

# the Powerline

Sevier County Electric System's Quarterly Newsletter

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**SEVIER COUNTY**  
ELECTRIC SYSTEM  
*The power behind our community*

**Think Spring and Green.** Find information about renewable energy, spring safety tips, and more in this edition of The Powerline.

**What Is Green Power Switch?** Green Power Switch is a simple way to support regional renewable energy. Each \$4 block of Green Power Switch you buy is added to your monthly electric bill and ensures 150 kilowatt-hours of electricity is generated by a renewable resource such as wind, solar, or biomass.

**How Much of a Difference Can I Make?** More than you might imagine. Each block of Green Power Switch is the equivalent of avoiding the CO2 emissions of over 11 gallons of gasoline.

**How Do I Make the Switch?** Visit [www.tva.com/greenpowerswitch](http://www.tva.com/greenpowerswitch) or call SCES at (865)453-2887

As of September 2012, Green Power Switch Customers have helped prevent more than:

**702,612 tons of Co2 Emissions = 129,722 Cars off the road for a year**



Green Power Switch®

## Thank you

### Green Power Switch Commercial & Industrial Customers

By Switching to Green Power, you are paving the way to a cleaner environment for the Great Smoky Mountains and the entire Tennessee Valley. It really does make a difference.

Alamo Steakhouse Gatlinburg  
Alamo Steakhouse Pigeon Forge  
Anna Porter Library  
Appliance Discount Center  
Bennett's BBQ Gatlinburg  
Bennett's BBQ Pigeon Forge  
Bruce Johnson  
Citizens National Bank  
City of Gatlinburg  
City of Pigeon Forge  
City of Sevierville  
Clarion Inn  
Comfort Inn at Apple Valley  
Cross Creek Properties  
Dr. Craig Ratcliff  
Eight Gables Inn

Everything Natural  
Forbidden Caverns  
Friends of the Smokies  
Gatlin Country Leather & Gallery  
Gatlinburlier Tobacconist  
Gatlinburg Chamber Of Commerce  
Great Smoky Mountain Nat'l Park  
Great Smoky Mountain Institute  
Hatcher's Cleaners  
Hills Creek Baptist Church  
Jackson Mountain Homes  
Kelco Ltd.  
King's Road Inc  
Leconte Medical Center

Lee's Total Health Pharmacy  
Kenny D Maples  
Ross Markley  
Meadowbrook Apartments  
Natural History Association  
Jim Gray Galleries  
John Steven Morton DDS  
McCarter Auction  
Mountain National Bank  
Mountain Press  
Pancake Pantry  
The Park Grill LLC  
Reliable Printing  
Riversong Homeowners  
Riverside Motel  
Riverside Towers  
Riverwalk Properties

Sevier County Bank  
Sevier County Courthouse  
Smoky Mtn Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Smart Bank  
Staples Inc  
Steaks Sophisticated  
Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre  
T & D Investments  
Tennessee State Bank  
Timbertops Cabin Rentals  
T L C Mountain Rentals  
Town of Pittman Center  
Trotter & Associates Architects  
Gary R Wade  
Geoffrey Wolpert  
Zipo Inc. Ramada Limited

power  
action line

**865-774-6300**

A Friendly Voice When the Lights Go Out

**In the dark? Call 865-774-6300** if you experience a power outage. Using our automated system is the most efficient way to have your power restored.

## Why you will love your Marathon:

**Lifetime Warranty:** It's the *last* water heater you will have to purchase for your home.

**High Efficiency:** Lower energy bills. Envirofoam® Insulation allows only 5°F heat loss in 24 hours!

**No Smelly Water:** Doesn't use an anode rod. Eliminates that rotten-egg smell which can result from the interaction of an anode rod with many types of hard water.

**High-Tech Construction:**

- Seamless Molded Non-metallic inner tank can't rust or corrode.
- Filament-wound Fiberglass tank has unmatched strength.
- High-tech heating elements. Fused upper element, stainless alloy bottom element.
- True bowl shaped tank bottom provides self-cleaning action.
- "Car bumper tough" polyethylene exterior.

**World Class Customer Support:** Backed by service professionals at the Eagan, Minnesota Marathon plant.

**Last but not least: **\$120 credit** on your next electric bill.**

**And we'll even finance it for you.** *(residential only)*

Call Lucas Harkleroad (865)774-6264 for more information about the Marathon Water Heater, rebates, or financing.

**\$120 Credit!**



### News from Vegetation Management

#### Circuit Trim Update

- 100 of 610.42 miles of primary completed at printing of this issue.
- Contractors clearing rights-of-way are:
  - ABC Professional Tree
  - Lucas Tree Service
  - Nelson Tree Service, Inc.
  - Wolf Tree

#### Ask Vegetation Management



**Q:** *Can I trim and take care of my own trees?*

**A:** *Property owners are encouraged to take care of their trees and other landscaping according to SCES specifications. However, when performing any tree work in close proximity to power lines, SCES strongly recommends that property owners hire arborists that are properly trained to work around high-voltage power lines.*

**Planning to design the perfect yard this spring?** Before landscaping around your pad-mounted transformer, remember that SCES crews need unrestricted access to our transformer during outages and for periodic maintenance. **So please keep landscaping and fences at least 6 ft from the front and 3 ft away from the sides and the back.** SCES will not replace any obstructions that must be removed to access our transformer.

Questions about trimming or Vegetation Management?  
Call (865) 774-6274 or email [trees@sces.net](mailto:trees@sces.net)



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

#### Call before you dig. It's free and it's the law.

Don't let this spring's home improvement turn into a disaster. If you're beginning a home improvement project that requires digging or adjusting the grade of your property, you need to call Tennessee One-Call at least 72 hours in advance.

Call 811 or 1-800-351-1111