

Don't **FENCE** us out

Outages and maintenance mean Bluebonnet may need access to your property, even if you aren't there

Texans love their land, and a locked gate is every property owner's right. But locked gates can impede Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative's crews and contractors from restoring power during outages, trimming vegetation near power lines and performing important inspections and maintenance.

Here are a few ways members can protect their property and right to privacy while still allowing the co-op to access their property when necessary:

FOR CHAINED GATES:

- Get a Bluebonnet lock. This key-operated lock has a stainless steel shank and brass body with our logo imprinted into it. (Older locks may have B.E.C. imprinted into them.)

- A Bluebonnet lock can be used with chained gates in two ways:

- 1) Bluebonnet's lock and the property owner's lock can be linked together, with each lock holding one end of the chain.

- 2) Use a short piece of chain to connect the two locks, which each hold the end of the chain that keeps the gate closed.



Opening either lock releases the chain, giving both the owner and Bluebonnet crews and contractors access to the property.

FOR ELECTRIC GATES:

You can program a code specifically for Bluebonnet, then call a member service representative at 800-842-7708 to have the code noted on your account. Whenever crews need to get on the property, they can find the code via a computer or tablet in their vehicle.

Having a Bluebonnet lock on a gate or a designated code for

electric gates helps us to restore power more quickly and safely.

If a member declines one of these options, they can help us and their neighbors by ensuring we have their correct phone number or by opening their gate during outages.

To get a Bluebonnet lock, provide a designated gate code or update contact information, members or property owners can call member service representatives at 800-842-7708 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit any of the five member service centers in Bastrop, Brenham, Giddings, Lockhart and Manor.

If your power goes out,
having your correct phone number
on file can be the key
to locating you — and the outage.
Keep your account information
current with Bluebonnet.

Help us locate you

Update your information today:

- at the member service information table
- by calling **800-842-7708** during business hours
- at **bluebonnet.coop**, anytime, anywhere via your online account
- using our mobile app on your smartphone

