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Make Safety A Priority Around Electricity



NORA Electric Cooperative takes safety around electricity very seriously. Electricity works by traveling in a completed circuit. It 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.

Please exercise extreme caution when the following conditions occur:

- **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.
- **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 yourself. 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.



Danger
Electrical
hazard



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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.

Winter Office Hours: Open 7:00am-3:30pm Monday-Friday

Simple Suggestions on Cutting Energy Costs



The beginning of a new year is a great time to make an effort to reduce our overall carbon footprint as individuals. The average American is said to consume 6.8 metric tons of oil in carbon emissions each year. The more changes that we can make to reduce our energy consumption, the more significant impact we can have in reducing global warming. Even subtle adjustments to your energy consumption can have dramatic results.

- Set your thermostat back by 10 to 15 degrees when not at home or sleeping.
- Set your fridge to 38 degrees and your freezer to 5 degrees. This keeps food at a safe range without overworking your refrigerator.
- Replacing your shower head with a more efficient model can save up to 2,700 gallons of water per year. Look for the Water Sense label.
- Fix any leaky faucets.
- Only use lightbulbs with the Energy Star label including LED and CFL bulbs.
- Install dimmer switches. The ability to adjust the brightness of the room to suit your needs will set the mood & save electricity.
- Complete an energy audit. Upon your request, NORA will conduct an energy use analysis for your home or business free of charge. This will help you identify specific ways to make your space more energy efficient year round.



The NORA office will be closed February 17th for



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



Energy Saving Gadgets for Your Home

To complement the energy saving suggestions above, the following devices can help make your choices easier.

- ♦ Smart Plugs: Can be used to turn devices on/off remotely, by voice, or with a smartphone app.
- ♦ Smart Motion Sensor: Program lights to turn on when someone enters a room and off when unoccupied.
- ♦ Smart Thermostat: Program to turn on/off as needed.
- ♦ LED Lightbulbs: Long lasting, energy efficient lighting.
- ♦ Wool Dryer Balls: Adding to your clothes dryer allows extra air flow to fabrics resulting in shorter drying time.
- ♦ Thermal Blackout Curtains: The thickness prevents sun from penetrating and overheating the room during the day, and it keeps heat inside your room at night and during colder months.
- ♦ Pressure Cooker: Steam trapped inside allows food to cook faster. Many newer models can be programmed and set in a variety of ways saving up to 70%.
- ♦ Smart Sprinkler: If you water regularly, set a timer to control and track your usage.
- ♦ Energy Use Monitor: Find out how much energy you use by connecting to your existing devices and make adjustments as necessary.



Billing Schedule February 2025

Bill Due Date	23-Feb
Usage From	31-Dec
Usage To	31-Jan
SEDC Pickup @11:59pm	1-Feb
Bill Sent	1-Feb
Late Notice Sent	24-Feb
Contact/Follow Up	4-Feb
Disconnects/Cut Off	11-Feb



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.

