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## Why Backup Power Matters: Staying Safe and Prepared During Storm Season

Storm season in the Southeast brings a mix of heavy winds, lightning, and unpredictable weather patterns—and with them, power outages that can last hours or even days. For customers of Altamaha EMC/Fiber, installing a backup generator is one of the most effective ways to protect your home, your family, and your peace of mind.

### The Hidden Cost of Losing Power

Even a short outage can create a cascade of challenges. Extended outages may lead to:

- Loss of heating and cooling, creating dangerous indoor temperatures
- Spoiled food and costly replacements
- The failure of medical devices and mobility equipment
- Interrupted communication systems
- Security systems going offline

These aren't just inconveniences—they can impact safety, comfort, and financial well-being.

### How a Generator Protects Your Home

A backup generator automatically activates when the grid fails, keeping essential systems running:

- HVAC systems
- Refrigeration and freezers
- Medical equipment
- Wi-Fi, lighting, and charging devices
- Home security systems

Whether you choose a portable generator or a whole-home standby unit, the goal is the same: uninterrupted safety, comfort, and control.

### Storms Are Unpredictable—Preparation Doesn't Have to Be

While storm season peaks in late summer and early fall, outages can occur anytime. Having a standby generator in place ensures your home is ready long before the next emergency hits.

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# Operation Round Up Supports Wellstar Children's Hospital and Paul Anderson Youth Home

Through the generosity of members who participate in Operation Round Up, the Altamaha EMC Foundation recently awarded grants to two organizations that are making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and young people throughout Georgia.

The Foundation awarded a \$1,500 grant to Wellstar Children's Hospital of Georgia in Augusta



to support its mission of providing specialized pediatric healthcare to children from across the region. As the only children's hospital in the area, Wellstar Children's Hospital offers comprehensive care in a wide range

of specialties, including neonatal and pediatric intensive care, pediatric surgery, cardiology, oncology, and rehabilitation services. Dedicated to delivering compassionate, family-centered care, the hospital serves thousands of children each year and works to ensure that every child has access to the treatment and support they need close to home.

The Foundation also awarded a \$1,500 grant to the Paul Anderson Youth Home in Vidalia to help fund a portion of the cost of installing a backup generator for the campus. Reliable backup power will help ensure the ministry can continue operating and providing care to residents during power outages and after severe weather events.

Founded in 1961 in memory of Olympic gold medalist and world champion weightlifter Paul Anderson, the Paul Anderson Youth Home is a Christ-centered residential program dedicated to helping young men overcome challenges and build brighter futures. Through counseling, education, spiritual guidance, and life skills training, the home provides a structured environment that emphasizes faith, discipline, responsibility, and personal growth. Its mission is to offer hope and restoration to young men and their families while equipping residents with the tools needed to become productive members of society.

Both organizations exemplify the spirit of service and





compassion that Operation Round Up seeks to support. Whether providing world-class healthcare to children or offering hope and guidance to young men in need, these organizations are helping strengthen families and communities across our state.

Operation Round Up grants are made possible through the generosity of participating Altamaha EMC members who voluntarily round up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar. Those spare pennies add up to make a big difference, allowing the Foundation to support organizations that improve the quality of life throughout the cooperative's service area and beyond.

*Altamaha EMC is proud to partner with Wellstar Children's Hospital and the Paul Anderson Youth Home and remains committed to supporting organizations that provide hope, healing, and opportunities for a brighter future.*

## 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, 2026. If these checks aren't claimed by August 1, 2026, 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.

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## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS

Scammers are increasingly using “smishing” — fake text messages designed to look like they’re from legitimate businesses, including your electric utility. These texts may claim your bill is overdue, your service will be disconnected or you’re owed a refund. They often include a link that directs you to a fake payment site or asks for personal information. Never click suspicious links or respond to unexpected texts, even if the message appears urgent. Instead, log in to your utility account through the official website or mobile app to verify any claims. We will never ask for sensitive information like passwords or banking details through text messages.



# Why Backup Power Matters

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## A Turnkey Solution Through Gresco

Through Altamaha EMC/Fiber, customers gain access to Gresco’s full-service installation program, which includes:

- Free site surveys
- Professional, code-compliant installation
- Maintenance, troubleshooting, and warranty support

With competitive pricing and flexible financing options, investing in a generator is now more practical than ever for families of all sizes.

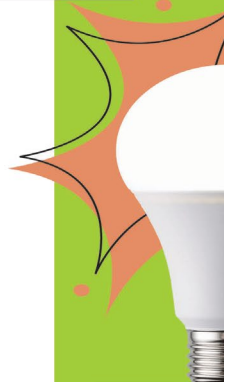
## Stay Safe. Stay Ready. Stay Powered.

Don’t wait for the next storm to decide you need backup power.

Contact Gresco’s renewables team at 478-315-0817 or [renewables@gresco.com](mailto:renewables@gresco.com).

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Running multiple major appliances at the same time—like your dishwasher, laundry machines and oven—can spike energy demand and strain the electric grid, especially during peak hours (typically late afternoon to early evening). Instead of stacking appliance use, spread it out throughout the day or shift chores to off-peak hours when energy demand is lower. This not only helps improve overall efficiency but can also reduce your energy costs. A simple habit change like doing laundry in the morning and running the dishwasher overnight, can make a meaningful difference for both your wallet and energy reliability.



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# Member RECIPES

## Crunchy Hawaiian Chicken Wrap

### INGREDIENTS

#### *Dressing*

- 1/4 cup light mayonnaise
- 1/8 cup white vinegar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon poppy seeds
- 1-1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1-1/2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1-1/2 teaspoons chili powder

#### *Filling*

- 2 cups fresh broccoli, shredded
- 1-1/2 cups fresh carrots, peeled, shredded
- 1/4 cup canned crushed pineapple in 100 percent juice, drained
- 1 cup fresh baby spinach, chopped
- 3 cups cooked chicken, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 6 (10-inch) whole-wheat tortillas



### DIRECTIONS

***For the dressing:*** In a small mixing bowl, combine mayonnaise, vinegar, sugar, poppy seeds, garlic powder, onion powder and chili powder. Mix well. Cover and refrigerate.

***For the filling:*** Combine broccoli, carrots, pineapple and spinach in a large bowl. Stir in dressing and chicken. Mix well. Use immediately or cover and refrigerate.

***To assemble wraps:*** For each wrap, place 2/3 cup filling on the bottom half of the tortilla and roll in the form of a burrito. Place seam-side-down. Cut diagonally. Note: Filling may be made 1 day in advance. Assemble wraps when ready to serve. Makes 6 wraps.

*-Courtesy of Georgia Grown*