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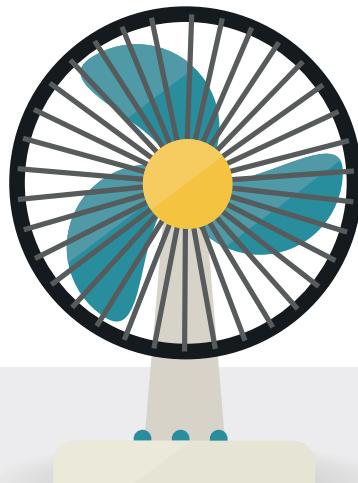


## Cleco Fan Drive

The dog days of summer are here and air conditioners are working overtime. To help stay cool this summer, Cleco partnered with councils on aging and other agencies to donate over 200 fans to the elderly across Louisiana. Air conditioners are typically the largest energy users in a home. Raising the thermostat to 78 degrees and using a fan can help the air temperature feel 10 degrees cooler and reduce energy bills.

In addition to adjusting thermostats, Cleco recommends the following tips to help lower electric bills:

- Turn off fans when you leave the room.
- Clean or change air filters regularly.
- Use heat generating appliances in the evening when temperatures are cooler.
- Keep curtains and blinds closed during the day.



## Hurricane preparedness tips

Cleco prepares year-round for storms. We encourage our customers to prepare too. Hurricane season can be unpredictable, but being prepared means you are ready no matter when or where a storm may hit. Follow these important safety tips to help keep you and your family safe this storm season:

- If you see downed power lines, treat them as if they are energized. Stay away from lines and any objects they are touching. Report a downed power line immediately by calling Cleco at 1-800-622-6537 and 911.
- Don't plug a generator cord directly into a wall outlet. A generator can back feed electricity through your home's electric wiring to the Cleco circuit. This can cause injury or even death to a worker attempting to repair that circuit and anyone else who may come into contact with power lines.

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Please continue to call **1-800-622-6537** to report outages and emergencies. MyAccount users can report outages online or by texting "**OUT**" to **25326** (CLECO).

## Cleco corner



Marcus Augustine, Cleco corporate secretary and senior attorney, received a Distinguished Alumni Award on April 7 from the Southern University Law Center for his significant contributions to the field of law and his outstanding service to the community.

Marcus Augustine

Louis Guidry, Cleco's North American Electric Reliability Corporation compliance and training manager, was recognized by LifeShare Blood Center on April 20 for donating blood or platelets twice a month since 1987, saving over 1,100 lives.



Louis Guidry with Jessica Sears, LifeShare Blood Center Regional Director - Alexandria.

## Line Mechanic Appreciation Day

To celebrate Line Mechanic Appreciation Day, schools were invited to send thank you messages to line mechanics. Cleco crews visited J.I. Barron

Elementary in Pineville, North Lewis Street Elementary School in New Iberia, Rosepine Elementary School in Rosepine and Mayfield Elementary School in Slidell to pick up thank you cards, give electrical safety tips and talk about a career as a line mechanic.



Pineville Service Center line mechanics: Jacob Thiels, John Pittman, Darren Futrell and Zachery Hall.

## Overhead Safety Act

The Louisiana Legislature enacted the High Voltage Overhead Power Line Safety Act in 2001. Under this act:

- Louisiana law prohibits any unauthorized persons from working, including moving equipment, within 10 feet of any high voltage overhead line.
- If any unauthorized person intends to work within 10 feet of any high voltage overhead line, the person responsible for the work to be done must notify the owner or operator of the high voltage overhead line 48 hours prior to commencing work.
- Work shall be performed only after satisfactory mutual arrangements have been completed between the owner or operator of the high voltage overhead line and the person responsible for the work to be done.



## Cleco in the community

Cleco was the presenting sponsor of the 29th Annual Louisiana Triathlon in New Roads, La. on May 5 benefitting RocketKidz Foundation.



Cleco volunteers Jeff Andry, Carrie Noel, Emma Kate Ivey, Lauren LeBoeuf, Catina Ivey



Cleco sponsored the Louisiana Dragon Boat Races on May 5 in Alexandria benefiting the Alexandria Museum of Art. Cleco's team, Reaux Power, finished sixth overall.



Jacob Sikes, Justin Gaskin, Loomis Ramsey and Conner Belvin

Cleco is grateful for the opportunity to work with local students to help them gain real-world experience in their field before entering the workforce. Jacob Sikes, Cleco engineer at Dolet Hills Power Station, worked with graduate students from Louisiana Tech University to design a bridge at Dolet Hills Power Station, providing workers with an easier path to perform maintenance work.



## Broccoli Salad

1 head broccoli, cut into small pieces  
1/2 lb. bacon, cooked crispy and crumbled

1/4 c. sunflower seeds

1/2 c. raisins

1 c. red grapes halved

1 c. carrots shredded

1 c. mayonnaise

1/4 c. sugar

### Directions:

Mix all together and refrigerate.