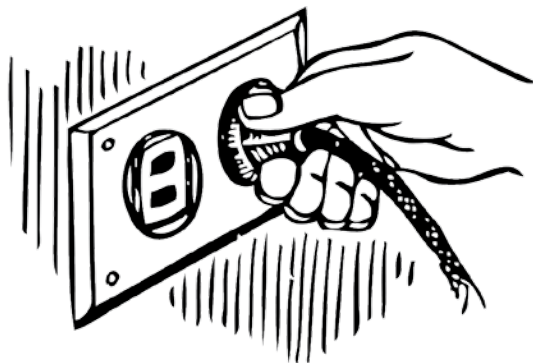


Home Safety Checklist



Kitchen/Bathroom

- Outlets around sinks should have ground-fault circuit interrupters or outlets that shut off when a current is flowing through a person. Consumers can buy interrupter adapters that plug into existing outlets in most hardware stores for \$20-\$30. Electricians must install permanent interrupters.
- Clean behind and underneath the refrigerator periodically to prevent dust and dirt buildup on coils and cords.
- Never touch an electrical device if you're in contact with water.

Bedrooms

- An electric blanket that is "tucked in" or covered with another blanket may overheat and catch fire.
- Make sure light-bulb wattages match the specifications on lighting fixtures throughout the house.
- Keep items that are stored in closets a safe distance from light bulbs. Certain materials near a hot bulb may catch fire.

Living/Family Room

- Install safety covers on outlets (in entire house).
- Keep cords out of walkways.

- Don't cover cords with carpeting or rugs. The cords could overheat.

Laundry/Utility Room

- Periodically vacuum your dryer's lint trap and exhaust hose. Lint buildup is a fire hazard.
- Make certain washer and dryer cords aren't pinched.
- Keep a 3-foot area around gas appliances, including water heaters, and furnaces clear of any clutter.

Garage/Workshop

- Use an adapter to plug three-prong plugs into a two-hole receptacle. Replace those without a three-prong plug or whose cords aren't double insulated.
- Never use a power tool if the grounding pin has been removed.

For more information on electrical safety, contact the National Fire Protection Agency at www.nfpa.org and the National Electrical Safety Foundation at www.nesf.org or call Otero County Electric Cooperative at 800-548-4660.



Office Closing

OCEC offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Scholarships Available From OCEC

Are you a high school senior planning to attend college in the fall? Did you know OCEC offers a scholarship to area seniors? For further information on applying, please contact your local OCEC office or visit our website at www.ocec-inc.com.



Application deadline for the 2017-2018 school year will be March 15, 2017.

Energy Efficiency Tip

A crackling fire in the hearth warms the house, but don't let it heat up your electric bill! Caulk around the fireplace hearth and keep the damper closed when a fire is not burning.

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The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the cooperative.



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