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Marshall, NC



Bright Ideas EDUCATION GRANTS

Teachers Can Apply for 2021 - 2022 Bright Ideas Education Grants

French Broad EMC is now accepting applications for Bright Ideas education grants for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Teachers in K-12 classrooms with innovative ideas for hands-on learning projects are encouraged to apply.

Grant applications will be accepted April 1 - September 15. All teachers who submit their applications by the early bird deadline of August 15th will be entered into a drawing for a Visa gift card.

Teachers at qualifying schools can apply individually or as a team, and grants are available for all subjects. To apply, or for more information about the Bright Ideas grant program, visit www.frenchbroademc.com/brightideas or www.NCBrightIdeas.com.

**Daylight Savings
Time**
Sunday March 14th



1st Day of Spring
Saturday March 20th



**FBEMC offices
will be closed**
Friday April 2nd
**in observance of
Good Friday & Easter**

Manager's Report

Mini-Split Heat Pumpsan Efficient Option



French Broad Electric's Mini-split Heat Pump program recently hit another milestone of 3,000 units installed in our members' homes. These ductless heat pumps can heat efficiently even when the winter temperatures drop to single digits. They are also very economical and energy efficient in the summer for any air conditioning requirements.

Beyond cost savings, homeowners find the increased comfort level is worth the switch to ductless heat pumps. With baseboard heat, the heat rises along the walls but with a ductless system, heated air is more likely to flow throughout rooms evenly.

Most of the customer installation's that we have done supplement their primary source of heat. Combining one or more of these mini-split units with another heating source is very common and provides additional heating comfort throughout the home. In addition, these units do an excellent job of cooling the same areas in the summer months.

A ductless heat pump system is comprised of two main components: the outdoor compressor and the indoor air handler. Coolant and electrical

lines run through a conduit from the compressor outside the home through the wall to the inside air handler(s).

These mini-split units can be configured in different ways. A common approach is to provide heating and cooling to one large zone in the home by using a single compressor and a single air handler. Another option is to use one compressor to power as many as four inside air handlers, each with its own thermostat. This option is convenient for members who need heat and cooling in bedrooms or other sectioned-off areas in their homes.

French Broad Electric provides discounted pricing and financing on Fujitsu and Mitsubishi mini-split heat pump systems as well as installation and service. These systems can be financed on your monthly electric bill, making it easy and convenient and the long-term savings can offset the cost of the system in just a few years.

We want to encourage any member who is interested in these systems to contact us for more information or visit our website at www.frenchbroademc.com.

WE ARE NOW OFFERING A MINISPLIT HEAT PUMP

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

In order to get the most out of your Mini-Split system and minimize repair costs, it is necessary to perform routine annual maintenance on both the inside and outside units. Cleaning the equipment from debris build up will extend the life of the system and improve the efficiency.

Recognizing this need, FBEMC has put together a program that will give our members peace of mind and a way to keep their system running for many years. For a charge of \$17.50 added to your monthly bill, you are eligible for one cleaning and one service call per year.

If you have more than one indoor unit, the cost is only an additional \$7 per unit per month.

For more information, please visit our website:

www.frenchbroademc.com



The Outlet

All numbers are in
828 area code
unless otherwise
listed.

This is a FREE service to members for advertising non-commercial items. Ads are limited to two items per member per month and will appear only one time unless resubmitted. Ads are limited to two lines per ad. We reserve the right to edit, condense, or refuse ads due to content, unreasonable length, or available space.

French Broad EMC does not endorse services advertised and is not responsible for reliability of services listed.

When submitting ads for The Outlet, please be sure to include your name, address, phone number and account number. Ads without this reference information are subject to not being published.

Ads may be submitted online or mailed to:

French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

FOR SALE

Kubota G6200 lawn tractor, 48" deck, 3-cyl diesel engine, \$1,900. 765-0805.

2011 Toyota Tacoma SR5 4x4, 90,076mi. 260-6188.

(4) Ford 8-lug wheels & 16" tires, 1/2 tread, \$200. 777-8977.

Ford 4.9 engine & 5-spd transmission, \$700. 777-8977.

Wormy chestnut rough sawn lumber, 700-800sq ft, \$8/bd ft. 675-9250.

Teeter Hang Ups EP-960 inversion table, \$300. 675-9250.

Monitor 2400, tank, stand, 50gal fuel. 423/743-7274.

Hay, 1st & 2nd cutting, \$5/bale. 682-7268 or 284-7313.

1996 Toyota Avalon, \$1,200. 689-4140.

Hay, \$4/bale. 649-3757.

(3) rabbit hutches on wheels, waterers & feeders. 707-2634.

Honda Hawk CB400, \$400. 768-7094.

Fitbit Versa 3 & Fitbit Aria Air Scale, \$200/both. 689-9040.

Truck parts for 1985-1993 Chevy & Ford, 2WD & 4WD. 380-6004.

Snow thrower attachment for DR field mower, \$200. 689-9255.

Vintage game call records, Burnham, Lee, Herter, Olt, Stewart. 688-1144.

Vintage Progressus wall-mount bottle cap opener, \$20. 688-1144.

'07 Harley Ultra Classic, pacific blue, chrome, 42,752mi, \$7,800. 284-2603.

Truck fiberglass cover, fits Ford SWB 2005-2015. 284-8069.

Firewood, mixed hardwoods. 284-8069.

Club Car golf cart w/ charger, \$1,500. 803/414-2051.

VODA heat powered stove fan, \$40. 423-4280.

Dolls, Ashton Drake & more, \$250/all. 656-2131.

(2) antique oak dressers & more, \$1,200/all. 656-2131.

Warm Morning brick-lined wood stove, \$150. 738-8245.

250-gal oval oil barrel, \$140. 738-8245.

Dwarf burning bushes, snowball bushes, azaleas & more. 545-8802.

Antique cherry curio cabinet w/ glass front & claw feet. 712-7661.

1.5 Acres, views, power, Marshall, \$30,000. 768-0824.

3.16 Acres, water, electric, septic, Cattail, \$35,100. 786/218-3249.

2-axle cattle trailer, \$1,000. 803-9090.

Hay in barn, 1st cutting, \$40/roll. 385-6030.

(2) cemetery plots, Ashelawn Gardens, \$1,600/both. 683-4903.

1991 mobile home on 0.87ac, Yancey Co, \$54,000. 688-6054.

3.91ac lot w/ bldg site, \$69,500. 775-5800.

English Shepherd puppies, \$250ea. 683-3126.

Books, 1800s-1900s, religion & Bible. 675-4271.

Teapot collection. 675-4271.

Laura Ashley desk. 675-4003.

Teeter inversion table, \$85. 258-8281.

Beach cruiser bicycle, black, \$75. 258-8281.

Rustic dining table+4 chairs, \$400. 208-2346.

WANTED

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Cardui, Dr. Pursey's, Black Daught bottles/boxes/labels. 803-9090.

8mm projector. 378-4606.

Tobacco sticks. 424-5127.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: chair caning. 273-3161.

FREE: firewood, you cut/load. 545-4000.

Will Do: fine finishes/stain, paint, restorations. 712-2931.

Will Do: asphalt/concrete/pressure clean, repairs, clearcoat. 712-2931.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

For Lease: 10+acres farmland, Yancey Co. 704/564-0826.

For Rent: 1BR/1BA cabin, furn, views, Mad Co, \$500/mo. 206-8215.

Will Do: elder care, 17 yrs exp. 208-1463.

For Rent: 3BR apt or office space. 776-2393.

For Rent: 1BR apt, Marshall. 776-2393.

Will Do: lawncare. 450-8073.

Will Do: housecleaning. 450-8073.

Are you ready for mild weather and sunshine?

The first day of Spring, Saturday March 20th, is just around the corner. So, if you are looking for ways to save energy and money at home, here are just a few simple things you can do:

- 1. Install and set a programmable thermostat.** Save an estimated 10% per year on heating and cooling costs by using a programmable thermostat.
- 2. Use sunlight to your advantage.** Choose window treatments that allow you to use natural light while reducing heat loss and gain.
- 3. Switch to ENERGY STAR appliances, fans and electronics.**
- 4. Choose energy-saving lighting.** Replacing five of your home's most frequently used lights with energy-efficient ENERGY STAR bulbs could save you \$75 a year in energy costs.
- 5. Use an electronic power strip** for your electronic equipment. Help reduce phantom loads - - and save up to \$100 a year - - by plugging electronic devices into a power strip and turn it off when not in use.
- 6. Reduce energy for water heating.** Take simple steps - - like lowering your water heater's temperature and installing low-flow showerheads - - to reduce your water heating bills.
- 7. Hire a professional to maintain your heating and cooling system.** Check and replace your air filters regularly and arrange for annual maintenance with a qualified technician.
- 8. Consult a home performance contractor to achieve large savings.** These professionals will do a comprehensive audit of your whole house using special tools to measure home energy efficiency.

Source: www.energy.gov

ROW Clearing Schedule March/April

Marshall District

- * Highway 25/70
(Marshall to Walnut)
- * Alexander
- * Leicester
- * Little Sandy Mush
- * Meadowstown Road

Burnsville District

- * Crabtree
- * Brummetts Creek
- * Poplar
- * Pigeon Roost
- * Town of Burnsville

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