



WREC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

BRINGING THE
POWER TO YOU

INVESTING TODAY. POWERING TOMORROW.

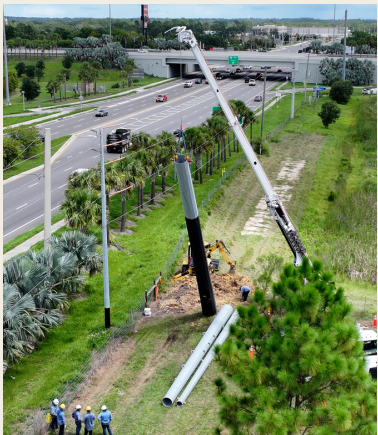


Across our service area, something exciting is happening! You can see it rising from the ground, taking shape behind the scenes, and preparing to serve communities for generations to come.

Over the past year, Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) has constructed seven new substations, a critical investment in strengthening the backbone of our electric system. And we're not stopping there. Over the next three years, we're projected to build nine additional substations, with eleven more sites already secured for future expansion.

This growth is a direct response to the incredible momentum in our region. As new homes are built, businesses open their doors, and families choose to call our communities home, the demand for reliable electricity continues to rise. At WREC, we don't just respond, we plan ahead.

Each new substation represents more than infrastructure, it's a promise. A promise that when you flip a switch, charge a device, or power your business, electricity will be there—reliable and consistent.



Crews setting a transmission pole that will feed power into a new substation.

WHY SUBSTATIONS MATTER



ENHANCE RELIABILITY

Reducing demand on existing infrastructure and improving overall system performance.



INCREASE CAPACITY

Supporting new homes, businesses, schools and communities.



IMPROVE OUTAGE RESPONSE

Helping crews restore power more efficiently when outages occur.



STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE

Building a stronger electric grid capable of withstanding severe weather and future challenges.



Transformer being delivered to new substation.

BY THE NUMBERS



7

New substations in construction in the past year



20

Future substation sites underway



1 PURPOSE

Serving Members with affordable, resilient energy



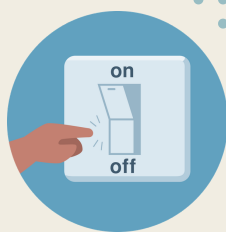
The Billy E. Brown Substation in Pasco County.

"At WREC, we're not just delivering power—we're building the foundation for a brighter future, investing in reliable, resilient infrastructure that will serve our communities for years to come."

—David Lambert,
WREC's General Manager



FLIP THE SWITCH TO FUN!



**KIDS LOVE FEELING EMPOWERED!
SO, WHY NOT MAKE THEM THE
ENERGY CHAMPIONS AT HOME?**

Let every family member get a chance to lead the charge in spotting smart energy habits. Whether it's catching lights left on in empty rooms, unplugging devices not in use, or reminding others to close the fridge quickly, they'll be on the lookout!



Make it fun by creating a point system where every good habit spotted earns a point. At the end of the week, celebrate with small prizes or special privileges to keep the motivation high. It's a playful way to build lifelong awareness about saving energy!

UNPLUG FOR A NIGHT: POWER DOWN, CONNECT MORE

Looking for a fun way to save energy and spend quality time together? Try setting aside one evening each week as a tech-free night! Turn off phones, TVs, and computers, and enjoy some screen-free activities with the family.



Whether it's playing board games, reading a good book, or heading outside for some fresh air, you'll be saving energy, lowering your electric bill, and teaching the value of reducing usage during peak hours all while making lasting memories.

PREPARE TODAY, STAY SAFE TOMORROW

Hurricane Watch



- Announcement that hurricane conditions **are possible**.
- Usually issued **48 hours in advance**.
- Means you should **review plans ahead and be prepared to act**.

VS

Hurricane Warning



- Announcement that hurricane conditions **are expected**.
- Usually issued **36 hours in advance**.
- Means you should **complete preparations and take action**.

Always remain indoors during dangerous weather conditions whenever possible. If you do encounter a downed power line, stay at least 50 feet away and immediately report it to WREC and 911.

Remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown®. Never drive or walk through flooded roadways. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock an adult off their feet, and 1 foot of water can carry away a vehicle. Floodwaters can be deceptively powerful and may conceal serious hazards beneath the surface. Stay alert, stay prepared, and most importantly, stay safe.

Safety is our #1 Priority

«MOVE OVER»



Slow down & move over

When you see emergency vehicles or utility crews working along the road.

Giving them space helps prevent injuries and save lives.

Streetlight Out?

To report a streetlight in need of repair, please call your local cooperative office or log on to wrec.net and click on the 'Repair Street Light' button (or scan the QR code), then complete and submit the Street Light Repair Request Form. You can also download the WREC mobile app and request a street light repair.



Scan to Report



LOCAL WREC NUMBERS

Billy E. Brown Corporate Center: 352-567-5133
One Pasco Center District Office: 352-588-5115
Bayonet Point District Office: 727-868-9465
West Hernando District Office: 352-596-4000
Crystal River District Office: 352-795-4382

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Pet Preparedness Before A Storm



Items to include in your pet disaster supply kit:

- Enough food & water for at least 7 days
- Any medications & vet paperwork
- Collars with ID tags & sturdy leashes/carriers
- Favorite toys & comfort items



DID YOU KNOW?

WE SHARE DAILY UPDATES, ENERGY-SAVING TIPS, AND WREC NEWS ON FACEBOOK. BE SURE TO FOLLOW US!

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