



# Southern Pine poised for emergency response

The coming weeks historically mark the peak of hurricane activity in the Gulf, and Southern Pine is prepared—come what may.

We have a plan that organizes employee efforts before, during and after storms. The following is a description of each step:

• **Storm Watch:** In the days and weeks

prior to a major weather event, Southern Pine's general manager, staff and employees closely monitor the development of any weather threat and prepare to deal with the event.

• **Storm Alert:** When it appears a storm will affect Southern Pine's service area, a Storm Alert is issued. Southern Pine will begin final preparations for emergency operations and speed them to completion.

• **Storm Response:** After the storm has passed, the District Emergency Operations Centers begin efforts to restore service while coordinating all support efforts through the Headquarters Emergency Operations Center. Damage assessment teams go out, and assistance from additional crews is arranged if necessary.

• **Post-storm Response:** After crews restore all power, normal operations resume as much as possible. Crews correct any temporary repairs and restore distribution lines to a pre-storm state. Debris clean-up continues until completed.

Our service area covers approximately 11 percent of the land mass in Mississippi, so when a storm hits we put our plan into action and restore as much

power in as short a period of time as possible.

Much of our service territory is rural and it is time-consuming to rebuild lines.

It takes more than the flip of a switch to get power restored to all our members. There is a very detailed plan we follow to get the power back on quickly and safely.

Those of you who are dependent on medical equipment should have a plan of action in case electric power is out for an extended period of time.

Also, businesses that have critical loads, such as poultry and dairy farms, should also have a plan for extended outages. Make sure generators are in good

repair and have a plan to move a person who is in ill health to an alternate location.

In the event of a storm Southern Pine has made arrangements for additional manpower, materials and equipment if needed. By participating in mutual-aid agreements with other electric power associations, we can quickly receive assistance from their emergency work crews to speed the rebuilding and repair of power lines and electrical facilities.

Whether facing a major hurricane or just an occasional summer outage, we are prepared. We have dedicated employees who make Southern Pine and our members their first priority.

Southern Pine exists to serve you, our members, with the best electric service possible at the lowest cost.

Get more information at our Web site, [www.spepa.com](http://www.spepa.com), including a hurricane-tracking chart, preparation tips and links to AccuWeather and the National Weather Service.



By Don Jordan  
General Manager

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— Don Jordan

## Powerful tips for paying your bill

- If you pay your Southern Pine bill in cash, please include your bill stub to ensure your account will be credited properly.
- If you do not have the bill stub or the account number, include the name as it appears on the account.
- Do not staple or tape your check or money order to the bill stub.
- If you use a night-deposit box at any Southern Pine office, please be sure to include your bill stub.
- When paying by check, please make sure the amount spelled out and the figures agree. The written amount is the legal amount used by the bank.
- If paying by money order, your name, address and account number should be printed plainly on the money order.
- We do not recommend cash payments sent through the mail.
- If the phone number or address on your bill is incorrect, please notify your local Southern Pine office.

Please include your bill stub with all payments to ensure your account will be credited properly.

Visit us online at [www.spepa.com](http://www.spepa.com)

# Heat ramps up appliance energy use

Summer's not over yet; high temperatures still have air conditioners humming, fans spinning and pool pumps churning. And the cost to cool your home rises much higher as the outside temperature goes up. Despite an unseasonable cool snap in late August, the weather pattern for most of the month was typical, with high heat and humidity.

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The important thing to remember is

that you and your family can control your energy use and reduce energy cost by increasing your energy management awareness. Controlling the thermostat is one of the easiest and most economical ways to control energy use. Southern Pine encourages you to read your meter often, so you can

keep track of your use.

The following suggestions can be done at little or no cost to you.

- Reports indicate that you can save 1 to 3 percent per degree for each degree the air-conditioning thermostat is set above 72 degrees. Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home and at 85 degrees when you are out of town.
- Using ceiling or room fans allows you to set the thermostat higher because the air movement will make you feel cooler.
- Change the air filter(s) on your heating/cooling system regularly—monthly is recommended. Dirty filters restrict airflow and can cause the system to run longer, increasing energy use.



## Dove

- **White-winged & Mourning Dove (North Zone)\*** Sept. 5 - 27, Oct. 10 - Nov. 3, Dec. 25, 2009 - Jan. 15, 2010
- **White-winged & Mourning Dove (South Zone)\*\*** Sept. 5 - 13, Oct. 10 - Nov. 4, Dec. 12, 2009 - Jan. 15, 2010

\*Dove North Zone: Areas north of U.S. Hwy. 84 plus areas south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and west of MS Hwy. 35.

\*\*Dove South Zone: Areas south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and east of Miss. Hwy. 35.

## White-tailed Deer

### Deer Management Zone 1:

Private and public lands, east of I-55 and north of I-20 plus areas south of I-20 and east of U.S. Hwy 61, excluding areas south of U.S. Hwy 84 and east of MS Hwy 35.

- **Archery:** Oct. 1 - Nov. 20 (Either sex on private and open public lands)
- **Youth Gun** (Youth 15 and under): Nov. 14-20 (Either sex on private lands and authorized state and federal lands)
- **Dec. 2-15;** Jan. 21 - Jan. 31, 2010 (Either sex on private and open public lands)

- **Gun** (with dogs): Nov. 21 - Dec. 1, Dec. 24, 2009 - Jan. 20, 2010 (Either sex on private land. Legal bucks only on open public lands)

### Primitive Weapon:

Dec. 2-15, Jan. 21-31, 2010 (Either sex on private and open public lands)

### Gun (without dogs):

Dec. 16-18, Dec. 21-23 (Either sex on private lands; Legal bucks only on open public lands)

### Dec. 19-20

(Either sex on private and open public lands)

### Deer Management Zone 2:

Private and open public lands south of U.S. Hwy 84 and east of MS Hwy 35.

### Archery:

Oct. 15 - Nov. 20 (Either sex on private and open public lands)

### Youth Gun (Youth 15 and under):

Nov. 14-20 (Either sex on private lands and authorized state and federal lands.)

### Dec. 2-15, Jan. 21 - Feb. 15, 2010

(Either sex on private and open public lands)

### Gun (with dogs):

Nov. 21 - Dec. 1, Dec. 24 - Jan. 20, 2010 (Either sex on private lands; Legal bucks, open public lands)

### Primitive Weapon:

Dec. 2-15, (Either sex on private and open public lands)

### Jan. 21 - Feb. 15, 2010

(Legal Bucks only, private and open public lands)

### Gun (without dogs):

Dec. 16-18, Dec. 21-23 (Either sex on private land, Legal bucks on open public land)

### Dec. 19-20

(Either sex on private and open public lands)

### Zones 1&2

A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 10 inches OR one main beam at least 13 inches long.

For a complete listing of hunting seasons, bag limits, zones and other legal restrictions, go to [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com).

**THINK SAFETY!** Wear your hunter orange.

## Coming up

### 15th Annual Pulpwood Festival

Saturday, Sept. 12, New Hebron  
This downtown festival will feature an open antique car, truck and bike show with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Other events of this fun day will include arts and crafts, quilt expo, health fair, children's activities, entertainment and more. Entertainment will include the Clear Branch Cloggers. The Concert Under the Stars will begin at 6 p.m. in Town Park. Featured band is Shadz of Grey, with a pre-concert performance by Johnny Cassatta as "Elvis." Info: car show, (601) 382-3552; flea market, (601) 886-7242.

### 34th Annual Magee Crazy Day

Saturday, Sept. 19, Magee  
It's OK to go crazy at this popular festival. Scheduled events include a Lion's Club golf tournament (Sept. 17), tennis tournament, arts and crafts, 5K run/walk, homemakers fair and antique car show. Entertainment will include karaoke, presentation of the Crazy Day Queens and gospel music. For details, call the Magee Chamber of Commerce, (601) 849-2517.

### Raleigh Heritage Festival

Saturday, Sept. 26, Raleigh  
A wide range of events and attractions are set for this annual event, including a 5K run/walk, arts and crafts, food vendors, Woman's Club display and silent auction, Kid Zone and carnival, Smith County Cruisers' vehicle exhibit, antique tractors and engines, art exhibit and a celebration of Model A Ford Day by the Model A Restorers Club of Mississippi. Entertainment will include Taylor Tullus, Old Habits and The Leaf River Boys. For more information, call (601) 782-4527 or (601) 782-4710.

### Polkville Day

Saturday, Oct. 10, Polkville  
The Polkville Civic Center will serve as center of events for Polkville Day, which kicks off at 7:30 am. The fun will include a 5K road race and 1-mile fun run, arts and crafts, food, children's games, cake walks, bow shoot contest, door prizes and raffles, bluesgrass and other music, and an open car, truck and tractor show. For more information, go to [www.polkville.org](http://www.polkville.org) or call (601) 540-7979.

## Small Game

### Bobwhite Quail:

Nov. 26 - Mar. 6, 2010

### Rabbit:

Oct. 17 - Feb. 28, 2010

### Squirrel (Zone 1) \*:

Oct. 3 - Feb. 28, 2010

### Youth Squirrel\*\*\*\*(Zone 1)\*:

Sept. 26- Oct. 2

### Squirrel (Zone 2) \*\*: Oct. 17-

Feb. 28, 2010

### Youth Squirrel\*\*\*\*(Zone 2) \*\*: Oct. 10-16

### Squirrel (Zone 3)\*\*\*:

Oct. 31 - Feb. 28, 2010

### Youth Squirrel\*\*\*\*

(Zone 3) \*\*\*: Oct. 24-30

### Raccoon: July 1 - Sept. 30

### Opossum, Raccoon and Bobcat:

Oct. 1-31 (for food and sport); Oct. 31 - Feb. 28, 2010 (for food, sport and pelt)

\*Zone 1: Areas north of Hwy. 82 plus those portions of Sunflower County and Washington County south of Hwy 82.

\*\*Zone 2: Areas between Hwy. 82 and Hwy. 84 plus portions of the state south of Hwy. 84 and west of I-55.

\*\*\*\*Youth eligible to participate in this special hunt are those 15 years of age and younger. Each youth must be in the immediate vicinity and under the direct supervision of an adult 21 years of age or older. Furthermore, if the child is under the age of 12, the supervising adult must be a licensed or exempt hunter.

## Turkey

### Fall Turkey:

Oct. 15 - Nov. 15

For legal restrictions and a list of areas open for fall turkey hunting, go to [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com).

