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Three Ways To Electrify Your Lawn

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Summer has arrived and you can smell the freshly cut grass. If you're in the market to upgrade your lawn care equipment, you may want to consider electric (or battery-powered) options.

Gas-powered lawn mowers and trimmers may be your go-to, but before you invest in a traditional model, consider going electric. Not only will you bid goodbye to jerking a pull cord, replacing fouled spark plugs and storing flammable fuel, you would be doing your part to reduce carbon emissions. Here are three ways you can electrify your lawn care this spring.

Electric Lawn Mowers

Electric lawn mowers have come a long way over the last few years. Early models required corded connections, which were tricky to manage. Newer cordless electric mowers are certainly more expensive than gas-powered mowers, but much of the upfront cost can be recovered since electricity is a less expensive fuel than gas, and electric engines generally require less maintenance than gas engines. Cordless electric mowers typically range from \$200 to \$500.

Electric mowers are suitable for most lawn care needs, with batteries that typically require about one to two hours to fully charge, and most batteries can run for a full hour. That said, if you have a large yard (half an acre or larger), a gas-powered option may be best to suit your needs.

Electric Trimmers

Cordless electric trimmers are a great option for most lawns. Traditionally, like lawn mowers, string trimmers have typically been powered by gas. But new versions of electric trimmers are improving and are now considered worthy competitors of gas-powered models.

Cordless electric trimmers are much quieter and easier to use and most batteries last about 30 to 45 minutes. So, if you have a lot of space to trim, you may want to consider a backup battery or plan to work in short bursts. If you're interested in purchasing an electric trimmer, the main factors to consider are the battery's life, charge time and power. Costs can vary depending on your needs, but you can find a quality version for about \$100.

Electric Leaf Blowers

After cutting and trimming your lawn, you'll need to clear off those walkways and patios for the finishing touch. If you don't want to deal with the maintenance of a gas-powered blower or the restraints of a corded mower, a cordless electric version is a great option.

Cordless leaf blowers are lightweight and easy to maneuver, but they don't offer quite as much power as gas-powered and corded blowers. If your leaf blowing and clearing needs are minimal, a cordless blower can get the job done. Costs vary depending on power and battery quality, but you can purchase a dependable model for about \$150 and up.

Rebates!

Appliance Rebates

You can receive rebates for:

- Refrigerators or Freezers-\$30
- Front Load Washers-\$40
- Top Load Washers-\$30
- Electric Clothes Dryers-\$30
- Dishwashers-\$20



Outdoor Equipment Rebates

You can receive rebates for:

- Lawn Mowers-Up to \$100
- Trimmers-Up to \$50
- Chainsaws-Up to \$50
- Pruners-Up to \$50
- Leaf Blowers-Up to \$50
- Snow Blowers-Up to \$100



Must have purchased in the past 120 days

Don't Shoot



Safety and power reliability are top priorities at Garland Light & Power. Each year, many power providers experience outages caused by people, either intentionally or inadvertently, shooting at important power equipment such as power poles, line insulators, transformers and distribution lines. Even worse than the outages, is the potential for bodily injury caused by shooting at live electrical equipment. Not only could the shooting result in injury or even death, it also presents a risk to line crews who must repair the damages and to member-owners who rely on the delivery of safe power for health care needs.

Shooting at power equipment is also vandalism and could result in fines and or jail sentences.

If you are hunting or target shooting, we ask that you please take caution not to shoot at any utility facilities. Further, if you notice this type of vandalism on cooperative lines, please contact our office.

Message from Molly

As I write this, we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel as businesses in our communities begin to open after being closed due to the threat of COVID-19. Over the last couple of months schools were closed, businesses had to shut their doors or operate under new guidelines, and meetings and travel were postponed or canceled. This Spring certainly started out much different than we all anticipated.

Our office was no different. In following federal and state public health guidance, we closed the lobby, staggered our work schedules, separated staff, and postponed new construction projects. These decisions were all made while keeping the health and well-being of our staff and members in mind. We understand the need to keep precautions in place, but our lobby is now open with strict sanitizing standards and our linemen are busy getting those new services up and running.

Many of our friends and neighbors have also been laid off due to the drop in oil prices which has added another level of stress to this area. We recognize the important role these workers have in our communities and we hope they are able to use available resources until they can work again. The encouraging stories we hear about and see in the local newspapers remind us that people care about their neighbors and will do what they can to support each other during difficult times.

As always, the staff of GLP is committed to providing you with safe, reliable power and great customer service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate these challenging times and find our “new normal” together. Take care!



Summer Hours

Garland Light & Power is changing to a 4/10 work week from April 27 to Oct 5

Hours of operation will be:
7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday
Closed on Fridays

Standby crews will be available from Friday through Sunday for outage situations by calling:

754-2881

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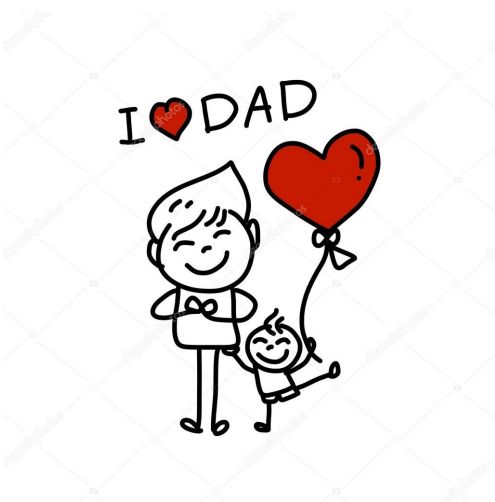
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Sunday, June 21