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## Five ways to save energy when working from home

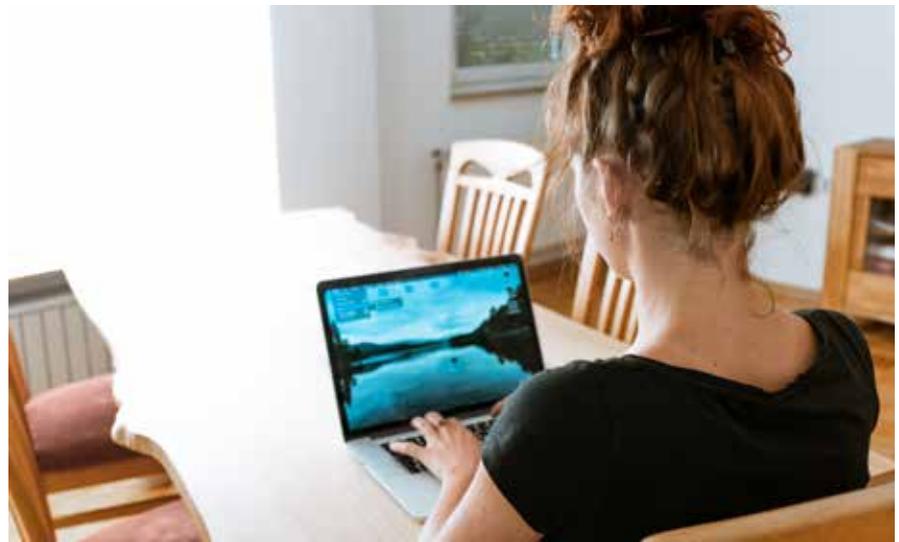
**T**oday, more Americans are working from home than ever before. More time spent at home means more energy used throughout the day.

If you're punching the clock from home, there are small steps you can take to reduce your energy use and save on electric bills. Here are five easy ways to save energy when working from home.

**Use a smart power strip.** Plugging in your most-used devices, like computers, monitors and routers, to a smart power strip ensures these devices aren't drawing power when they're not in use. Smart power strips also give you the option to select which devices should stay in "always on" mode.

**Unplug your least-used equipment.** If your home office includes equipment like printers and scanners, you're probably not using these electronics every day. In this case, go ahead and unplug your least-used electronics and devices, since many of these draw energy even when they're not being used.

**Choose ENERGY STAR-certified office equipment.** If you're looking to purchase new equipment for your workspace, look for the ENERGY STAR label to ensure you're



getting the most energy efficient features. Computers, monitors, imaging equipment and other office electronics that receive the ENERGY STAR rating include power management features to make saving energy easy, and most are designed to run cooler and last longer.

**Flip the switch and use natural light instead.** It's still chilly out there, so take advantage of natural light and additional warmth from the sun. When you're working during the day, open blinds, curtains and other window coverings to let natural light in—and don't forget to turn off the lights to reduce energy use.

**Lower the thermostat.** Home heating makes up a significant portion of your energy bills. Turn the thermostat down a couple degrees during the day to reduce energy use and save money (not recommended for heat pumps; set it and leave it alone). The Department of Energy recommends setting the thermostat to 68 degrees or cooler during winter months. You're more likely to stay focused and alert when it's cooler in your home, so all the more reason to mind the thermostat.

Working from home doesn't have to take a toll on your energy bills, and working remotely or not, these practical tips can help everyone reduce their energy use.

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# Game plan

## *Basketball tourney welcomes a return to normal*

If all goes according to plan, the 2022 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament will get back on track on March 13 for Selection Sunday, followed by 67 games over the course of the next three weeks.

After the pandemic disrupted the tournament, canceling it in 2020 and moving all games within an Indiana "bubble" last year, basketball fans are hoping for a return to normal this year for a great sports tradition. After all we have been through, many of us enthusiastically welcome these three weeks of basketball.

As you arrange your chairs in front of the television and turn on kitchen appliances to prepare the game spread, all of us at Jackson Energy are excited to play our part providing the electricity that powers these celebrations. Even as the pandemic canceled games, closed businesses and shifted students to online learning, we are proud to report that it did not impact service for our members.

It was two years ago this month that the first case of COVID-19 was diagnosed in Kentucky. Though Jackson Energy communicated the many precautions and proactive decisions we made to keep employees and members safe, we hope that as you look back at all that has happened over the last two years, you have always had confidence in our commitment to serving you. With so much uncertainty in the world,



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the reliability of Jackson Energy is something you can count on.

In addition to maintaining electric service, Jackson Energy also recognizes the need to understand the hardships families and businesses face during crises, from the pandemic to natural disasters. If you are struggling with your energy usage or your bill, we continue to encourage you to reach out to us so we can help connect you with resources and solutions.

When the NCAA tournament was scuttled in 2020, it marked the event's first cancellation since it started in 1939, around the same time that Jackson Energy began providing electric service in rural Kentucky. As you root on your favorite team, let them know they can shoot the lights out. We'll keep them on.



Carol Wright  
President & CEO

# Contact us before you plant trees or build

If you own property in a rural area with power lines crossing it, please contact Jackson Energy before you plant trees, build a barn, new house or erect any structure near the right-of-way easement.

The right-of-way is the corridor of land on both sides of utility poles that must be kept clear in order to safely provide you with reliable service.

Jackson Energy will be glad to mark the location of the right-of-way and explain any landscaping or construction requirements necessary.

Maintaining reliable electric service is a top priority at Jackson

Energy. That's why we regularly clear plant growth that can potentially cause an outage or hinder power line repairs for co-op line technicians.

To keep our electric system accessible, property owners cannot plant incompatible tree species, (any species that would attain a height greater than 10 feet at maturity), construct buildings, structures, foundations, garden sheds, signs or erect any other structures within the right-of-way.

Jackson Energy has a 20-foot easement on each side of our power lines (a total of 40 feet).

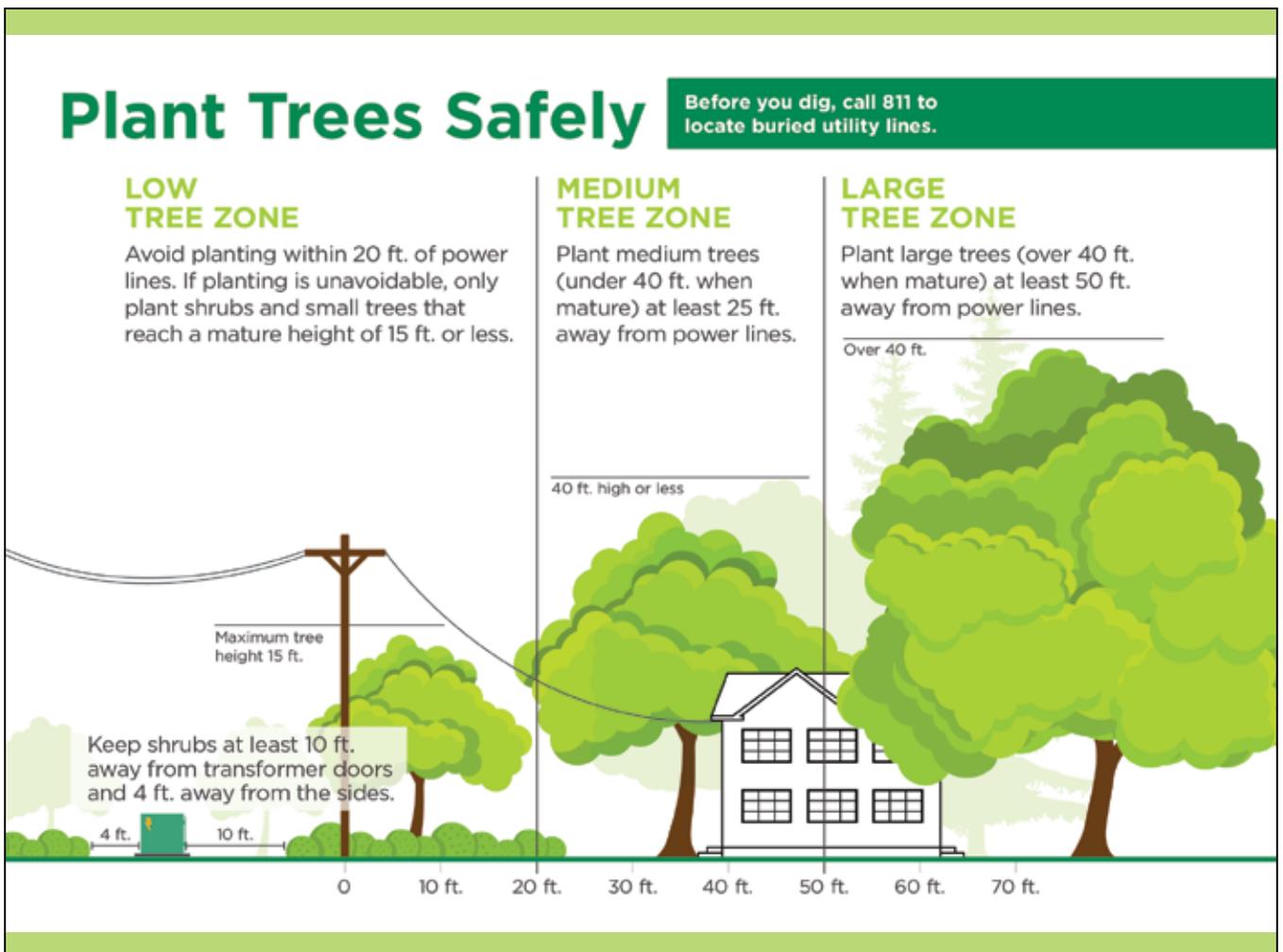
Flower beds, vegetable gardens,

compatible tree species, crops and fields for livestock grazing are acceptable within a right-of-way.

When planting around pad-mounted transformers or other electrical equipment, please leave adequate space for co-op employees to do maintenance.

When in doubt, though, please call us before you landscape or build.

Before you do any digging, make sure to avoid hitting an underground utility line by accident. You can call 811 to check, or call your utility, whether you are planning to dig yourself or you are hiring a professional.



# SPRING INTO FARM SAFETY

## KNOW WHAT TO DO IF ELECTRICAL CONTACT OCCURS

**S**pring is almost here. With farmers returning to the field for planting season, Jackson Energy offers reminders about the dangers of power lines.

If you're inside the machinery when coming in contact with a downed power line:

- If you can, drive safely away from the downed power line and the source of electricity. Travel at least three tractor lengths, or about 40 feet, before stopping.

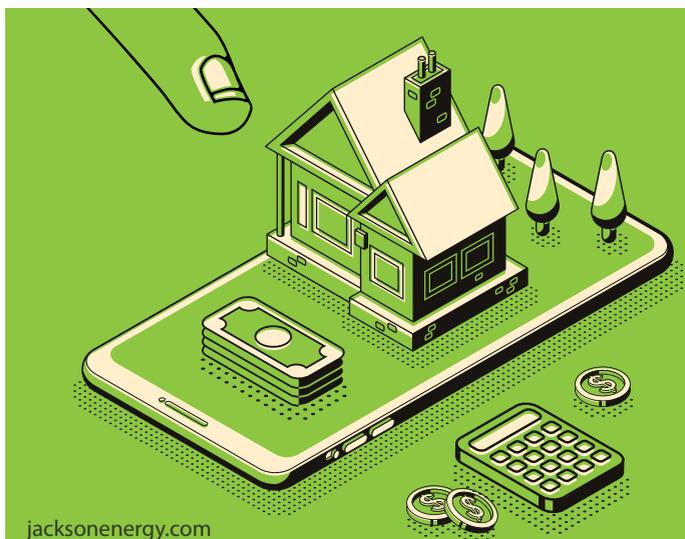
- If you can't drive or you are injured, it's best to stay where you are until help arrives.
- If you must get out of the machinery because of a life-threatening reason, don't touch the machinery and the ground at the same time with any part of your body or clothing.
- With the door open, prepare to jump. Stand up, elbows tucked into your stomach and your hands held close to your chest.

- Jump out and away from the machinery, taking care to land with your feet together and touching. Don't stumble.
- Shuffle away with your feet close to each other and without lifting your feet off the ground. Don't stop until you're 40 feet away from the machinery.
- Call 911 and ensure that no bystanders come within 40 feet of machinery.
- Once away from the equipment, never attempt to get back on or even touch the equipment.

If you're outside the machinery when you notice a farmer comes in contact with a downed power line:

- Stay at least 40 feet away.
- Tell the person on the machinery to stay where he or she is.
- Call 911 and ensure no bystander moves within 40 feet of machinery.

Jackson Energy cares about your safety and stresses the importance of staying safe around electricity this planting season. It could save a life.



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