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Why Vegetation Management Matters

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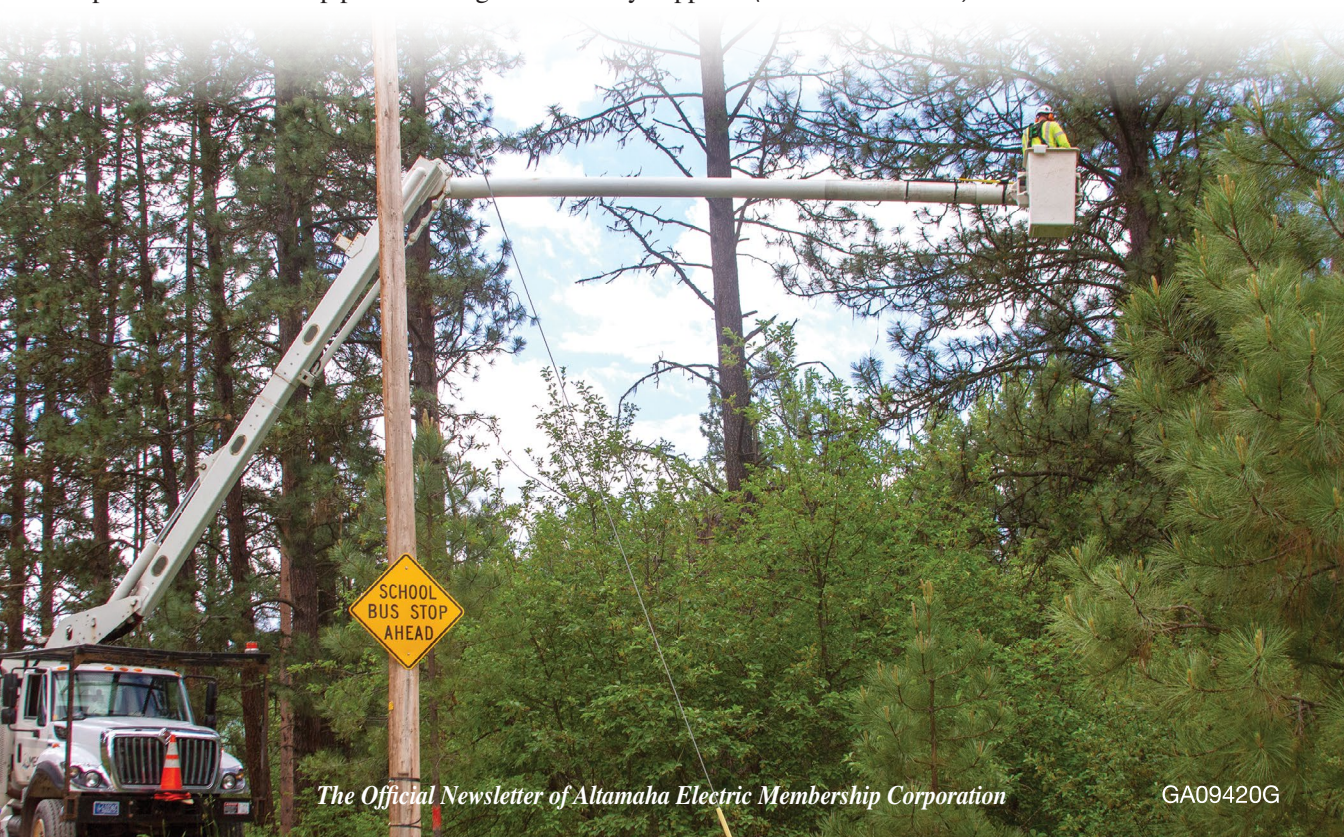
There's something timeless about trees. They ground us. They remind us of where we've been, and they stretch toward what's ahead. Here in our community, we take pride in the natural beauty that surrounds us, the shade on a summer afternoon, the colors that mark the changing seasons and the quiet strength of something that grows slowly but endures.

At the same time, we share another responsibility, one that's just as essential to our daily lives. The responsibility to keep the lights on, power our homes and businesses and make sure that when you flip a switch, the energy you depend on is there.

That's why Altamaha EMC works every day to strike a careful balance between preserving the beauty we cherish and delivering the reliable electricity our members expect. One of the most important ways we do that is through regular tree trimming and vegetation management.

It may not always be obvious, but keeping power lines clear of overgrown vegetation plays a major role in preventing outages. We've all seen what can happen when severe weather moves through our area. Strong winds, heavy rain and falling limbs can damage power lines and poles. In fact, trees and vegetation are among the leading causes of power outages across the country.

That's why you may notice Altamaha EMC crews or our trusted contractors working throughout our service area during the year. Our crews are highly trained and follow industry safety standards to ensure the work is done safely and effectively. While tree trimming may seem routine, it is one of the most proactive steps we can take to help prevent outages before they happen. *(Continued on Back)*



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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ARNOLD ROBERT
ASBERRY DANA DIANE
BADY JOYCE
BARNES KATRINA
BATTEN RASHAD
BLIZZARD LILLIAN
BRADLEY SAMUEL
BUCKNER MITCH
BURKETT PAUL
CABRERA MARIA
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CASON JOHN D
COLSON HOPE BAILEY
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CRABTREE FREDDIE LEE JR
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KIPP ELAINE DIXON
LONDON CRYSTAL
LOVETT ARNOLD JAMES
LUCAS AVERY
LYNN CYNTHIA A
MARTINEZ ASHTON JAVIER
MATHEWS JESSICA S

MAY TOM
MCCALL STEVE
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MCMILLAN RYAN J
MERCER KEARSTIN ANN
MERRITT OZZIE WAYNE JR
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NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE
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PALLE CRYSTAL LEE
PAYTON WALTER
PHILLIPS CAMISHA
PHILLIPS DAVID A
PHILLIPS FLOYD JR
PORTER JEFFREY LAMAR
PRICE JAMES E
RAMOS MORALES MIGUEL
REED WALTER J
REID JOHNNY CALVIN
REYES ALEX
REYES RAYMUNDO V
RICKS DANNITIA
ROBINSON MAYNARD HUGH
ROUNDTREE STEPHANIE

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SMITH BRITTANY
SMITH JIMMY L
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STEINMANN TABATHA MILLER
STONE DAVID WILLIAM
SUTTON CARL R
TARANTINO JOSEPH R
TAYLOR JACQUELINE WEBB
WALDRON APRIL
WHITAKER JENNIFER M
WILLIAMS CHRISTOPHER D
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WILLIAMS VAN
WILLIFORD BOBBY RANDALL
WILLIS KENDALL LEE
WINTERS TRISTEN

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Protect your accounts by enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) wherever possible. MFA adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second step—like a code sent to your phone or an authentication app—beyond just your password. Even if a scammer steals your login information through phishing or data breaches, MFA can stop them from accessing your account. Choose app-based authentication over text messages when available, as it's more secure. Taking a few minutes to turn on MFA for email, banking and additional online accounts can significantly reduce your risk of identity theft and financial loss.

Source: staysafeonline.org



Power When You Need It Most: Gresco's Generator Install Program

When severe weather or unexpected outages strike, having a reliable backup power source can make all the difference. That's why Altamaha EMC/Fiber is proud to work with Gresco to offer a comprehensive Generator Install Program—designed to bring peace of mind and dependable power to our members.

A Turnkey Solution for Backup Power

Gresco's Generator Install Program is more than just a product offering—it's a full-service solution. Whether you're a homeowner looking to protect your family or a business owner safeguarding operations, this program ensures a seamless experience from start to finish.

Here's what you can expect:

- **Personalized Site Surveys**

Gresco's team conducts in-person evaluations to determine the best generator size and placement for your specific needs.

- **Professional Installation**

Certified crews handle the installation process with precision, ensuring compliance with all local codes and utility standards.

- **Ongoing Maintenance & Support**

After installation, Gresco's service team remains available for repairs and routine maintenance, keeping your generator running smoothly year-round.

This end-to-end approach means you don't have to worry about a thing—Gresco handles it all with professionalism and care.

Built for Customers Like You

This program is designed specifically for utility customers. Whether you're preparing for storm season or simply want the security of backup power, Gresco's program is a smart, reliable solution.

Affordable Options with Flexible Financing

Thanks to Gresco's volume-based purchasing power, members benefit from competitive pricing on high-quality generators. Plus, with five flexible financing options available through Synchrony, you can choose a payment plan that fits your budget—making backup power more accessible than ever.

Proven Results Across the Southeast

In just the past year, Gresco has installed nearly 200 generators across the Southeast. From rural homes to commercial properties, their growing footprint is a testament to the trust and satisfaction of utility customers just like you. With Gresco's Generator Install Program, you can rest easy knowing you're prepared for whatever comes your way.

Interested in learning more or getting started?

Contact Gresco's renewables team today at renewables@gresco.com or 478-315-0817.



Vegetation Management

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Vegetation management is not only good practice, but also necessary. Electric utilities are required to maintain safe clearances around power lines. Scheduled trimming helps remove dead or weakened limbs and prevents fast growing trees from becoming hazards to the electric system. Staying ahead of these issues is especially important as we continue to experience stronger and more frequent storms.

Beyond reliability, this work is also about safety. Electricity is powerful, and trees growing too close to power lines can create dangerous situations. Branches that touch or hang near power lines can become energized. Children climbing trees may not recognize the danger, and during storms, fallen trees and limbs can create hazardous conditions for families and for the linemen working to restore service.

Preventative maintenance also helps control costs. Tree trimming and vegetation management are far more cost effective than repairing widespread damage after major outages. By investing in a thoughtful, ongoing maintenance program, Altamaha EMC helps reduce outages and keep costs manageable for our members.

Members can help as well. When planting new trees, consider how large the tree will grow and how close it is to nearby power lines. Trees that grow up to 40 feet tall should be planted at least 25 feet away from overhead lines. Larger trees that exceed 40 feet should be planted at least 50 feet away. If you are landscaping near pad mounted transformers, keep shrubs at least 10 feet from the front and 4 feet from the sides to allow safe access for crews. And if your neighborhood has underground utilities, always remember to call 811 before digging. It's a simple step that can help prevent serious accidents and service interruptions.

At the end of the day, we all want the same thing, a community that is safe, resilient and beautiful. At Altamaha EMC, we're proud to be part of that effort. Our roots run deep here, just like the trees we work to care for every day.



HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE

All offices of Altamaha EMC will be closed

Friday, July 3rd
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. We hope that everyone has a safe and happy Independence Day!

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

During these warm summer months, a smart thermostat can help keep your home comfortable while reducing cooling costs. Smart thermostats learn your routine and automatically raise the temperature when you're away and cool things down before you return, avoiding unnecessary energy use. You can also adjust settings remotely from your phone, so you're never cooling an empty house. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher while you're away or asleep can lead to significant savings. Many smart thermostats provide reports and tips, helping you fine-tune your energy use and stay cool while keeping your electric bill in check.





Member RECIPES

Garden Vegetable Cakes

INGREDIENTS

1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon dill weed
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
4 eggs (or 1 cup egg substitute)
2 tablespoons green onions with tops, minced
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 clove garlic or 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1-1/2 cups shredded vegetables (unpeeled zucchini, drained, pressed; potatoes; carrots; bell peppers; celery; sweet potatoes; yams)
Low-fat sour cream, optional
8 slices tomato, optional



DIRECTIONS

In a medium bowl, stir together cheese, flour, baking powder, dill weed, salt and pepper. Beat in eggs, green onions, lemon juice and garlic (or garlic powder) until well-blended. Mix shredded vegetables into the batter. Heat skillet or griddle over medium-high heat (350 degrees for an electric skillet). Lightly coat with oil or cooking spray. For each vegetable cake, pour 1/3 cup batter onto hot skillet or griddle. Cook on both sides until golden brown. Top each vegetable cake with a dollop of low-fat sour cream and a tomato slice, if desired. Serve warm. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours. Makes 8 cakes.

-Courtesy of Georgia Grown