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## Safety First: Protecting Our Line Crews on the Roadside

When Altamaha EMC linemen are up in a bucket truck repairing power lines or restoring fiber service along busy roadways, they're focused on getting the job done quickly and safely. But their greatest concern isn't the high-voltage lines overhead — It's the unpredictable danger just a few feet away: distracted drivers.

According to the National Safety Council, 891 people lost their lives and over 37,000 were injured in work zone crashes in 2022. While many of these crashes happen in construction zones, utility crews like those at Altamaha EMC/Fiber often face even more hazardous conditions. Our teams frequently work alone along remote roads and in challenging weather, making them harder to see and more vulnerable to traffic-related accidents.

To help reduce these dangers, Georgia's Move Over Law requires drivers to shift over one lane when approaching stopped emergency or utility vehicles on the side of the highway. This includes not only police, fire, and EMS, but also utility trucks like those used by Altamaha EMC/Fiber. If it's not safe to move over, drivers must slow down significantly. Violators can face fines up to \$500.

Unfortunately, not all states provide this level of protection to utility workers, but here in Georgia, it's the law and it saves lives.

Another growing risk on the road is distracted driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that up to 1,000 people are injured every day due to distractions like texting or

using in-car entertainment systems. Just five seconds of looking at a phone while driving 55 mph is enough to travel the length of a football field without ever seeing the road.

Even newer vehicle technology can contribute to the problem. Complicated dashboard controls for music, navigation, or climate settings pull a driver's eyes off the road, even for simple adjustments. These small moments of inattention can have devastating consequences when crews are working nearby.

For our crews, the risks are real. A single roadside accident can cause serious injury, destroy vital equipment, or delay power and fiber restoration efforts for thousands of members. When drivers speed past our crews or fail to notice warning signs, it adds to the stress and increases the chance of mistakes during already dangerous work.

That's why Altamaha EMC/Fiber is committed to raising awareness and doing everything we can to protect our employees. We're looking into improvements like reflective signage, strobe lights, and illuminated directional arrows to make our crews more visible. You may also see us sharing reminders on social media or in local advertising about the importance of moving over and slowing down in work zones.

Your awareness can make all the difference. The next time you see utility crews working along the road, please move over, slow down, and stay alert. Together, we can keep our linemen safe while they work to keep your power and internet connected.



# 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**  
**GANTT, JO ELLEN**  
**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**  
**PARKER, DIANE L**

**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 KAUB**  
**STREET, RUSSELL**  
**THOMAS, ZONDRA Y**  
**TUCKER, BETHANY**  
**VASQUEZ, SOSIMO**  
**WYNN, KERRY TRACY**



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# Be Prepared with Backup Power Solutions from Altamaha EMC

Altamaha EMC is proud to partner with Generac Power Systems and GRESCO to help our members stay powered during unexpected outages. Whether you're looking for a whole house backup system or a portable generator, we're here to help you find the right solution.

## **Whole House Generators**

A permanently installed Generac home backup generator automatically powers your home during an outage. Running on natural gas or liquid propane (LP), these generators are installed outside just like a central air unit and are wired directly into your home's electrical system. You can choose to back up your entire home or just the essentials.

If you're interested in a whole house system, we offer a free no obligation in-home consultation. Our authorized Generac installer, GRESCO, will assess your needs, recommend the best standby generator for your home, explain the installation process, and provide a detailed estimate.

## **Portable Generator Options**

If a portable generator better fits your needs, we have options for you as well. We offer portable generators and manual transfer switches, which are the safest way to connect a portable unit to your home's electrical system. Already have a generator? We can help ensure it is connected safely with a professionally installed transfer switch.

For more information about our generator services or financing options through Go Energy Financial, call us at 478 315 0817.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Take advantage of the warmer weather to reduce home energy use. Avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the energy used to power the oven or stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for additional air conditioning.

You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen and explore new ways to save energy!

*Source: energy.gov*



# HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

**All offices of Altamaha EMC  
will be closed**

**Friday, July 4th  
for Independence Day.**

In the event of a power outage or related problems, standby personnel will be on duty.

You can report power outages  
by calling (912) 526-8181.

## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Some scammers will pose as utility workers or contractors affiliated with your electric utility by knocking on your door and claiming to be employed or hired by the utility company. They may claim they were hired to reset, repair, replace or inspect your electric meter or other utility-related device. If a utility employee or authorized contractor needs access to your home, we will schedule an appointment in advance, and proper identification will be provided for your review.

*Source: Utilities United Against Scams*





# Member RECIPES

## Watermelon Lemonade

### INGREDIENTS)

- 3 cups watermelon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces, seeds removed
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup fresh-squeezed lemon juice from 3-4 lemons
- 1 cup ice cubes
- 2 sprigs mint, optional
- Lemon slices
- Watermelon triangles



### DIRECTIONS

Place watermelon in a blender and puree until smooth. Let puree settle for about 5 minutes until the pulp rises to the top and the clearer juice remains at the bottom. Pour through a fine-mesh strainer and rub with a spoon to extract juice from the pulp, leaving about 2 teaspoons of pulp behind. Discard pulp and reserve watermelon juice. Place sugar and water in a saucepan and bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve sugar. When sugar is completely dissolved, turn off the heat. Add sugar and water mixture, lemon juice and ice cubes to the strained watermelon juice and stir to melt ice. For minty watermelon lemonade, rub 2 sprigs of mint between your palms until bruised and very fragrant. Add to lemonade. This refreshing treat can also be used as a base for cocktails or a nonalcoholic spritzer with a bit of seltzer added. Serve over ice with lemon slices and watermelon triangles. Makes 1 quart of lemonade, 3-4 servings.

*-Courtesy of Georgia Grown*