

Unplanned Power Outages

If your power goes out, BEFORE you call please check your breaker on your transformer pole. If it's not your breaker, call us at 1-866-635-6112. Please know your legal land description or gate sign beforehand and the approximate time the power went out at, so our linemen can assist you better. Don't rely on your neighbor to call!

Homeowners Insurance

Damages from hazards such as lightning strikes, power line surges and other such issues are covered by your Homeowners Insurance Policy.

Lakeland REA Ltd. does not assume any responsibility for any damages to possessions due to any of the above. Members are encouraged to ensure that their homeowners insurance policy is current.

Tree Trimming and Planting

Trees and other plants growing near power lines must be maintained so they do not interfere with the electrical system. Otherwise, outages and safety hazards occur.

If there are trees which have grown into the line, we DO NOT encourage you to trim them yourself as trees become conductors of electricity when they are in contact with the power line and run the risk of electric shock.

With the extremely dry grass, hot weather and strong winds we have been experiencing, the risk of a fire starting due to trees coming in contact with a powerline and sparking are extremely high.

If you have trees on your property that are near any power line, please give our office a call to discuss the options.

When planting trees along or close to power lines, please ensure that they are planted a minimum 8.5m (28 feet) from the line. For species which grow taller than 8.5m or 28 feet, please plant with a horizontal spacing greater than the expected full grown mature height.

Following up with our Member Survey this spring, we are addressing member concerns. This month we are addressing brushing and trimming concerns. See the back page of this newsletter.



Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday 9am - 3pm

Friday Closed & Statutory Holidays Closed

(All after-hours calls are directed to our call center)

Upcoming Events:

July 1st: Canada Day

July 6-8: Pysanka Festival

July 6-7: Hairy Hill Rodeo

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HOW IT WORKS.....

Every spring our linemen perform line patrol to identify any brushing or trimming required to be completed to reduce the number of power outages due to trees in the powerline. When the brushing or trimming is required in a yard site, the member is contacted to discuss what needs to be done as well as to receive permission to complete the work.

Lakeland REA Ltd. Brushing Policy

Brushing of Utility Right of Way

Lakeland REA Ltd. will remove all brush and undergrowth to ground level (clear cut) under the distribution system.

The width of the clear cut will be 8 meters on either side of the wire or more if required.

All natural growth trees and brush will be clear cut. It will be at Lakeland REA's sole discretion to exclude any growth from clear-cut brushing activity.

Lakeland REA Ltd. may at its sole discretion use herbicidal products for brush control. The products chosen will comply with all environmental requirements for use.

In the event that a member objects to the use of chemical brush control, then the costs of additional mechanical brushing may be charged to that member.

Brushing of Utility Right of Way - Yard Sites

Lakeland REA recognizes that shelterbelts and trees are planted to enhance the value of member's property and quality of rural life and may not be clear cut. Lakeland REA Ltd. will work with each individual member's situation to resolve issues, including power line relocation, to minimize the threat that large planted trees have on the reliability of power supply.

Effective February 1, 2007, Lakeland REA Ltd. will offer a one time tree trim or removal service at no charge, to control planted shelterbelts. Subsequent tree pruning will be at the owner's expense.

Effective July 1, 2016, Lakeland REA Ltd. will be charging a \$100.00 Administration Fee as well as \$212.75 per hour for subsequent tree trimming.