



CNMEC

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Your Member Update, by Morgan Bond



A Message from your Co-op

As the seasons change and we move into fall, CNMEC is here to keep your homes warm, your lights on, and our community strong. We're more than just your electric provider. We're your neighbors. Working with you to make life brighter everyday
Thank you for being a valued member- owner!

Saving Energy During Peak Times



When many people use electricity at the same time—early mornings and evenings—the demand on the power grid goes up. This makes electricity more expensive and harder to deliver. By shifting when and how we use power, we can lower costs and keep electricity reliable for everyone.

What You Can Do to Help

- Adjust your thermostat a few degrees during peak hours.
- Delay using large appliances (dishwasher, washer, dryer, oven) until later in the evening or overnight.
- Charge electric vehicles overnight instead of right after work.
- Turn off lights and electronics when they're not needed.
- Use smart or programmable thermostats to automatically manage energy use.

Why It Matters

- Helps keep electricity affordable for all members.
- Reduces the risk of outages during high demand.
- Protects and strengthens our local power grid.
- Ensures reliable electricity for our families and communities.



Safety Corner

Outdoor Safety:

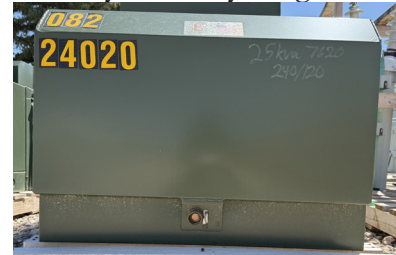
- Tree trimming: Never Attempt to trim branches near powerlines yourself- Call CNMEC (505)832-4483.
- Downed Lines: Always assume they are energized. Stay at least 30 feet away and report immediately.

Electrical Safety:

- Extension Cords: Never overload outlets or run cords under rugs.
- Space Heaters (coming soon!): Use only UL-certified heaters, keep 3 feet away from anything flammable, and never leave them unattended.

School Safety Tips;

- Remind kids never to climb utility poles, green transformer boxes, or electrical equipment at school or on the way to school.
- Teach children to report any downed power lines or exposed wires they see near school or playgrounds.



Capital Credits

IS YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CURRENT WITH CNMEC?

In order for CNMEC allocation statements and retirement distribution checks to reach members, we must have the most current address information on file. In 2025, we received hundreds of 2024 retirement distribution checks back as undeliverable because the address on file for these members was outdated or invalid.

We will be publishing a list of all the members that we received checks back for in the **September issue of Enchantment magazine**.

Please check the list and if you or someone that you know is on that list, please contact CNMEC so that we can update our records and re-issue the retirement check.

Energy Tips

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Take advantage of "shoulder months," which refer to the transitional periods between peak heating and cooling seasons. During the fall, these milder weeks typically occur between September and November. Shoulder months offer a great opportunity to reduce home energy consumption as the need for extensive heating or cooling is reduced. Look for simple ways to boost indoor comfort without running your heating and cooling system. Use ceiling fans and open windows on breezy days to ventilate your home. On cooler days, add a layer of clothing and avoid running the heat.



TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Solar energy is rising in popularity, and so are solar scams. If a salesperson knocks on your door promising free solar panels at zero cost or that you'll never have to pay your energy bill again, it's likely a scam. If you're interested in solar panels for your home, do your research, get multiple quotes from licensed providers who are reputable, and most importantly, take your time to ensure a smooth process.

