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DELIVERING ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY

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Summer is Here:
How PECO Has Been Preparing

We all know the storms and heat Mother Nature can bring to Southeastern Pennsylvania over the summer, and PECO is working every day to ensure our equipment and people are ready.

With summer upon us, and with the current COVID-19 pandemic changing our daily lives, PECO is still hard at work, prepping systems, and testing processes and procedures to ensure safe and reliable service for customers all summer long. The recent completion of approximately 180 projects across the region will help ensure reliable electric service for our 1.6 million customers.

PECO completes hundreds of tasks to prepare for the summer season, including system work, testing and drills. More than 90 reclosers have been installed across the region as part of this year's summer preparedness efforts to provide enhanced reliability. When a problem occurs, like a fallen tree limb, lightning strike or vehicle accident, the recloser stops the flow of electricity on the line and automatically restores electricity where possible. With this equipment, service may only be interrupted for a few seconds rather than for a longer period of time.

With many people working from home this summer, additional usage and higher temperatures can lead to higher energy bills, and PECO provides a variety of programs to help customers save energy and money. For example, PECO's rebates, the company's full suite of energy efficiency programs, helps residential, business, government and non-profit customers save energy and money. For more ways to save energy, visit [peco.com/waystosave](https://www.peco.com/waystosave).

In addition, customers can save energy and lower their bills this summer by following a few simple tips:

Turn it off: Turn off all unnecessary lighting and devices.

Manage your thermostat: Keep thermostats at a constant, comfortable level when at home. Raise the thermostat setting for days of extreme heat to save even more. Install a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust your home's temperature settings when you're away or sleeping.

Keep shades, blinds and curtains closed: About 40 percent of unwanted heat comes through windows. Simply closing blinds and curtains, which act as a layer of insulation, can reduce heat in your home.

Use ceiling fans to circulate air: For those without air conditioning, use ceiling fans or portable fans with the windows partially open to circulate fresh air into your home. For those with air conditioning, fans can be used to evenly distribute cool air.

Use appliances wisely: Run appliances that produce heat (like clothes dryers, ovens and dishwashers) at night when it is cooler.

Learn PECO's Process for Public Relocation Projects



PECO recognizes municipal highway projects may involve the relocation of PECO electric and natural gas facilities, and is committed to providing the necessary support for these projects.

As local municipalities begin planning for a public relocation, it is important to notify PECO in the early planning stages to effectively plan the work schedule and budget. There is also the possibility that PECO may be entitled to reimbursement for the relocation of facilities and this is determined through the engineering phase of the project.

Please follow the steps below to ensure a successful project:

- Notify PECO 12 months prior to construction
- Sign and return the application for "Relocation of PECO Facilities for Municipal Highway Project"
- Include PA One Call information
- Identify and list potential conflicts
- Work through and mitigate any possible relocations
- Develop and communicate municipal construction schedule
- Coordinate PECO relocation work
- Understand PECO Work Management schedule

- Communicate award date
- Hold pre-construction meeting

Should you have any questions, please contact Pete Dettling, Program Manager for Public Relocation, at Charles.Dettling@exeloncorp.com or 215-841-6151.

A COVID-19 Update:
#PoweringThruTogether with PECO

At PECO, we are committed to providing safe and reliable energy for our customers and the communities we serve. Like you, we are operating under unprecedented circumstances and heightened uncertainty.

While state and local leaders navigate changes to your day-to-day activities, please be assured that the men and women of PECO are working around the clock to ensure we continue to keep the lights on and the gas flowing for the communities we serve, while keeping safety the top priority.

Crews and contractors will be following all safety protocols, including wearing additional protective equipment such as:

- Disposable coveralls
- Disposable shoe/boot covers
- N95 masks or equivalent face covering
- Disposable gloves
- Goggles or safety glasses and face shields
- To ensure a safe environment, crews will wipe down all surfaces where the work is being performed.
- This relocation work is necessary for the safety of our employees and customers. It is also mandatory per the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.





PECO Partners with the Arbor Day Foundation to Celebrate Arbor Day 2020

Arbor Day 2020 was April 24, and PECO is proud to have partnered with the [Arbor Day Foundation](#) to give away over 1,000 trees to our residential customers through the foundation's Energy-Saving Trees program. While we normally host in-person pickup events for customers to get their trees, PECO adapted its campaign to do a mail-in tree distribution due to COVID-19 safety concerns, and all of the trees were successfully claimed.

These trees are an investment for the future, as carefully positioned trees can reduce a household's energy consumption for heating and cooling by 25%. To learn more about planting the right tree in the right place, visit: www.peco.com/SafetyCommunity/Safety/Pages/TPPlantingTrees

Helping Communities Stay Cool This Summer with PECO's Fan Distribution Program

At PECO, we believe in being a good community partner and giving back to the local neighborhoods we serve.

Each year to mark the beginning of summer and help those populations most in need, PECO distributed 500 fans in low-income communities and senior citizen groups throughout our service territories to help manage the heat and stay safe this summer season.



The Summer Fan Distribution Program is a long-standing tradition with PECO and has benefitted 10,000 customers since its inception.

We would like to thank our partners who worked with us on this important endeavor.

A breakdown of PECO's fan donations throughout the Greater Philadelphia Area are as follows:

Bucks County: 100 fans were distributed to low-income and senior citizens through the Bucks County Opportunity Council Help Center.

Chester County: 100 fans were distributed to senior citizens through the Coatesville Area Senior Center.

Delaware County: 100 fans were distributed to senior citizens through the County of Delaware Services for the Aging.

Montgomery County: 100 fans were distributed to community members through organizations like the Norristown Fire House, RSVP, Meals on Wheels, and Montgomery County Mental Health and Access Services.

Philadelphia County: 100 fans were distributed to youth and families in need through the Young Chances Foundation.



PECO Encourages the Public to Dig Safe this Summer

Summer is the time of year when people are spending more time outdoors, whether it's gardening and planting trees and shrubs or working on home improvement projects like pools, decks, sheds and patios.

It is also the time of year for construction projects to be completed, such as replacing sidewalks and curbs. Whatever the outdoor home improvement project may be, PECO is reminding customers that it is the law in Pennsylvania to call "811" before digging. Please encourage your constituents to obey the law and be safe while digging by calling 811.

PECO Goes Green: Learn About PECO's Green Region Program

At PECO, we remain committed to increasing the environmental sustainability of the communities we serve across southeastern Pennsylvania.

PECO's Green Region Program recently donated a total of \$150,000 to 20 local municipalities throughout the area for innovative environmental projects benefitting the local communities.



PECO's Green Region Program aims to improve sustainability across the Greater Philadelphia region and has awarded more than \$2 million to nearly 300 projects since the program's inception in 2004. The program is part of the company's ongoing efforts to support environmental initiatives across southeastern Pennsylvania, including open space preservation, improvements to parks and recreation resources, and environmental conservation.

In partnership with Natural Lands Trust, the region's leading land conservation organization and facilitator of the PECO Green Region Program, PECO provided grants to the following municipalities and nonprofit organizations:

Bucks County: Borough of Langhorne, Ivyland Borough, and Upper Southampton Township

Chester County: East Bradford Township, East Fallowfield Township, South Coatesville Borough, and Tredyffrin Township

Delaware County: Borough of Prospect Park, Marcus Hook Borough, Marple Township, and Rutledge Borough

Montgomery County: Borough of Jenkintown, Borough of Pottstown, Limerick Township, and Upper Merion Township

Philadelphia: Awbury Arboretum, Riverfront North Partnership, Roxborough Development Corporation, Roxborough Manayunk Conservancy, and Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse

Townships, municipalities, and Philadelphia nonprofits that are preserving green space can visit natlands.org/greenregion and apply for a PECO Green Region grant. A committee comprised of representatives from PECO, county agencies, and conservation organizations reviews each application and selects the projects that receive funding.

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