

# the Powerline

Sevier County Electric System's Quarterly Newsletter

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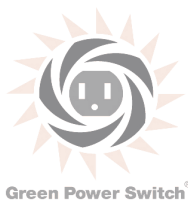
**SEVIER COUNTY**  
ELECTRIC SYSTEM  
*The power behind our community*

**Think Spring and Green.** This issue of The Powerline features green programs, spring safety reminders, and more.

**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 ensures 150 kwh is generated by a renewable resource such as wind, solar, or biomass. Purchase as many blocks as you like to be added to your monthly bill. It's your power bill, so make it green.

**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. Two blocks equals the environmental benefit of not driving a car for 6 months.

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



**As of September 2013,  
Green Power Switch Customers have helped prevent  
more than:**

**775,772 tons of Co2 Emissions  
The equivalent of 146,618 Cars off the road for a year**



### Go Paperless

Visit [www.sces.net](http://www.sces.net) and click on **Your Account** to sign up for E-billing options.

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### Home e-valuation

The quickest way to reduce your carbon footprint is to reduce your energy consumption. Start with a FREE online energy audit.

Visit [www.energyright.com](http://www.energyright.com) to complete your audit

## Thank you

### Green Power Switch Commercial & Industrial Customers

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  
Everything Natural  
Forbidden Caverns  
Gatlin Country Leather & Gallery  
Gatlinburlier Tobacconist  
Gatlinburg Chamber Of Commerce  
Great Smoky Mountain Nat'l Park  
Great Smoky Mountain Institute  
Hatcher's Cleaners  
Jackson Mountain Homes  
Kelco Ltd.  
King's Road Inc  
Meadowbrook Apartments  
Natural History Association

Jim Gray Galleries  
John Steven Morton DDS  
McCarter Auction  
Mountain Press  
Pancake Pantry  
The Park Grill LLC  
Riversong Homeowners  
Riverside Motel  
Riverside Towers  
Riverwalk Properties  
Sevier County Bank  
Sevier County Courthouse  
Smart Bank  
Smoky Mountain Jelly House

Smoky Mtn Convention & Visitors Bureau  
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  
Whole Earth Grocery  
Zipo Inc. Ramada Limited

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.

**power**  
action line

**865-774-6300**

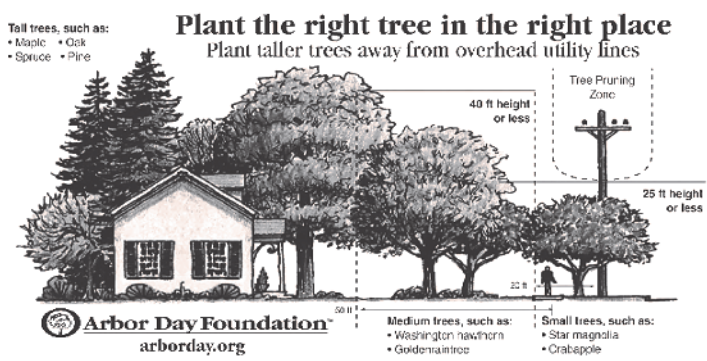
A Friendly Voice When the Lights Go Out

**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.

# Planning to design the perfect yard this spring?

## Planting and Landscaping Tips:

- Note the expected mature height of the tree you are planting. Then plant the tree at least that distance from the power line.  
*Ex: Mature height = 60'; plant 60' away from lines.*
- Do not plant any trees within any power line rights-of-way. Limit landscaping options to shrubs and other low-growing plant species under power lines. By maintaining a 10' minimum clearance buffer, trees and other vegetation are safe, and the right-of-way is better accessible for SCES for maintenance and power restoration.
- SCES crews also need unrestricted access to our pad-mounted (underground) transformers 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.
- Before 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. Wait for the site to be marked, respect all markings, and dig with care. Call 811 or 1-800-351-1111



## News from Vegetation Management

### Circuit Trim Update

- 160 of 534 miles of primary completed at printing of this issue.
- Contractors clearing rights-of-way are:  
ABC Professional Tree  
Townsend Tree Service  
Wolf Tree

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

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