

# Attitude of Safety Pays Off

SAVES TIME, MONEY AND LIVES

Working with electricity has its built-in dangers. But electric utilities, like Walton EMC, have developed strict procedures and accountability measures to mitigate those hazards.

That's why Walton EMC recently earned accreditation from the Electric Cooperative Safety Program of Georgia. The

program examined the co-op's safety record and programs over the last three years.

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—Brad Adcock

The process has two parts: an examination of Walton EMC's safety program record keeping and a multi-day onsite inspection by the accreditation committee.

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## Walton EMC Charity Golf Classic

**Wednesday, April 18**

The Georgia Club

Registration at 7:30 a.m.

Shotgun Start at 9 a.m.



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## Plan for Livestock Emergency Water Needs



Do you depend on well water for horses, cattle or other livestock? Remember to have a backup water source in case of extended power outages.

Options to consider:

- **BACKUP GENERATOR** – Probably the best solution (especially if you depend on automatic waterers), because it can run your well during outages. Ensure the generator is sufficiently sized for the pump motor and properly installed to prevent sending electricity back to the grid. Plan to have enough fuel to run the generator. Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning – don't operate in closed spaces or near living areas.

- **PORTABLE WATER TANK** – Fill on premises pre-storm or use to haul water for livestock from a location unaffected by the outage or on a municipal water source.

- **NATURAL WATER SOURCE** – If possible, let livestock drink from a creek or pond. With a gasoline engine pump, you could also fill troughs or portable tanks from this source.

- **BULK WATER DELIVERY** – Make arrangements pre-storm to have water delivered in a tanker truck. Swimming pool contractors may be a good source.

### EXTRA TROUGHES –

Secure and fill them before the bad weather arrives.

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**1.** Larry Johnson's crew was named best at "keeping Georgia safe and connected" when they received the Lester Feathers Award. Pictured are, front from left, John Spence, Matthew Bradford, Ben Campbell, Johnson, Adrian Martinez and Craig Caudell. Back row: Jerry Miller, John Ritter, Brandon Brooks, Robert Walters, Arthur Thomas and Ryan West.



**2.** Keith Kirk's underground crew has been recognized for their care in avoiding underground utility cuts by receiving the Golden Backhoe award from the Georgia Utilities Coordinating Council. Shown are, from left, Ryan Mitchell, Tripp Meador, Kirk, Bradley McCallister and Brandon Waters.

**3.** Debra Clay, left, and Kathy Ivie don't install underground wiring, but both also received awards at the GUCC Conference for their work in advancing Georgia 811's mission. Clay was named secretary of the year for her support of a local GUCC group and Ivie received the Damage Prevention Award for promoting the Digger Dog program at schools and events.



## Underground Experts Awarded Again

Cutting underground utilities is expensive.

The repair bill for a single gash in an electric, communication, water or gas line can run in the tens of thousands of dollars. That doesn't count the lost business, time and inconvenience experienced by those affected.

But not only are underground utility cuts expensive – they're dangerous.

Many of Walton EMC's underground lines carry as much as 14,400 volts. Hitting those with a shovel or backhoe can yield lethal results.

When your job is to install underground electric lines amidst a maze of other buried cables and pipes, it pays to be careful. Two of Walton EMC's crews have been recognized again for their care and diligence in avoiding underground utility damage.

The Golden Backhoe, presented annually by the Georgia Utilities Coordinating Council (GUCC), recognizes utilities that demonstrate expertise in



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

An integral part in winning these awards are the contractors and consumers who use Georgia's 811/Call Before You Dig system.

"The 811 phone number makes it easy to remember," says Johnson. "When you're planning any kind of underground work, even planting a tree, Georgia law requires you to call 811 at least 72 hours in advance."

## EMC Security Celebrates 20 Years

They grow up fast. It seems just yesterday EMC Security was installing its first security system. In the blink of an eye, it has grown to one of the top security companies in the nation!

Now, it's more than security systems. Services include home technology, medical alert devices as well as home entertainment. Where will they go next?

Over the course of 20 years, they've been asked a lot of questions. Here are some of the most frequent:

**Q: How much does a security system cost?**

**A:** If you already have a system in your home, activation could be as low as \$35 dollars. If not, EMC Security can customize one for as low as \$299 dollars.

**Q: What does a home security system include?**

**A:** The first priority is protecting the entry doors to your home, especially the front and back, with sensors that detect opening and closing. The system can also protect windows with sensors and the interior with motion detectors. Fire protection using smoke detectors is also extremely important.

**Q: How much is monitoring?**

**A:** Home monitoring starts at \$16.95 a month for a phone line and Wi-Fi connection with no hidden costs or fees. This includes 24/7 intrusion, fire, CO and flood detection plus medical emergency service. Worried about cut phone lines? Get a cellular connection for only an additional \$7 a month. Our monitoring price hasn't changed since 1999!

**Q: Can you monitor my existing system from another company?**

**A:** We can monitor most existing home security systems. If you like your security system but not the monitoring service, or if you've moved into a new home with a pre-installed system, give us a call.

**Q: What's the difference between hardwired and wireless security systems?**

**A:** The traditional hardwired system is probably what most people think of when it comes to security systems. It uses a network of wires concealed

in walls, attics and crawlspaces or basements to connect individual sensors and controls to the brains, or main panel, of the system.

Wireless system sensors communicate to the system's brains using radio technology. You can take wireless systems with you if you move.

There are several monitoring options for both, including phone line, Wi-Fi or cellular networks.

**Q: Are there any trends in home security?**

**A:** Without a doubt, security cameras are the most requested add-on item. Customers love cameras because they can stay in touch with their home (and everything inside) from wherever they are. Cameras are affordable and a terrific enhancement to the security system.

Homeowners want to access and control their system from their smartphones. Our interactive services allow this through a simple app.

Home automation is another hot trend. It allows integration of devices like lights, thermostats and locks into the home security hub.



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