

Summer storm safety

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) encourages consumers to practice caution and safety during summer storms, which at times can be severe. Beware of flooded areas cause by heavy rains -- water and electricity do not mix! Below is safety advice to use following a summer storm:

Flooded areas — Be careful when attempting to walk in flooded areas and remember that submerged outlets or electrical cords could energize the water.

Wet electrical equipment — Do not use electrical appliances that have been wet. Water can damage the motors in electrical appliances, such as furnaces, freezers, refrigerators, washing machines, and dryers. Electrical parts can pose a shock hazard or overheat and cause a fire.

A qualified service repair dealer should recondition electrical equipment that has been wet. Certain equipment will require complete replacement, while a trained professional can recondition other devices.

Portable generators — Take special care with portable electric generators, which can provide a good source of power, but if improperly installed or operated, can become deadly. Do not connect generators directly to household wiring. Power from generators can back-feed along power lines and electrocute anyone coming in contact with them, including line workers making repairs. A qualified, licensed electrician should install your generator to ensure that it meets local electrical codes. Other tips include:

- Make sure your generator is properly grounded.
- Keep the generator dry.
- Make sure extension cords used with generators are rated for the load, and are free of cuts, worn insulation, and have three-pronged plugs.
- Do not overload the generator.
- Do not operate the generator in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces. Generators can produce high levels of carbon monoxide very quickly, which can be deadly.
- Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) to help prevent electrocutions and electrical shock injuries. Portable GFCIs require no tools to install and are available at prices ranging from \$12 to \$30.

Mountainair and Moriarty 4th of July parade!





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Notice: Field Crews Working in Your Area

Dear Members,

As part of our continued efforts to expand and improve broadband services in our community, you may notice field collection crews working in your area over the coming weeks. These crews are collecting important data and conducting field assessments necessary for the next phase of our broadband network buildout. The crews will be clearly identified and may be seen walking or driving along roads, easements, and utility lines. Please rest assured that they are working with permission and following all safety and privacy protocols. We appreciate your patience and support as we take these important steps toward bringing fast, reliable internet to our service area. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at 505-832-4483.

2025 Washington D.C. Government in Action Youth Tour Recipients



Andrew Ritter
Aubrey Sanchez
Cotton Page
Jaycee Armijo
Kyrah Bowker
Karina Villafuerte
Lucia Chavez
Nevaeh Sanchez

Every June CNMEC sends a select group of students from within our service territory to attend the NRECA Government in Action Youth Tour in Washington D.C., where they will join nearly 2,000 other participants from across the nation for an all-expense paid tour of our nations capitol.

While there, students will meet with Congressional Leaders and tour sites like the Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, the National Archives, and the FBI Building.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Replace your cooling system's filter regularly to maintain strong airflow and boost energy efficiency. A clean filter means your system doesn't have to work as hard, saving energy and lowering your utility bills. Factors like allergies and pets in the home can impact how often filters should be replaced. Check the filter every month and replace it as needed. Changing filters regularly also reduces wear and tear on your cooling system, helping extend the life of the unit.

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