



Protect your home from power surges

Last summer, lightning struck a Ripley neighborhood, damaging “white” appliances in some of the neighborhood’s homes. Larry and Diann McBride, however, had no damages to their heating and air-conditioning system, refrigerator, freezer, stove, washer, dryer or other white appliances.

While their neighbors weren’t so lucky, the McBrides were spared because they were leasing a surge protection device through Ripley Power and Light Co. Although the device was destroyed by the lightning, it did its job of protecting the white appliances in their home.

If any of these appliances had been damaged, however, the warranty on the surge protection device would have paid to repair or replace them. And unlike an insurance policy, the McBrides would not have had a deductible.

The McBrides installed the surge protection on their meter in 2013 after another power surge in the neighborhood destroyed their microwave and television. They pay \$5.95 a

month after a one-time \$10 installation fee. Ripley Power and Light replaced the damaged surge protector at no cost.

Did you know? External power surges most often occur when a tree limb touches a power line, lightning strikes utility equipment or a small animal climbs onto a transformer.

“It’s a bargain,” said Mike Demeris, Energy Services Specialist for Ripley Power and Light. He has surge protection on his Ripley home, too. “Where else can you get insurance for that price and not have a deductible?”

Ripley Power and Light offers a two-tier surge protection program. The first level, which the McBrides have and includes the monthly leasing fee, installs a device at meters to protect large appliances. For a limited time, Ripley Power and Light is waiving the \$10 installation fee to encourage more customers to get the surge protection.

The second level is a one-time purchase of plug-in, surge-protection devices for sensitive electronic equipment, such as computers, entertainment systems and garage door openers. The purchase can be added to your electric bill at zero interest. These devices are easy to install – just plug them in.

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