



**“When times are tough and we get called into action, it’s amazing how bright the REC team shines. Our model is perfect for where our industry is and the challenges we face - now and into the future – and I could not be more excited to help REC lead the way forward.”**

- John Hewa  
CEO and President

## New CEO Charts Future Filled with Possibility

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative’s (REC) new president and CEO is a nationally recognized, forward-thinking, high-energy leader with decades of industry experience.

He has a deep appreciation for the long, successful tradition of electrical cooperatives, but also a keen understanding of the need to keep improving.

That means respecting the 100-plus-year history of electric

utilities and the member-first model of all cooperatives. It also requires looking years ahead, asking the big questions and leading REC and its members into an exciting future.

“We will always deliver on our core mission to deliver safe, reliable, affordable and sustainable energy. That is the hallmark of what we do, and is essential to do anything else we accomplish,” said John Hewa, who has served as REC’s chief operating officer since 2018.

## Looking Ahead

- REC to become enabler, if not provider, of clean energy services, enhanced reliability programs and services for home based businesses.
- Continued community input, focus-groups, and other outreach efforts to make sure REC’s members play a prominent role in REC’s path forward.
- Increased focus on technology and member’s increasing expectations in that area.



## REC is Prepared. Are You?

Remember that feeling you had when you couldn't find toilet paper in April? None of us ever expected something so seemingly trivial to create conversations in online communities and prompt early morning lines outside your local grocery store.

If 2020 has taught us anything, it's that heeding warnings and preparing for potential disasters is as important as ever.

So in September, as we mark National Preparedness Month, REC joins national, state and local officials in urging member-owners to prepare now. Once the scary storm cone covers your county, it might be too late.

**Visit [myrec.coop/stormprep](https://myrec.coop/stormprep) to find a complete list of how you and your family can start preparing today. Also visit [KnowYourZoneVA.org](https://KnowYourZoneVA.org) to find your correct evacuation zone.**

### Assemble a storm preparedness kit. Get started with these essential items:



**FLASHLIGHTS AND BATTERIES**



**FIRST-AID KIT**



**CAN OPENER**



**WATER**



**NONPERISHABLE FOOD**

### ENERGY TIP - Seal Air Leaks

Did you know drafts in your home can increase your electric bill by 20 percent? Seal any drafts around your doors and windows before the colder air arrives.



### BEFORE YOU DIG

- 1** Visit [va811.com](https://va811.com) to fill out a simple online form.
- 2** Allow three working days for crews to mark utilities on your property.
- 3** Respect the markings and dig with care.

