

## NEWS BRIEF

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### RESTORATION UNDERWAY; WATCH OUT FOR DOWNED POWER LINES

As of 11 AM, power has been restored to nearly 4,600 Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative (CCEC) members. Crews are working to restore power to another 5,400 members. We have additional crews from South River Electric Cooperative and Union Power Cooperative on their way to assist in restoration efforts.

Unlike past hurricanes, the cooperative has reported hundreds of small outages on its lines across the system, rather than more concentrated damage to main lines. Restoration times may vary depending on the damage to lines near your home.

CCEC asks for members to be very patient and to steer clear of the crews so they can restore power as quickly and safely as possible. The public needs to stay away from any downed power lines as well. These lines can still carry an electric current strong enough to cause serious injury or death. Here are some tips from CCEC that can keep you safe around downed power lines.

- If you see a downed power line, move away from the line and anything that may be touching it.
- Do not attempt to move a downed power line or anything in contact with the power line by using another object such as a broom or stick. Even materials like wood or cloth, if slightly wet, can conduct electricity and then electrocute you.
- Be careful not to put your feet near water where a downed power line is located.
- If you are in your car and it is in contact with the downed power line, stay in your car. Tell others to stay away from your vehicle, and call 911.
- Do not drive over downed power lines.

Stay up to date on restoration efforts in our area:

**Outage Map:** <http://outage.carteretcraven.coop>

**Website:** <https://www.ccemc.com>

**Social Media:** <http://www.facebook.com/CarteretCraven> and [www.instagram.com/CarteretCravenElectricCooperative](http://www.instagram.com/CarteretCravenElectricCooperative)

Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative supplies power to 40,500 meters serving more than 32,500 members in Carteret, Craven, Jones and Onslow counties and is part of Touchstone Energy®, a nationwide family of co-ops exhibiting the core values of integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community.

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**CUTLINE 1: It takes a lot of skilled hands to replace a power pole. Crews are working to replaced a burned pole in Emerald Isle.**

**CUTLINE 2: Crews from Lee Electrical painstakingly cut limbs from a large tree that fell on lines in Pine Knoll Shores.**