 15 minutes and then allowed to resume cooling for 15 minutes. This means they are still cooling about half of the time. Many members say they don't even realize the cooperative is managing the unit because they don't notice any temperature change inside the home.

If you have a central air conditioning unit and it is not part of the load management program, consider trying it for a summer. You will receive a one-time \$25 bill credit after the load management switch is installed on the AC, and then you will see an \$8 credit on your electric bill for the consumption months of June, July, and August. Call Clark Electric Cooperative at 1-800-272-6188 for questions, or to sign up. Certain restrictions may apply.

RESPECT THE ORANGE SIGNS: MOVE OVER, SLOW DOWN IN WORK ZONES

Think of every roadside crew member as someone you know and love

Every state has laws that require drivers to slow down or switch lanes if possible when they pass emergency vehicles and, in many states, transportation maintenance, work trucks, and other authorized vehicles as well. These are often referred to as “move over” laws. Failing to comply can result in fines and, in some states, jail time.

For many people, 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.

WisDOT reports that Wisconsin sees nearly 2,000 work crashes a year.

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 lineworker in danger by causing the bucket he or she is in to move or sway.

Lineworkers already have enough to contend with by working way 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.

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

MY CO-OP

Spring Clean Up

Are your electric bills a mess? It’s time to clean them up by setting up recurring and stored payments through SmartHub.

While you’re there, check out the other great benefits SmartHub has to offer:

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- Check your usage
- Communicate directly with the co-op
- Manage your account

Clean up your bills by signing up for SmartHub online. It’s Clark Electric Cooperative’s FREE and mobile online payment system. Click on the signup link and follow the prompts to create your user name and password.



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CONSIDER POWER LINES WHEN PLANTING TREES THIS SPRING

With the winter season in the rear-view mirror, the smell of spring in the air, and thoughts of green grass comes the planting season.

Whether you're planting a single tree in the front yard or several thousand trees to start a plantation, it's important to consider the species of trees and the location in which you plan to plant them. This is especially important if you are planting trees near overhead power lines, says Mike Ruff, Clark Electric Cooperative director of operations.

Many people plant trees too close to power lines. They think that the trees will never get tall enough to grow into the power lines, or they simply forget to

look up before they plant them.

Most trees will grow tall enough to touch power lines faster than you think. So take time to research your tree selection or consult with your local tree nursery for advice on which trees are appropriate for your landscaping area.

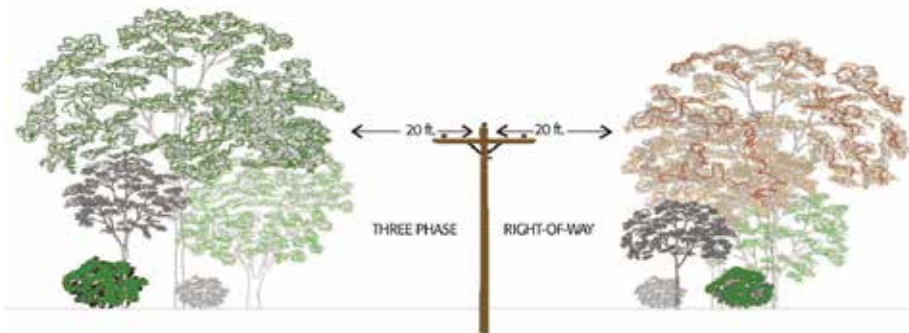
As the trees grow they can come into contact with the power lines and create power outages or momentary interruptions. However, the greatest concern is the safety risk that can be created when children climb trees near power lines. Accidental contact with electrical wires while playing in or climbing a tree can be fatal.

As we move through the spring

season and into summer, please take some time to consider a few things when planting, especially around power lines.

1. Clark Electric Cooperative requires 15 feet of clearance on both sides of the line for single-phase lines and 20 feet for three-phase lines.
2. Be sure to plant your trees far enough away from power lines so that when the trees are fully grown, there will still be 20 feet of clearance to the power line without the need for trimming.
3. Remember, if you chose to plant trees in the right-of-way or too close to the right-of-way, your trees may need to be trimmed or cut some day, and that day may come sooner than you think.

If you have trees that appear to be growing into power lines, contact Clark Electric Cooperative at 1-800-272-6188. Never try to prune them yourself. We have skilled professionals trained to safely prune and trim trees for electric line clearance.



Director Scott Johnson is pictured with students from Loyal High School's Advanced Automotive Mechanics class, who really enjoyed getting to "kick the wheels" of Clark Electric Cooperative's Chevy Bolt Electric Vehicle



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