

# IN YOUR EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD

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## **CREATING MORE** SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS

Ameren Illinois is committed to helping schools reduce energy costs, improve building performance and meet state and federal clean energy goals. Through our Public School Carbon-Free Assessment (PSCFA) program, K-12 schools in our service territory can receive a FREE analysis of energy-saving opportunities, including low-to-no-cost recommendations, as well as a roadmap to become carbon-free. A completed PSCFA report also helps a school district maintain its eligibility for certain state funding.

Participants also learn about resources available to help with outof-pocket costs associated with their clean energy transition.

Visit AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/PSCFA to take the first step toward a more sustainable school with a free assessment.

#### 100 Schools & Counting

Alton Community Unit School District 11 is the 100th school district to receive a Public School Carbon-Free Assessment report, and dozens more have reserved their spot in line. Now is the perfect time to join other school leaders who are stepping up to build a brighter, cleaner future for their school districts.



#### Less Paper, More Convenience

Whether you're going green or just want one less piece of mail, Paperless Billing allows you to receive your Ameren Illinois bill electronically. This eco-friendly option saves paper, allows you to view your bill earlier and plan ahead for your budget.

You can opt in to receive text and/or email alerts when a new bill is available, as well as a reminder five days before your bill is due. Visit AmerenIllinois.com/Paperless to enroll in paperless billing today!



From LaSalle in the north to Anna in the south, our energy delivery system includes more than 4,500 miles of highvoltage sub-transmission lines and roughly 46,000 miles of distribution lines across Illinois.

Over time, power lines reach the end of their useful lifespan, increasing the risk of failure. Routine inspections help ensure the safety and reliability of overhead power lines and help Ameren Illinois plan ahead to replace aging wires.

In the past, the inspection process involved de-energizing the line and cutting samples, which were inspected in a lab for corrosion, pitting, broken strands and other issues. Crews would then repair the section of the line where the sample was cut before power could be restored.

All of that is changing with our new LineVue® Transmission Line Inspection Tool. The remotely operated, nondestructive testing device travels along the line and instantly transmits data about the condition of the wire, eliminating the need for laboratory analysis. It also inspects the entire span length of the line rather than just one section.

This innovative tool will help Ameren Illinois save time and money on inspections, while ensuring top safety standards. It will also provide valuable data to make better investment decisions, allowing us to continue delivering safe and reliable power to our customers.

While only one sample typically could be completed in a day using the traditional method, eight to 12 LineVue® inspections can be performed in a day.



### Is Your Business Interested in EVs?

Ameren Illinois is offering a free, no-obligation Fleet Assessment to help businesses explore the benefits of electric vehicles (EVs). The confidential process uses your company's fleet data to create a custom report covering total cost of ownership, payback timelines, and emissions impact.

If your business is considering EV integration now or in the future, this is a great opportunity to receive expert EV quidance at no cost. But don't delay - only a limited number of assessments are available. Visit AmerenIllinois.com/Fleet to learn more.



# **Keep Your Family & Home Safe With a Natural Gas Detector**

Many know the importance of having a smoke and carbon monoxide detector in their home or business, but do you also have a natural gas detector? If not, it's important to consider installing one to keep your home and family safe.

Natural gas is tasteless, odorless, and dangerous. Utilities add a chemical to natural gas to give it a "rotten egg" smell, but small leaks may still go unnoticed. A natural gas detector checks the air for methane and may sound an alarm before you notice an odor. Make sure you install a natural gas detector to stay safe.



Any time you suspect a natural gas leak, immediately go outside to a safe location, taking your family and pets with you. While evacuating, do not turn lights on or off or operate anything that could cause a spark, and do not open windows or doors to ventilate the property. Once you are at a safe distance, call Ameren Illinois at 1.800.755.5000. Visit Ameren.com/NaturalGasSafety to learn more.



# Natural Gas Pipeline Upgrades Benefit Godfrey Customers

A \$1 million improvement project this summer is helping Ameren Illinois provide even more reliable service to several neighborhoods in Godfrey. In July and August, crews replaced nearly 1.7 miles of natural gas steel pipeline with new, corrosion-resistant polyethylene material and upgraded service pipelines for approximately 80 customers. This project will enhance our ability to meet the energy needs of River Bend customers today and in the future.





### **DRIVEN BY INNOVATION:**

# SIUE Solar Car Team Gets Lift From Ameren Illinois

Clean energy and STEM — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — education are causes we care about. That's why Ameren Illinois is proud to support the Solar Racing Team at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) School of Engineering. The student-run SIUE team spent the last two years meticulously designing every inch of the Orion solar vehicle to compete in the 2025 Formula Sun Grand Prix.

The competition accelerates innovation as students design, build and race fully solar-powered, roadworthy vehicles across the United States. The team provides its members with hands-on experience in real-world engineering, business development and project leadership.

Since 2021, Ameren Illinois has donated more than \$40,000 to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to support School of Engineering events and help develop the next generation of engineers.

# Is Your Furnace Ready for Winter?

Don't wait until Jack Frost arrives! Now is the time to schedule a preseason checkup to make sure your heating system operates safely and efficiently through the winter.

An annual furnace inspection by a qualified HVAC professional can save you money, keep your family safe, and prevent your furnace from failing when you need it the most. And don't forget to change your air filter regularly—at least every three months—to make sure your HVAC system doesn't work too hard.



#### **Cultivate Safety This Harvest Season**

Power lines present additional hazards to farmers during harvest season. Agricultural workers should always be aware of the location of power lines and keep equipment at least 10 feet away from them. For more farm and electrical safety information, visit **SafeElectricity.org.**