

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

# The power behind your power

## Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 11.

You've likely noticed Hancock-Wood Electric's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our community. It's no secret that a lineworker's job is tough — but it's a job that's essential and must be done, often in challenging conditions. This month, as we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 11, I thought I'd share some interesting facts about electric lineworkers with you.

The work can be heavy, in more ways than one. Did you know the equipment and tools that a lineworker carries while climbing a utility pole can weigh up to 50 pounds? That's the same as carrying six gallons of water. Speaking of utility poles, lineworkers are required to climb poles ranging anywhere from 30 to 120 feet tall. Needless to say, if you have a fear of heights, this likely isn't the career path for you.

Lineworkers must be committed to their career — because it's not just a job, it's a lifestyle. The long hours and ever-present danger can truly take a toll. In fact, being a lineworker is listed in the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

Lineworkers often work nontraditional hours, outdoors, in difficult conditions. While the job does not require a college degree, it does require technical skills, years of training, and hands-on learning. Did you know that to become a journeyman lineworker can take more than 7,000 hours of training? Shortcuts are not an option, and there is no room for error in this line of work.

Despite the many challenges, Hancock-Wood Electric's lineworkers are committed to powering our local community. During severe weather events that bring major power outages, lineworkers are among the first ones called. They must be ready to leave the comfort of their homes and families unexpectedly, and they don't return until the job is done, often days later. That's why the lineworker's family is also dedicated to service. They understand the importance of the job to the community.

Nationwide, there are approximately 120,000 electric lineworkers. HWE has 18 lineworkers that are responsible for keeping power flowing 24/7, 365 days a year. To do this, they maintain more than 13,000

accounts spanning more than 1,600 miles of line throughout 10 northwest Ohio counties. In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing utility poles to repair a wire. Today's lineworkers are information experts who can pinpoint power outages from miles away. Line crews now use laptops, tablets, drones, and other technologies to map outages, survey damage, and troubleshoot problems.

Being a lineworker may not seem like a glamorous job, but it is absolutely essential to the life of our community. The next time you see a lineworker, please thank them for the work they do to keep power flowing, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions. Join us as we recognize them on April 11 and follow #ThankALineworker on social media to see how others are recognizing lineworkers.



**Bill Barnhart**  
PRESIDENT & CEO



### **LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY**

We thank lineworkers for their courage and commitment to powering our community.



## *We want to hear from you!*

Your thoughts and opinions about  
Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative help us to serve you better.



In May, Hancock-Wood will be working with NRECA Market Research Services to complete member satisfaction surveys.

The surveys will be both by phone and email, but not everyone will be contacted. If you are contacted, we would greatly appreciate a few minutes of your time to share your opinions of the cooperative.

We strive to provide all members with safe, affordable, reliable, and clean electric service. By participating in the survey, you will help us make decisions that benefit you, your family, and your neighbors.

*Thank you!*

All information is confidential.

## **PLEASE MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY AND UTILITY CREWS**

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible.

**Together, we can  
keep our crews safe.**



AMERICA'S ELECTRIC  
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# 2022 Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Day

Join us on Saturday, June 11, 2022

Hancock County Fairgrounds

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

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HAPPY  
*Easter*

The Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative  
office will be closed on Friday, April 15,  
to recognize Good Friday.  
Happy Easter to our cooperative community!

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## APPLIANCE OPERATING COST ESTIMATOR



I am often asked about the monthly cost to operate appliances in a member's home. This month, I am sharing a list of the monthly operating cost for the most common items. If you are looking to lower your monthly electric cost, consider reducing or eliminating the use of high-cost-of-operation items in the future.

Appliance	Wattage	Monthly Hours	kWh	Estimated Monthly cost
Aquarium (small)	150	730	110	\$ 14.30
Alarm Clock	3	730	2	\$ .26
Central Air (new)	2000	170	340	\$ 44.20
Central Air (old)	3000	170	510	\$ 66.30
Clothes Dryer	6000	17	102	\$ 13.26
Coffee Maker	1200	30	36	\$ 4.68
Computer (Desktop)	365	75	27	\$ 3.51
Crock Pot	180	32	6	\$ .78
Curling Iron	1500	5	8	\$ 1.04
Dehumidifier (on 24/7)	450	730	329	\$ 42.77
Device charger	24	60	2	\$ .26
Dishwasher (wash only)	250	35	9	\$ 1.17
Dishwasher (dry cycle)	700	60	42	\$ 5.46
Electric Blanket	175	180	32	\$ 4.16
Fan - Attic Ventilation	400	71	28	\$ 3.64
Fan - Ceiling	80	150	12	\$ 1.56
Freezer - Lrg. Frost Free	440	146	65	\$ 8.45
Gaming Console (xbox)	160	60	10	\$ 1.30
Garage Door Opener	350	0.5	0.5	\$ 0.07
Hair Dryer	1000	10	10	\$ 1.30
Heat Lamp	250	730	182	\$ 23.66
Heat Tape - 30ft	180	730	132	\$ 17.16
Heater (Engine Block)	1000	90	90	\$ 11.70
Heater (Portable 6hr/day)	1500	180	270	\$ 35.10
Heating (Furnace fan)	312	288	90	\$ 11.70
Hot Tub (2-person summer)	1500	30	45	\$ 5.85
Hot Tub (2-person (winter)	5500	110	600	\$ 78.00
Humidifier	177	230	41	\$ 5.33

Appliance	Wattage	Monthly Hours	kWh	Estimated Monthly cost
Ice Maker	200	333	67	\$ 8.71
Lighting (Night Light)	7	730	6	\$ .78
Lighting (CFL)	18	100	2	\$ .26
Lighting (Incandescent)	75	100	8	\$ 1.04
Lighting (LED)	9	100	1	\$ .13
Microwave Oven	1500	11	17	\$ 2.21
Oxygen Concentrator	400	360	144	\$ 18.72
Pool Pump (1 HP)	800	730	584	\$ 75.92
Power Tools (Circular Saw)	1800	1	2	\$ .26
Radio	71	101	7	\$ .91
Range (Oven)	2660	20	53	\$ 6.89
Refrigerator (new)	250	333	83	\$ 10.79
Refrigerator (old)	400	333	133	\$ 17.29
Satellite/Cable Receiver	360	183	66	\$ 8.58
Stove Burners	2700	10	27	\$ 3.51
Sump Pump (1/2 hp)	500	10	5	\$ .65
Tanning Bed	2400	7.5	18	\$ 2.34
Television (Plasma)	300	150	45	\$ 5.85
Television (LED)	100	150	15	\$ 1.95
Television (stand-by use)	20	730	15	\$ 1.95
Toaster	1400	3	4	\$ .52
Vacuum Cleaner	1500	6	9	\$ 1.17
Waffle Iron	1200	2	3	\$ .39
Washing Machine	512	17	9	\$ 1.17
Water Heater (Family of 4)	4500	91	410	\$ 53.30
Well Pump (3/4 hp)	1100	7.5	9	\$ 1.17
Window AC. (12K BTU)	1500	200	300	\$ 39.00
100 Xmas lights-5hrs/day	600	150	90	\$ 11.70
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Based on cost per kWh of \$0.13. Actual costs will vary. Cost per kWh is based upon average residential cost per kWh including power cost adjustment, service charge, and taxes.

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### HAVE A STORY SUGGESTION?

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