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Light as a Service

As we approach the time of the year where the days are shorter and the nights are longer, remember that Craighead Electric Cooperative provides another service besides electric power: Light. We have installed thousands of street lights, security lights, flood lights and yard lights across our service territory to chase away the darkness anywhere that our members request it. You can find Craighead Electric lighting in driveways, yards, pastures, and parking lots, maybe even a horse-riding arena or two.

Lighting as a service is simple. Pay a flat monthly rate for a lamp of your choosing to be installed on any existing power pole on your property. If a new pole needs to be placed for the light to hang off from, add $3 a month to the rate for maintenance of the pole. That's it! If the bulb goes out or the pole falls over or any other maintenance needs to be done to the light, we will come and fix it at no additional charge. The cost of maintenance and repair is included in your monthly rate. Power that feeds the streetlight does not travel through your electric meter, so there is no need to worry about increased electric usage either.

The most common fixes needed for streetlights are bulb and photocell replacements. The photocell is the "eye" that turns the light on when it is dark out and off during daylight. If you currently have a streetlight and notice that it doesn't turn on at night or doesn't turn off during the day, give us a call and we will have your serviceman pay you a visit to repair it.

Craighead Electric offers several types of streetlights of various wattages, brightness, color, and price.

Fixture Type	Charge per month
175-Watt Mercury Vapor light*	$7.54 per light/month
150-Watt Metal Halide*	$7.50 per light/month
100-Watt High-Pressure Sodium*	$7.50 per light/month
250-Watt Mercury Vapor light*	$9.51 per light/month
400-Watt Mercury Vapor light*	$12.57 per light/month
400-Watt Metal Halide*	$15.49 per light/month
1000-Watt Metal Halide*	$30.76 per light/month
SL 250 High Pressure Sodium*	$16.34 per light/month
150w LED General Service	$7.48 per light/month
250w LED Street Lighting	$16.34 per light/month
400w LED Directional Security	$15.48 per light/month

*No longer available for new installations

All new lights installed recently and going forward are of the LED variety. These use much less energy, last much longer, and most agree that they put off a more pleasing glow. If you have an older style light and want it changed to an LED fixture, you can request it, but know that a $75.00 trip charge will be applied if a member requests to change out an existing fixture that is not in need of maintenance.

Do you have a pole in a dark part of your yard, parking lot, or pasture that deserves illumination? Call Craighead Electric Cooperative and we can review your options.

Coop Cares Grants a Wish

Our employee-supported community fund, Coop Cares, was recently given the opportunity to give back to the community in a unique way, by granting a wish for a Make-a-Wish child.

Twelve-year-old Joshua loves the outdoors and made a wish for him and his family to see the Grand Canyon. To make this a reality, we teamed up with Make-a-Wish and the Arkansas Game and Fish to surprise him on his 13th birthday.

While Joshua was getting a VIP tour of the Crowley's Ridge Nature Center a surprise party of Craighead Electric and Empower employees was gathering outside. When he emerged from the building a short while later, he spotted the Make-a-Wish banner, hung high in the air from two service trucks, and took off running toward it with excitement. He was truly grateful, and his family was very appreciative.

We hope Joshua and his family enjoy their time together on this adventure. Thank you to all of our employees who donate their time and money to Coop Cares. Your generosity is what makes occasions like this possible.

Generator Safety

Cold weather usually finds us preparing for severe weather. Maybe it's with shovels, or heavier coats. Or maybe it's with a generator. If you own or borrow a generator, please consider these tips from CECC.

If your generator connects to the wiring in your home or business, make sure your electrician installs a double-pole, double-throw switch. That keeps the generator's electricity from flowing back onto the power lines. These devices protect line-workers, who may be restoring power, and others who may encounter downed power lines.

NEVER run a generator in the basement, garage or any enclosed space. Don't run it outside near an open window of your home.