

2013 Right-of-Way Spraying Schedule Mid June - September

Cleveland Service Area

Sugar Grove, Keith Valley, Hunt Rd., Lee Ridge Rd., Humbard Rd., Strawhill Rd., Kincaide Rd., Hughes Lake Rd., Trewitt Rd., Armstrong Rd., Ramsey Bridge Rd., Zion Hill Rd., Strawhill Church Rd., Valley View Rd., Red Hill Valley, Potteet Rd., Austin Ln., Reagan Rd., Mitchell Rd., Johnson Rd., Greenbrier Rd., and Dalton Pike.

Crossville Service Area

Hwy. 70- Crab Orchard area, Chestnut Hill Rd., Pea Ridge Rd., Renegade Mountain, Godsey Hollow, Ozone Rd., Fall Creek, Grieviers Chapel Rd., Camp Ozone, Belote Rd., Bullard Rd., White Hall Rd., Peavine Rd., North of Fairfield, Orlie Young Rd., Watson Rd., Keys Rd., Baxter Norris Rd., Eaheart Rd., Hebbertsburg Rd., McNeal Rd., Sawyer Ridge Rd., Hamby Rd., Hedgecoth Rd., Brock Rd., Tom Davidson Rd., Smith Mountain Rd., Fairview Rd., Crestview Rd., Vista Rd., Brown Creek Rd., Tuttle Ln., Mayland Community area, Mayland Rd., Glade Creek Rd., Cow Pen Rd., Bud Tanner Rd., Claysville Rd., Falls Rd., Sparta Hwy., and Old Hwy 70.

Decatur Service Area

Ten Mile, Hwy. 58, Redmond Rd., Little Egypt, Fitch Rd., Norton Rd., Upper Concord Rd., Hurricane Valley, Old Ten Mile Rd., Reed Rd., Maple Grove Rd., Branham Hollow, Pickle Rd., Indian Shadows, River Rd., Half Moon Shores, Keylon Hollow, Dry Fork Valley, Salem Valley, Dogtown Rd., Gordon Hollow, Woody Hill, Paint Rock Rd., Blue Springs Rd., Sweetwater Rd., Pleasant Hill Rd., Gage Rd., Mans Hollow Rd., Grigsby Hollow Rd., Woody Ln., DeArmond Rd., Old Hood Landing, Smalley Ln., Hwy. 72, Anglers Cove, Marney Cove, Laurel Bluff, High Ridge, Tennessee Chapel Rd., Myrtle Ward Rd., Cedar Grove Rd., Pattie Gap Rd., and Foshee Rd.

Jamestown Service Area

Hwy. 85, Pilgrim Dr., East Obey Ln., Sandy Rd., Parkstown Rd., Savage Boles Rd., Hill Camp, Crawford, Cooktown Rd., Manson Rd., Big Piney Loop, Veterans Lookout, Flat Top View Ln., Hood Ln., Hill Camp Rd., Vines Ridge Rd., Mangled Vine Trl., Muddy Ln., Honey Springs Rd., Bear Knob Rd., Vista Dr., Scenic Dr., Cravenstown Rd., Frank Cambell Rd., Allardt Hwy., Memory Garden Rd., Round Mtn. Rd., Hicks Cemetery Rd., Rugby Pike, Taylor Place Rd., Michigan Ave., Pennsylvania Ave., Stockton Rd., Baseline Rd., Don Conaster Rd., Levi Hall Rd., Northrup Falls Rd., Shirley Rd., Mount Helen Rd., Gordon Rd., Old Mount Helen Rd., Old Hwy. 127, Gouldstown Rd., Hwy. 52, Cambell Rd., Crab Mtn., New Hope Church Rd., Double Top, Pearl Hinds Rd., Boatland Rd., Squirrel Flats Rd., Old Copley Rd., North York Hwy., Delk Creek Rd., Shellotte Loop, Wolf River Rd., King Mtn., Wes Goodwin Rd., Perimeter Dr., West Cove Rd., Rotten Fork Rd., Glenobey Rd., Pall Mall, Reed Creek, Chestnut Ridge, Cole Place Rd., Oloff Smith Rd., Patten Branch, Baseline Rd., Peters Ford Rd., Tinch Rd., and Wilder Rd.

Monterey Service Area

Walton Rd., Hillwood Rd., Arrowhead Rd., Monterey City Limits, Dripping Springs, George Branch, Hwy. 70, Belmont Rd., Bent Tree, Skyline Rd., Icy Cove Rd., Jackson Rd., Woodcliff Rd., Neal Rd., Bee Rock, Hidden Acres Rd., Pen Hook Rd., Roberson Rd., Rocky Point, Sand Springs Church Rd., Sandy Stone Camp Rd., Cliff Springs, Parker Rd., Hanging Limb Hwy., Anderson Rd., Union B Rd., Hwy. 62, Lake Hill Rd., Ridge Rd., Apple Tree Rd., Norrod Ln., Hassler Rd., Muddy Pond, Low Gap Ln., Ridge Ln., Armstrong Ln., Columbia Hill Rd., Love Joy Ln., Roger Norrod Ln., East Fork Ln., Wolf Branch Rd., Henry Copeland Ln., Burnt Tree Ln., East Cove Rd., Calkiller Hwy., and Livingston Hwy.

Spring City Service Area

Hwy 27. North, Muddy Creek, Rocky Springs, Euchee Chapel, Cedine Camp, Toestring Rd., Cunningham Rd., Macedonia Rd., Cawood Rd., East Roddy, New Lake Rd., Kemmer Hill, Kings Hill, Ideal Valley, Cemetery Rd., and Price Rd.

VEC Vegetation Control Program Aims to Increase System Reliability Without Negative Environmental Impact

Volunteer Energy Cooperative is responsible for delivering quality power as safely and as inexpensive as possible. Trees and underbrush can present a major obstacle to meeting those responsibilities.

To manage right-of-way vegetation, VEC has two primary options: mechanical and herbicides. While mowing and cutting at first may appear to be the least expensive way to control vegetation, when all expenses are added (equipment, fuel, labor, etc.) it is cost prohibitive.

With low-volume backpack herbicide applications, we use very low volumes of diluted herbicide solutions, in directed sprays on targeted vegetation, while increasing the number of acres of right-of way treated annually with herbicides. This method works on most terrains and is highly selective to target brush and small tree species within our 40 foot easement. The goal of this treatment is to reduce the woody competition with the least amount of disturbance to the existing vegetation.

To employ this application, VEC selects the areas to be sprayed and what herbicides are to be used. We only use herbicides that are EPA approved and have been tested and deemed harmless to humans and animals. VEC then contracts its herbicide spraying with a State of Tennessee licensed contractor. The long term goal is to reduce the woody stem competition under power lines and establish natural grasses.

Volunteer Energy Cooperative is concerned about you and your community and we believe that our vegetation management program will provide you with reliable electrical service while resulting in a safe, environmentally sound treatment.

For more information on VEC's vegetation control program, contact Right-of-Way Superintendent Steve Scott at (423) 334-1020 ext. 7034.

VEC Protects Personal Information Policy Regarding Privacy of Customer Information

Volunteer Energy Cooperative values you as an owner and as a customer and understands how important it is to protect the personal information that you have entrusted to us. We, therefore, treat such personal information in accordance with applicable law and the provisions of this policy.

Information We May Collect

We only collect information that is needed to serve you and administer your cooperative's business. We may collect nonpublic personal information about you from the following sources:

- Information we receive from you on applications or other forms;
- Information about your business transactions with us or others; and
- Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency.

Protection of Your Information

We are committed to upholding our pledge to maintain security of our customers' personal and accounting information. To ensure such information is used only in the manner we have described in this notice, we restrict access to your personal and account information to those employees who need to know that information to provide products or services to you. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to maintain the confidentiality of the information we collect and to guard against its unauthorized access.

Information We May Disclose

All of the information that we collect, as described above, may be disclosed when necessary to assist us in servicing your accounts to third parties as designated by you, in response to subpoenas or court orders, and to a credit bureau or similar information reporting agency. We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our customers to anyone, except as permitted by law.

We may disclose the information that we collect, as described above, to companies that perform marketing services on our behalf. This information may be shared with our affiliates so they can market their services. However, *Volunteer Energy Cooperative does not share personal customer information with unaffiliated third parties for any reason.*

If you decide to terminate your relationship with us, we will continue to adhere to the privacy policies and practices described in this notice.

More Information

Questions regarding this policy can be directed to the Office of the President/CEO, Volunteer Energy Cooperative, P.O. Box 277, Decatur, TN 37322 or to your local VEC service center.

Fourth and Final Column in a Series on Rates

When You Use Electricity Can Affect How Much You Pay

Even though Volunteer Energy Cooperative has not adopted retail rates that vary according to the time of day member/customers use electricity, timing can play a small part in the overall amount we pay for electric power.

In a previous column I discussed how the costs TVA encounters in delivering electricity can vary according to when that power is demanded. During peak use times TVA is forced to use natural gas when the demand for electricity out-paces the capacity of the more economical generation methods such as hydro, nuclear, and coal. When the demand for electricity is at its absolute highest, TVA has to resort to buying electricity on the open market – which can be very expensive.

These costs are factored into TVA's Total Monthly Fuel Cost which varies from month to month. VEC's bills reflect this charge as the Fuel Cost. All of the monies collected through the Fuel Cost go to TVA.

Individual consumers can have an impact on the monthly charge by shifting their electricity consumption to off-peak hours whenever possible.

From June to September TVA's peak demand occurs from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. Winter peak demand periods occur December through March from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

At VEC we are charged on TVA's Seasonal Demand and Energy with Time of Use pricing. VEC does not pass along Time of Use rates to our member-customers. But reducing demand during peak periods can help reduce the FCA charge and the wholesale rates TVA charges VEC. That can result in slightly lower electricity bills for all of us.

The second way the timing of electricity use can affect the price you pay is in the seasonally adjusted rates that VEC charges in order to comply with TVA's Seasonal Demand and Energy rates.

TVA's system-wide highest demand for electricity occurs on the hottest days of summer. In order to encourage energy conservation during these periods, TVA charges VEC slightly more for power and VEC passes this higher rate on to member/customers in June, July, August, and September. The difference in the summer and non-summer rates is less than five one-hundredths of a cent at this time.

The summer rate is 7.019 cents per kilowatt hour while the non-summer rate is 6.977 cents per kilowatt hour. The Fuel Cost is then added to this rate.

I hope this series of columns has been helpful. We've adopted a policy of transparency at VEC. We want our member/customers to have all the information they need to understand how their electric cooperative operates and how bills are calculated. It is my hope that a better understanding of our billing policies will help provide the tools our member/customers need to take control of their electric use and their electric bills.

But understanding how bills are calculated is only part of the answer. We also offer plenty of tips and free programs designed to help our members lower their electric bills. Periodically, we feature these useful tools in *Powerlines*. There is also a wealth of helpful information on our website, so be sure to visit us at www.vec.org.



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Volunteer Energy
Cooperative

VEC Customers Share Neighbors Helping Neighbors



The VEC Customers Share program funded \$32,000 in community service grants in April. Since the inception of the program in October 2001, more than \$4.5 million in grants has been awarded. The deadline for grant applications is the last day of each month. For additional information, contact the office of Marketing and Economic Development, at 423-334-7051. Applications are also available online, at www.vec.org.



VEC Customers Share Board Member Chairman Doug Ford, left, presents a grant check to Dana Jaquish of the Riceville School PTO.

Lillard-Shadow Scholarships Honor Students' Commitment to Community Service

Volunteer Energy Cooperative rewarded four exceptional graduating seniors for their commitment to community service and their academic achievements by awarding them with VEC's 2013 Lillard-Shadow Scholarships.

Each of the four students was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to attend the college of his or her choice.

The Lillard-Shadow Scholarship program was endowed to honor the lives and community service of J.W. Lillard and Willis A. Shadow. Lillard and Shadow were dedicated to improving the lives and livelihoods of community residents through electric power. And the two were instrumental in the organization of the Meigs County Electric Membership Corporation in 1933 - the organization that eventually evolved into Volunteer Energy Cooperative.

To honor this history, an independent panel of education professionals judged applications for Lillard-Shadow Scholarships based largely on students' demonstrated commitment to community service.

Mary Gordon, a 2013 graduate of Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute in Fentress County; Fiona Retzer, a 2013 graduate of Cumberland County High School; Alison Dyke, a 2013 graduate of McMinn Central High School; and Abigale Dye, a 2013 graduate of Cleveland High School were winners of this year's VEC Lillard-Shadow Scholarships.

VEC awards four Lillard-Shadow Scholarships annually. One is awarded in each of VEC's four service districts. Gordon was the Jamestown Service District winner, Retzer was selected from VEC's Crossville Service District, Dyke was the winner in VEC's Decatur Service District, and Dye was the winner in VEC's Cleveland Service District.

Gordon, the daughter of Douglas and Flora, has an extensive record of community service that includes volunteer work with the Rotary Club, the Red Cross, the Fentress County Fair Board, and dance, drama and ministering to homeless through outreach programs at her church.

She is planning to attend Tennessee Technological University where she plans to major in secondary education.

Retzer is the daughter of Ernest Retzer and Pauline O'Keeffe and has demonstrated her commitment to the community through numerous projects with St. Alphonsus Church, American Legion, and Beta Club.



Mary Gordon



Fiona Retzer



Alison Dyke



VEC's Robert McCarty, left, and Abigale Dye

She plans to attend the University of Tennessee and is weighing biology and biomedical engineering as possible majors.

Dyke, the daughter of Patrick and Deborah Dyke, has served the community with volunteer work that includes 4-H, Interact Club, Girls Scouts, tornado relief efforts, Claxton Fire Department, Double Springs Youth, Equine Club, in addition to church service work that includes a mission trip to Montana and work with elderly and shut-in residents.

She plans to attend the University of Tennessee and study plant science and agri-business.

Dye, the daughter of Scotty and Deborah Dye, also has an impressive record of community service that includes tornado relief efforts, blood drives, collected food and clothing for local shelters, working with Creating Christmas Memories for underprivileged children, and vacation Bible school at North Cleveland Baptist Church.

She plans to attend Tennessee Technological University and study nursing.

VEC President/CEO Roddy Blevins said these have shown a real commitment to serving others through community service and VEC is pleased to be able to help support their educational goals.

"Our scholarship winners are the types of students who can look beyond their own individual wants and needs and focus on the needs of those around them," Blevins said. "These are the type of people who make communities strong. We are very proud to honor this new generation of civic leaders."

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

Residential & Outdoor Lighting Fuel Cost Adjustment
Effective June 1, 2013

2.549¢

For the most current FCA information, visit www.vec.org

Organizations receiving grants in April

Midway High School PTO	\$2,500	Pickett County Soil Conservation Club	\$500
Ooltewah High School Redhots Dance Team Booster Club	\$2,000	Disabled American Veterans, Ocoee	\$500
Riceville School PTO	\$1,500	Rhea County 4-H	\$500
Benton Lions Club	\$1,050	Senior Lighthouse Center, Spring City	\$500
Monterey UM Agape Preschool	\$1,000	Meals on Wheels, Homestead Community	\$500
Bradley Initiative for Church and Community	\$1,000	Sierra Hull Bluegrass Festival, Byrdstown	\$500
Youth Achievement Foundation, Crossville	\$1,000	Spring City Volunteer Fire Department	\$500
Cumberland County Imagination Library	\$1,000	Pickett County Beta Club	\$500
Pickett County Horsemen's Association	\$1,000	Meigs County Fair Association	\$500
Wilson Elementary School Math Club, Crawford	\$1,000	Homestead STEM Club	\$500
Girls' AAU-UA Fire Basketball, Athens	\$1,000	American Red Cross, Fentress County	\$500
Accelerated Reader Support Team, Allardt	\$750	Allardt Fire Department	\$500
Kids on the Rise, Crossville	\$750	Polk County Historical & Genealogical Society	\$500
Cumberland G.A.P. Mission, Jamestown	\$750	Polk County High School Baseball Booster Club	\$450
Byrdstown Senior Center	\$750	Care Car Club, Decatur	\$300
Hilltoppers, Crossville	\$750	Meigs County Senior Citizens Center	\$300
Fury 99 Softball, Decatur	\$550	Heat Fastpitch Girls 6 & Under Softball	\$300
Meigs County 4-H	\$550	Monterey Family & Community Education Club	\$250
Girl Scout Troop 1581, Monterey	\$500	Ocoee Region Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Cleveland	\$250
Cumberland County Clay Crushers Scholastic Clay Trap Program	\$500	Walker Valley High School Band Boosters, Cleveland	\$250
Rhea County Rescue Squad	\$500	Cleveland Crush	\$250
Rhea County Imagination Library	\$500	John Knox Center, Ten Mile	\$250
Cleveland Civitan Club	\$500	Polk County High School Girls Volleyball Club	\$250
New Shepherd Hill Baptist Church Youth Group, Ooltewah	\$500	Polk County High School Club 21	\$250
Cumberland County Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehab Alumni	\$500	Polk County High School Student Council Club	\$250
		Women at the Well, Athens	\$250