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the manager

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At Clay Electric, looking out for our communities means paying attention to those risks year-round. Our crews are out there maintaining rights of way, inspecting lines and equipment, and taking care of issues before they turn into something bigger. We've also added the use of drones to help us monitor lines and identify potential concerns more quickly and safely.

One of the most important parts of that work is vegetation management. Trees and power lines don't mix, especially during dry stretches. That's why you'll see our crews and contractors working throughout the year to trim and clear around lines — it's all part of keeping the system safe and reliable for our members.

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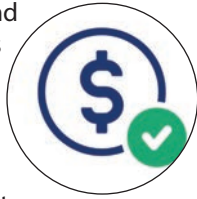
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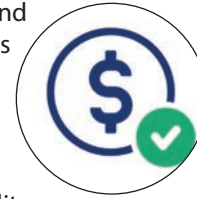


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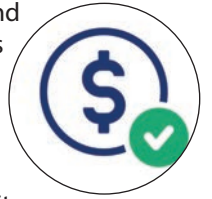


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