

# NORA News



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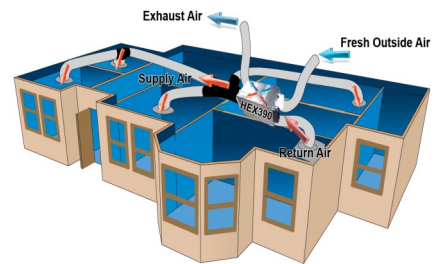


## Proper Ventilation Improves Indoor Air Quality & Energy Efficiency

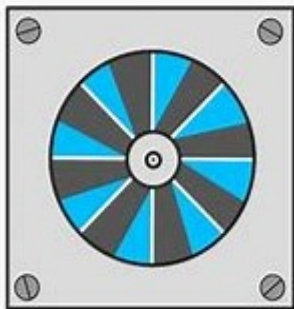


A properly maintained ventilation system is crucial for a healthy indoor environment as well as operational and energy efficiency. Indoor air quality is more important than ever to help prevent the spread of various illnesses including the COVID19 virus. Other indoor contaminants including dust, pollen, cleaning agents, building materials, and pesticides can lead to a number of physical ailments including asthma, allergies, and eye nose and throat irritation.

Since most people spend the majority of their lives indoors, it's important to minimize these indoor air pollutants and the deterioration of air quality. Taking some simple steps to implement an efficient ventilation system can significantly improve the health and comfort of your indoor environment and help increase your energy efficiency. The following are some examples of ventilation problems and solutions:



**Variable Airflow.** Some HVAC systems are designed to operate at reduced or interrupted flow in response to space conditioning needs. This may also reduce contaminant removal. To avoid this, define the minimum ventilation rates by air cleanliness and distribution, temperature and humidity.



**Vent Placement.** When air supply vents are placed close to sources of pollution such as heavy traffic areas, trash dumpsters or exhaust vents, this creates a pathway for contaminants to enter the building. Evaluate where your air supply vents are located and make adjustments accordingly.

**Air Distribution.** Make sure registers are not covered by furniture or

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## Enter Now: 21st Chama Valley Open Golf Tournament August 21, 2021



Registration forms to compete in the 21st Chama Valley Open may be picked up at the NORA office. Deadline for registration is Monday August 9, 2021, by the end of the business day. Please make checks payable to "NORA Electric Cooperative \*Golf."

NORA is also looking for official sponsors for the tournament to help bear the cost of operational and promotional expenses. For a \$100.00, 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 the event.

All tournament proceeds from NORA's Chama Valley Open Annual Golf Tournament are used to fund the yearly golf scholarship offered to local service area high school seniors as well as an annual golf camp offered to middle and high school students.

For complete details on how you can enter your team in the 21st Annual Chama Valley Open Golf Tournament or on how you can become a sponsor, please contact the Chama office at 575-756-2181, or email Victoria Gonzales at [vgonzales@noraelectric.org](mailto:vgonzales@noraelectric.org) or Anthony Mercure at [amercure@noraelectric.org](mailto:amercure@noraelectric.org).



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other equipment and that there are no barriers or partitions positioned in a way that airflow would be restricted. The air distribution within a room will be balanced when the air supply and return air vents are located at a reasonable distance from one another.



**Ventilation System Scheduling.** To succeed at maintaining good indoor air quality, ventilation system scheduling should be based on building occupancy levels and operating hours. Demand-controlled ventilation using carbon dioxide or volatile organic compound sensors can optimize indoor air quality and save energy.

Maintaining optimal indoor air quality takes ongoing monitoring and a commitment to making the necessary adjustments. This will contribute to better health, productivity, and energy efficiency.

**Billing Schedule August 2021**

<b>Bill Due Date</b>	<b>24-Aug</b>
Usage From	30-Jun
Usage To	31-Jul
SEDC Pickup @11:59pm	1-Aug
Bill Sent	1-Aug
Late Notice Sent	25-Aug
Disconnects/Cut Off*	TBD
Contact/Follow Up	1-Sep



**Keep Washing Hands & Social Distancing**

*Make it a best practice of continuing to wash your hands regularly, wear a mask in crowded public settings, & keep a safe social distance.*



**Energy Safety Tip**



*Working around electricity is no joke. Exposure to live current can result in shock, burns, severe injury or death. Seek medical attention immediately following exposure to electricity.*



**Touchstone Energy**

**Our linemen are on call**

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



**Important Upcoming Dates at NORA:**

**August 2nd:** Deadline to submit sponsorship graphics & business cards for the 21st Annual Golf Tournament

**August 9<sup>th</sup>:** Deadline for Golf Tournament Player Registration Forms

**August 21st:** 21st Annual Chama Valley Open Golf Tournament - Cattails Golf Course in Alamosa, Colorado.

**September 6<sup>th</sup>:** NORA Office closed in observance of Labor Day



**September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual Member Meeting**

11:00am Registration

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Meeting Begins

**REMINDER: Important Notice to NORA Consumers**

**THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION MORATORIUM ON DISCONNECTING SERVICES DUE TO NONPAYMENT OF THE MONTHLY UTILITY BILL TERMINATED ON MAY 5, 2021. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN ARREARS AND DO NOT WANT TO BE SUBJECT TO DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE FOR NONPAYMENT, YOU MUST EITHER PAY YOUR OUTSTANDING BILL IN FULL PRIOR TO THAT TIME OR ENTER INTO AN INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN WITH NORA BY MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021. ALTERNATIVELY, YOU MAY PROVIDE THE COOPERATIVE WITH EVIDENCE THAT YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR ASSISTANCE IN PAYING YOUR UTILITY BILL. TO DISCUSS THESE OPTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT 575-756-2181.**



If you are currently experiencing financial difficulty as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, the state of New Mexico is granting up to \$170 million in federal aid to those in need of paying rent, utility bills, water, trash and other expenses. The application process is open now through August 31, 2021, at [renthelpnm.org](http://renthelpnm.org) or call 833-485-1334.

