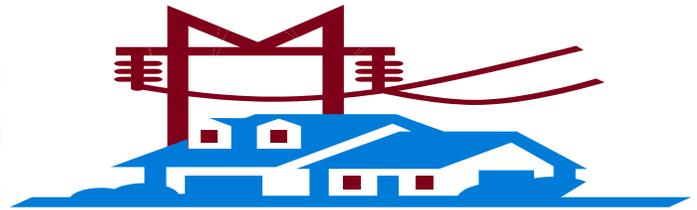


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# "Hot Lines"

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## Help Stop Metal Theft

Craighead Electric utilizes a large amount of metals in constructing and maintaining the infrastructure that delivers electricity to your homes and businesses. As a result, we are often targets of metal theft. Over the years, Cooperative employees have seen a wide array of theft and have dealt with the expense of correcting the system integrity caused by thieves.



Pictured above: Thieves attempted to steal copper wire from this First Electric Cooperative Substation. The individual was fortunate he/she wasn't harmed or killed, but this incident did cause several homes and businesses to be without power for several hours.  
**Photo courtesy of: First Electric Cooperative**

Cooperative substations and power lines are often located in remote areas and are the targets of theft. Substations convert high-voltage energy from transmission lines to lower voltage electricity to supply homes and businesses. Substation equipment is exposed to high-voltage energy with some components energized at more than 100,000 volts. Only trained, well-equipped professionals should enter a substation or attempt to make contact with a power line. Anyone else entering a substation facility or making contact with any component of a distribution power line subjects himself to many potential dangers, including death.

In the electric utility industry, metal theft often results in power outages and unnecessary expense to restore the damaged power distribution infrastructure. Your local electric cooperative is a not-for-profit business and you, as a member, ultimately bear the cost to replace the stolen metals.

We are dedicated to delivering electricity safely and reliably to our members. The infrastructure required to meet this goal involves thousands of miles of power lines and multiple substations. If the integrity of a substation or a stretch of power lines is violated, thousands of households and businesses could experience a loss of electric service.

New scrap metal laws have been very helpful, but your assistance is still needed to help your local electric cooperative maintain the integrity of the electricity delivery infrastructure.

Craighead Electric is offering a **\$1,000 reward** for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of any individual involved in the theft of copper wire from Craighead Electric's facilities and structures. If you see any suspicious activity around substations or electric facilities, please call your local law enforcement or Craighead Electric office. Your assistance may deter a theft or even save a life.



## What Do Different Air Filters Block?

Air filters are rated by Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV). Filters with a higher MERV block more dirt, but also reduce airflow and system efficiency. Use this guide to find the right filter for your home or business.

	1-4 MERV \$2-\$10	5-8 MERV \$10-\$20	9-12 MERV \$18-\$25	13-20 MERV \$\$\$
<b>Blocked Items</b>	Pollen, sanding dust, large insect bodies 	+ Pet dander, mold, spores, dust mites, hair spray 	+ Lead dust, milled flour, car emission particles 	+ Bacteria, virus, face powder, smoke, sneezes, paint pigments, oil, carbon dust 
<b>Filter Types</b>	Disposable, washable	Pleated, disposable, electrostatic	Pleated, disposable, electrostatic	High efficiency particulate arrestance (HEPA), box 6-12 inches thick, flexible 12-36 inches thick
<b>Common Uses</b>	Homes, window air conditioning units	Better homes, general office buildings	Superior homes, better office buildings, businesses	Hospitals, drug and electronic labs

Source: epa.gov/iaq

# Don't Forget!!

Return your **Annual Meeting Survey** for a chance to win an **IPAD** and many more prizes. The survey and annual report will be mailed out the last week of July. Watch for them in your mail and return by **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** for a chance to win!

