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## Who Owns What? Understanding Electric Equipment Responsibilities

As July brings longer days and rising temperatures, it also increases the chance of severe weather. Summer storms can arrive quickly and cause significant damage to electric equipment throughout our area. At Altamaha EMC, we're always prepared to respond to outages and restore power as safely and quickly as possible. However, it's important for members to understand which parts of the electric system are their responsibility and which parts are maintained by us. Knowing the difference can help speed up repairs and keep everyone safe during storm season.

Altamaha EMC is responsible for maintaining and repairing equipment that delivers electricity to your home, including utility poles, distribution power lines, electric meters, and padmounted transformers. On the other hand, members are responsible for the equipment that connects from the meter into their home or business. This includes any underground service lines that run from the meter to the structure, the service panel inside the home, and the weatherhead and service mast attached to the outside of the building.

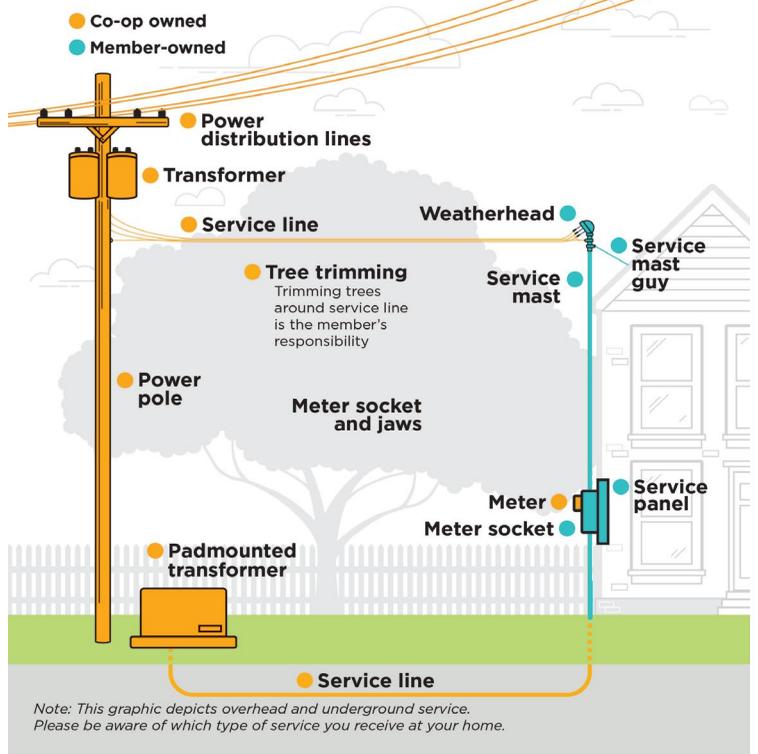
If any of the equipment that falls under the homeowner's responsibility is damaged during a storm or other event, it must be repaired by a

licensed electrician before our crews can safely restore power. Hiring a professional ensures that the repair work is completed correctly and safely.

We all take pride in the trees and landscaping that make our community beautiful, but regular *WHO OWNS WHAT?*, Continued on Back Page.

### Who Owns What? Electric Co-op Owned Equipment vs Member-Owned Equipment

This graphic depicts equipment owned by the co-op (in gold) and the member (in blue). If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, we are responsible for repairs. If a storm damages any member-owned equipment, the member is responsible for repairs. Members should hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to member-owned equipment.



# Be Storm Ready with a Standby Generator from Altamaha EMC

Hurricane season is officially upon us, and now is the time to prepare for the possibility of extended power outages. At Altamaha EMC, we're committed to helping our members stay safe and comfortable during severe weather. That's why we've partnered with Generac Power Systems and GRESCO to offer dependable home backup generators and portable power solutions tailored to your needs.

A Generac standby generator is permanently installed outside your home, much like a central air conditioning unit. It runs on natural gas or liquid propane (LP) and is designed to turn on automatically the moment your power goes out, keeping lights on, appliances running, and your family safe and secure. Whether you're looking to power your entire home or just the essentials, these systems offer peace of mind during uncertain weather.

Our trusted installer, GRESCO, will meet with you to provide a free in-home consultation to assess your backup power needs. They will explain your options, discuss installation, and provide a no-obligation written estimate. It's a simple, hassle-free process designed to help you make an informed decision.

If a portable generator is more your speed, we've got you covered there too. We offer portable generator options along with manual transfer switches, which are the safest way to connect and operate a portable unit.

In addition, financing options are available through our partnership with Go Energy Financial, making it easier than ever to protect your home without stretching your budget.

Don't wait until the next storm is on the radar. Take steps now to ensure your home stays powered through any outage. For more information or to schedule a consultation, call 478-315-0817.



## 5 WAYS to Reduce Use During Extreme Heat

During periods of extreme heat, the demand for electricity can skyrocket, placing additional strain on the grid. By working together to lower our electricity use, we can reduce pressure on the grid.

Here are five effective ways to lower use at home.

1. **Raise your thermostat** setting a few degrees higher than usual. Every degree can reduce cooling energy consumption.
2. **Cook with smaller appliances** to save energy and reduce heat gain in the kitchen.
3. **Keep blinds, curtains and shades closed** during the hottest part of the day to block direct sunlight.
4. **Use fans** to circulate air, which can make you feel cooler without needing to lower the thermostat.
5. Shift activities that require a lot of energy consumption to **off-peak hours** when demand is lower.



## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Always be cautious of unsolicited calls (or in-person visits) to your home from companies claiming to conduct energy audits. These are typically telemarketing firms that claim to be a third-party company or pose as a representative from your electric utility to gain access to homes and sell services with the promise of government rebates. Many electric utilities provide energy audit services, but they are typically scheduled at the customer's request.

*Source: Better Business Bureau*



## Uncashed Refund Checks

Below is a list of former Altamaha EMC members who have uncashed refund checks. If your name appears on the list below, please contact us at 912-526-2120 before August 1, 2025. If these checks aren't claimed by August 1, 2025, we will deliver the funds to the Georgia Department of Revenue, Unclaimed Property Program as required by law. After this date, any attempts to reclaim your money will need to be directed to the Georgia Department of Revenue.

**ALGER, DAVID**  
**ASHLEY, JOHN H**  
**BENNETT, KAITLYN R**  
**BINKLEY, KRISTY**  
**BOUYER, ANTHONY**  
**BRADY, DARNELL CHANS**  
**BRASIL, DIONICIO**  
**CHAPMAN, JOHN ALLEN**  
**COOK, SHIRLEY G**  
**CRAWFORD, MICHAEL W**  
**DAVIS, PHILICIA T**  
**DEFIORE, JENNIFER**  
**DOWD, SAMANTHA L**  
**DUARTE, JUDITH A**  
**ELLISOR, DAVID G**  
**FRECKER, DELORIS**  
**GONZALEZ, MINERVA**  
**GRISAMORE, DANIELLE**  
**QUESENER**  
**GUINN, CHRISTOPHER**  
**GUYTON, WHITNEY C**  
**HANEY, REBECCA SUE**

**HEBERT, PATRICIA U**  
**HERNANDEZ, CASANDRA**  
**JIMENEZ**  
**HOPKINS, HOLLY M**  
**HUMMEL, JENNIFER R**  
**HURST, SHEBREIKA L**  
**JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER B**  
**JONES, LOUISE**  
**JOYNER, BRANDY**  
**KRUEGER, CASEY M**  
**LEWIS, ROBERT**  
**MCCOY, TERRI N**  
**MCDANIEL, JUSTIN LEE**  
**MCGLASHAN, CHRISTOPHER C**  
**MCMILLAN, BOBBY**  
**MINCEY, ANTONIO**  
**MOLINA, SANTIAGO**  
**MORRISON, ALICIA**  
**NEGRETE, VICTORIA**  
**PADRON, REINALDO**  
**PEACOCK, CHRISTINA**

**POOLE, ERIC JAMESON**  
**POWELL, RISA A**  
**POWELL, TIMOTHY W**  
**RICKS, PEGGY J**  
**ROBERTSON, TAMMY ANN**  
**ROBINSON, CHRISTOPHER**  
**CLARENC**  
**SHEPARD, DIANE**  
**SILVERNALE,**  
**CHRISTOPHER C**  
**SIMS, KEISHIA R**  
**SINGLETON, RICHARD**  
**LOUIS JR**  
**SQUIRES, DAVID CURTIS**  
**STEELE, BENNIE JR**  
**STEVENS, RUSSELL**  
**STEVERSON, DANIEL KALIB**  
**STREET, RUSSELL**  
**THOMAS, ZONDRA Y**  
**TUCKER, BETHANY**  
**VASQUEZ, SOSIMO**  
**WYNN, KERRY TRACY**

# Who Owns What? Continued from Front

maintenance is essential to keeping the lights on. Altamaha EMC trims trees around our distribution lines on a regular schedule to help reduce outages. If you notice limbs growing into a main line near your property, please call us so we can safely trim them. By understanding who owns what when it comes to electric equipment, we can all be better prepared when severe weather affects our area. If you ever have questions about your electrical equipment or responsibilities, please contact Altamaha EMC at 912-526-8181. We're here to help.

## Altamaha Fiber Provides Unlimited Fiber Fast Internet

Why pay over \$300 a month for slow internet, satellite TV, landlines, and basic security when you could have it all for less with Altamaha Fiber? With fiber fast internet, crystal clear VoIP phone service, and smart security features like motion alerts through the Plume app, you get better service and real savings with no contracts and no data caps.

- ✓ Streaming ready speeds
- ✓ TV options like YouTube TV, Hulu, Sling, and DIRECTV Stream
- ✓ Local support you can count on
- ✓ Monthly savings of \$125 to \$180

Switch today and simplify your life without sacrificing performance.

Replace This	With This
 <b>Slow Internet</b>	 <b>ALTAMAHA FIBER</b> YOUR INTERNET PROVIDER Unlimited Fiber Fast Internet for streaming, gaming, browsing, and email.
 <b>Expensive Satellite TV</b>	   
 <b>Telephone Service</b>	 <b>VoIP crystal clear telephone service</b>
 <b>Security Service</b>	 <b>Plume</b> Motion alerts through the Home Pass app
<b>\$315 per month</b>	<b>\$137-\$190 per month</b>



Photo Credit: Georgia Grown

# Member RECIPES

## Caramelized Vidalia Onion Barbecue Dip

### INGREDIENTS)

2 tablespoons olive oil  
2 tablespoons butter  
4 cups onions, diced  
1 tablespoon garlic, minced  
2 teaspoons kosher salt  
1 teaspoon black pepper  
16 ounces cream cheese  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup barbecue sauce  
2 cups shredded cheese (of choice)



### DIRECTIONS

Crackers or French bread, for serving  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Heat a 10-inch cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Add olive oil and butter to the pan. Once the butter has melted, add diced onions. Cook onions for 5 minutes, then add minced garlic, salt and pepper. Stir well. Cook until onions turn golden brown, stirring often. This should take about 20 minutes. Add cream cheese, mayonnaise and barbecue sauce; mix well. Cook until cream cheese is melted. Top the mixture with the shredded cheese and bake until melted. Serve with crackers or French bread. Serves 12-16.

*Note: If you don't have a 10-inch cast-iron skillet, use a regular skillet and transfer the mixture to a casserole dish before topping with cheese and baking.*

*-Courtesy of Georgia Grown*