

## We're thankful for the co-op network

When you think about your local electric co-op, you probably associate us with the local community. And you would be right. Our leadership team, board of directors and employees all live and work right here in the community we serve. But you may not realize that your electric co-op is actually part of a much larger cooperative network that brings additional value, tools and knowledge that benefit you, the members of the co-op.

### Cooperation among cooperatives

When a severe weather event is predicted for our region, we call on our sister co-ops in areas unaffected by the approaching storm. Through this system of mutual aid, we coordinate with other co-ops to bring additional trucks, equipment and manpower to our area. We work together and share resources in order to restore power to our community. And we reciprocate by assisting other electric co-ops when they request help.



A defining characteristic of a cooperative is “cooperation among cooperatives.” This is a way that co-ops work together to meet bigger challenges such as power restoration after a severe weather event.

Another area in which your electric co-op benefits from cooperation among cooperatives is cybersecurity. Through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association’s (NRECA) “Rural Cooperative Cybersecurity Capabilities Program” (RC3), we are able to access training, resources and tools to strengthen our efforts to combat cyber threats. Our ability to tap into the larger electric cooperative network and access tools, products, resources and leading practices from across the nation ultimately makes our co-op and our community stronger.

### Global impact

Beyond our hometowns, people across the globe have benefitted from the lessons learned and experience of co-ops in electrification of rural areas in the United States.

NRECA International has provided access to reliable and affordable electricity to 120 million people in 43 countries. This effort is made possible through the support of electric co-ops in this state and across the country.

Hundreds of lineworkers, engineers and other co-op employees have served as volunteers to bring first-time access to electricity and train local partners to help utilities be sustainable in their own communities.

November is a time of year for reflection and giving thanks. We are grateful for our sister co-ops who enable us to better serve you and our broader community. When electric co-ops collaborate, we strengthen each other and the communities we serve — and that is something in which to be truly thankful. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.



***Have a blessed Thanksgiving***  
***C & L is thankful to be able to serve you and your family.***  
***We will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with our families.***  
***Our business office will reopen on Monday, December 2, at 8:00 a.m.***  
***In case of an outage, please call us at 870-628-4221.***

# Your electric cooperative pays property taxes too!

Just as everyone who owns property pays property taxes in the month of October, C & L Electric is no exception. The Cooperative pays taxes on its various properties, such as office buildings, overhead power lines and substations.

These tax payments are used to support such things as schools, roads, law enforcement and local governments. This year C & L paid a total of \$874,121.52 to the nine Arkansas counties in which we have members. Here's what your cooperative paid to each county:



Arkansas	\$ 1,250.61
Bradley	\$ 85,857.36
Cleveland	\$ 113,686.78
Dallas	\$ 3,587.37
Desha	\$ 123,813.42
Drew	\$ 155,387.20
Grant	\$ 68,464.35
Jefferson	\$ 50,206.39
Lincoln	\$ 271,868.04

**C & L PAID  
MORE THAN  
\$800,000  
IN PROPERTY TAXES  
IN 2019.**



# VETERANS DAY

*Honoring all who served*

NOVEMBER 11

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