



# MIDSTATE CONNECTION

Office Hours: 7:00 am-5:30 pm, Monday-Thursday  
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Business Hours: 541-536-2126  
After Hours Outages: 800-752-5935

## What To Do When a Wildfire Looms

When a wildfire looms, it is crucial to take immediate and proactive steps to ensure your safety and the safety of your loved ones. Here are the steps you should take:

**Stay Informed:** Monitor local news and weather reports for updates on the wildfire situation. Sign up for emergency alerts and notifications from local authorities. Keep your cell phone charged. Charge all backup charging devices to power electronics.

**Prepare an Emergency Kit:** Include essentials such as water, non-perishable food, medications, important documents, flashlights, batteries, first aid supplies, and pet supplies. Pack personal items like clothing, toiletries, and comfort items.

**Create a Family Emergency Plan:** Be prepared to evacuate quickly and safely by knowing your family's evacuation plan. Plan multiple escape routes away from your home by car and by foot.

**Defend Your Property:** Create a fire-resistant zone that is free of leaves, debris, or flammable materials for at least 30 feet from your home.

**Review Important Documents:** Make sure your insurance policies and personal documents, like ID, are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a secure password-protected digital space.

During a wildfire, follow authorities' instructions to evacuate without delay. If trapped, call 9-1-1 and provide your location.

After a wildfire, only return when authorities confirm it's safe. Check all utility and electrical components of your home.

If you see damage outside your home (downed power lines or damaged power or gas lines), vacate the area and call 9-1-1 to have the utility dispatched. If you detect electrical damage inside your home, hire a qualified electrician to assess your home.

## New EV Chargers in Sunriver and La Pine

To support the growing number of electric vehicle (EV) users, we have installed new EV charging stations in Sunriver and La Pine. This initiative is part of Midstate's ongoing commitment to developing a robust infrastructure that enhances the experience of EV drivers in the area.

The newly installed Level 2 EV chargers are located at:

- **Midstate Electric Headquarters:**  
1 charger, 2 ports
- **Sunriver Brewing Tap Room:**  
2 chargers, 4 ports
- **Powder Village Condos:**  
1 charger, 2 ports

Additionally, a Level 3 EV charger at the La Pine Transit Center is anticipated to be operational in August.

The availability of reliable EV charging options will not only support local EV owners but also attract more visitors who drive electric cars, boosting local tourism and the economy.

The charging stations feature the latest in EV charging technology. The Level 2 chargers are ideal for longer stays, such as overnight charging, while the Level 3 fast chargers offer a quick charge for those on the go.

In addition to installing these chargers, Midstate is committed to educating the

community about the benefits of electric vehicles. To support this effort, Midstate is hosting an EV Tailgate event at the Midstate Electric headquarters in La Pine on September 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature various types of EVs, offer test drives, and provide information to help residents maximize the



Newly installed EV charger at Powder Village Condos in Sunriver.



Dakota Julian, Midstate's Electrical Engineer trying out the new EV charger at our headquarters.

benefits of EV ownership.

The installation of these new chargers in Sunriver and La Pine is just the beginning.

Midstate is exploring additional locations for expanding the EV charging network to ensure all service areas are well-equipped to support the growing demand for electric vehicles.

We have applied for grants for three more sites and are in the early planning stages for installing a fast charger in Silver Lake.

We invite all community members and visitors to take advantage of these new EV chargers and join in driving towards a greener future.

### TO CHARGE YOUR VEHICLE:

Use the QR code on the unit or use one of the compatible EV charging apps:

- ZefNet
- ChargeHub
- VinFast
- Holman
- Toyota
- Electric Circuit
- SWTCH
- Presto Charge
- Stay-N-Chargem
- Stellantis



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# MIDSTATE'S EV TAILGATE

**SATURDAY  
9-28-24  
10AM-2PM**

**Midstate Electric  
Headquarters**  
16755 Finley Butte Rd  
La Pine, OR 97739

**FREE  
EVENT**

## EVENT INFO

- ✓ Electrical Vehicle (EV) Showcase
- ✓ Public EV Charging Information
- ✓ Giveaways & Refreshments
- ✓ Raffle Prizes



**NATIONAL  
Drive Electric  
WEEK**

Nationwide celebration to raise awareness of the many benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more.

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## COMMON CAUSES OF POWER OUTAGES

There is never a good time for the power to go out, but if it happens on a sunny day, you might be left wondering why. Here are the most common causes of a power outage.

### WEATHER

High winds, snow and ice can cause tree limbs to fall on power lines. Other weather effects, like wildfires and lightning strikes, can cause major damage to equipment.

### CRITTERS

Squirrels, birds, snakes and other animals can inadvertently contact power lines, causing short circuits and disruptions to electrical supply.

### Scheduled MAINTENANCE

Occasionally, we plan outages to perform upgrades or repairs to parts of the local grid.

### ACCIDENTS

Vehicles can crash into utility poles, bringing down power lines. Construction and excavation work can also result in disruptions to underground lines.

# Last Call Member Calendar Photo Contest

Join in on the fun with MEC's annual calendar photo contest! Share your best photos for a chance to be featured in our 2025 calendar. Thirteen winners will be chosen, with each monthly winner receiving \$50 and the cover photo winner scoring a \$200 grand prize.

Submit your digital entries online at [www.midstateelectric.coop/calendar-contest](http://www.midstateelectric.coop/calendar-contest).

Printed submissions can be dropped off at our office or mailed to:

Midstate Electric Marketing  
& Communications  
PO Box 127, La Pine, OR 97739

By entering, you grant MEC one-time rights to publish your photo in the calendar and to use it for future promotional purposes.

Contest is open exclusively to MEC members. Each person may submit up to five photos.

Photo guidelines:

- Photos must be at least 300 dpi at 10 inches wide by 8 inches tall.
- Horizontal or landscape photos only. Vertical photos and files larger than 20 megabytes will not be accepted.

**Submissions close on August 5, 2024.**

## Do You Use Budget Billing?

In the course of a year, your monthly electric bill goes up and down depending on the season and the amount of energy your home uses.

Budget Billing allows your payment to stay the same all year long by averaging out your bill over twelve months, thus helping to minimize the impact of summer bills.

You may qualify for this program if you have been at the same address for twelve continuous months. Budget accounts recalculate in November, although accounts with larger balances may require more frequent review.

For more information, call Member Service at 541-536-2126, option 3.

## MEC Office Closed Labor Day

Our office will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 2nd. Our outage line is available 24/7 at 800-752-5935.