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Staying Safe Around Electrical Hazards



NORA Electric Cooperative takes safety around electricity very seriously. Electricity works by traveling in a completed circuit. Electricity always travels in the path of least resistance, and it tries to travel to the ground. Typically, we are safe around everyday uses of electricity; however, it's very important to be aware of the dangers associated with electricity and how to keep ourselves protected when situations arise that could potentially put us in danger of electric shock or fire.

Injuries and accidents happen when electrical appliances are used improperly, procedure is not followed, or when safety systems are disregarded. Only adequately trained qualified workers should attempt to work on repairing a potentially dangerous electrical situation. Use of common sense and following simple safety precautions can help avoid senseless injury and/or tragedy.

Encountering the following conditions requires exercising extreme caution:

- **Working around overhead high-voltage powerlines:** Trimming trees, climbing ladders, and flying kites can turn deadly if contact is made with a non-insulated overhead power line.
- **Keep Landscaping Away From Powerlines and Transformers:** Plant trees, shrubs, and bushes an acceptable distance away from distribution lines and transformers.
- **Digging Near Buried Lines:** Always call your local utility provider or 811 before digging. This applies to gas and water lines as well.
- **Overloaded Circuits:** Plugging in too many cords in a single outlet can be very dangerous causing the circuit to overheat and start a fire.
- **Damaged Cords or Insulation on Wires:** Immediately discontinue using a cord that is damaged or has exposed wire. Do not attempt to repair the cord. Have a qualified electrician repair or replace any damaged wires.
- **Operating Portable Power Tools:** Never use around wet areas. Immediately stop using if the tools overheat or start sparking. Repair or replace any damaged tools.



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Phone: 575-756-2181 - After hours Option 1
When reporting an outage, please provide the following information:

- Name
- Meter Number
- Service Address
- Telephone Number
- How long your power has been off



If you are currently experiencing financial difficulty, or if you are in a low income status and are continuing to have difficulty paying your utility bills, please contact the NORA office for options on setting up payment arrangements. You can also request financial assistance through LiHEAP by calling 800-283-4465.

Spring/Summer Office Hours: Open 7:00am-4:30pm Monday-Thursday Closed Friday

The 25th Chama Valley Open Coming Saturday August 23rd

NORA is now accepting registration forms to compete in the 25th Annual Chama Valley Open Golf Tournament at the Pagosa Springs Golf Club on August 23rd. Forms may be picked up at the NORA office, or they can be sent in the mail or email upon request. The registration fee for a team of four is \$420.00 or \$105.00 per player. Each golfer will enjoy a full eighteen holes of golf, use of a golf cart, player goodie bag, door prizes, and lunch. Deadline for registration is Monday, August 4, 2025, by the end of the business day.

NORA is also looking for official tournament sponsors to help bear the cost of operational and promotional expenses. For a \$150.00, an individual poster will be created for your business which will be placed on display at the tee box to be viewed by all players, coordinators, and those attending.



For complete details on how you can enter your team in the 25th Annual Chama Valley Open Golf Tournament or on how to become a sponsor, please contact the Chama office at 575-756-2181, or email Victoria Gonzales at vgonzales@noraelectric.org or Anthony Mercure at amercure@noraelectric.org. All proceeds are used to fund scholarships for our local high school seniors.

*The NORA office will be
closed Thursday
June 19th
in observance of
Juneteenth*



**Our linemen are
on call
24 hrs/day, 7 days a
week. Please call
575-756-2181 to report
power outages.**



Keep Energy Savings In Mind During Spring Cleaning

As we begin to tackle spring cleaning chores as the months get warmer, it's important to incorporate energy savings into these efforts. Simple tasks can allow us to recognize savings and sustainability year round.

Make it a point to give your refrigerator some extra attention during spring cleaning. Keeping the coils free from dust will enable the motor to run more efficiently. Making sure the inside of the fridge and freezer is clean and not overfilled will also improve air flow & efficiency.

When cleaning windows, inspect the seals for any cracks or gaps causing air infiltration. Seal any leaks by spreading caulking around the windowpane.

Cleaning dust off light fixtures and bulbs can increase brightness. This is also a great time to replace older incandescent bulbs with energy efficient LED bulbs.

Vacuuming air ducts, dusting around vents, and changing air filters for HVAC units will improve air flow and help keep dust and allergens in check.



Billing Schedule June 2025

Bill Due Date	23-Jun
Usage From	30-Apr
Usage To	31-May
SEDC Pickup @11:59pm	1-Jun
Bill Sent	1-Jun
Late Notice Sent	24-Jun
Contact/Follow Up	2-Jul
Disconnects/Cut Off	9-Jul



Think you have what it takes to join our line crew? Apply now for our Journeyman Lineman opening. We're seeking a skilled individual to join our team. Inquire at 575-756-2181 or stop by our office today to apply.

