

Otero County Electric Cooperative



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (M-F)

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Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the Cooperative.

Safety Measures Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

Safety is the culture of OCEC. In joining the requirements of government officials to protect one another from contracting and spreading COVID-19, we are implementing lessons learned from others to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Equally important is the well-being of our employees. We are using best practices, good judgment and safety precautions to better serve you. We are also utilizing innovative ways to work together from safe spaces, including video conferencing, teleconferencing and more.

To help your cooperative and area communities reduce spreading of the virus and encourage social distancing, please follow these guidelines:

- Contact our support staff and report power outages by calling 1-800-548-4660.
- Keep updated by following us on Facebook and our website.
- If you see our employees working in the field, please wave a great big hello but keep your distance. We need to keep them—and you—healthy and safe.

We are taking additional steps to mitigate unnecessary risk:

- Work-related travel is suspended and participation in group gatherings halted.
- Many of our staff now work from home to help with social distancing.

Please stay safe and know that OCEC will continue to operate and provide the highest-quality service possible for you, the members we serve. The spread of COVID-19 may necessitate changes in how we interact, but it will not change what we do.

Paying Your Utility Bill

OCEC understands the financial hardship the COVID-19 outbreak may be causing our members. During this time, we encourage you to pay what you can toward your electric bill to avoid an extremely high balance when situations return to normal. If you're struggling to pay your bill, call us at 1-800-548-4660. Representatives will be happy to work with you to find an arrangement that fits your situation.

Payment Options

- By Phone:** Convenient and available 24 hours a day using credit/debit card or electronic check. Call 844-846-2695.
- Online:** Visit www.ocec-inc.com and click the "Pay Online" Button in the upper-right corner of the home page.
- By Mail:** Payments may be mailed to: OCEC, P.O. Box 669, Carrizozo, NM 88301.
- Drop Box:** Available outside offices in Cloudcroft, Alto and Carrizozo. Do not deposit cash in the drop box.
- Payment Kiosk:** Payments can be made by cash or card at various locations: Mescalero Tribal Store-190 Chiricahua Plaza; Mescalero Apache Telecom Office-75 Carrizo Canyon Road; Smokey's Country Market (Capitan)-113 Smokey Bear Boulevard; Tularosa Travel Center-21 St. Francis Drive; OCEC Headquarters (Cloudcroft)-404 Burro Avenue.

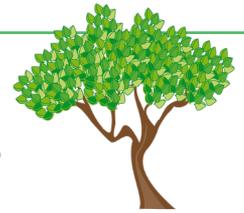
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Small Changes Add Savings

When the goal is keeping the house cool and comfortable, remembering that any activities adding heat and humidity to your air-conditioned spaces can increase your costs.

- A cooler stocked with cold drinks and chilled snacks and placed outdoors can help cut down on household traffic on hot summer days.
- When cooking, consider using smaller appliances like a slow cooker or fire up the grill.
- Ceiling fans operating in air-conditioned space can make you feel about 4 degrees cooler while you are in the room. But the benefits only occur when a room is occupied. Turn off the fan when you leave the room.

Trimming Trees Near Power Lines Can Kill



There's really no other way to say it: Trimming branches or limbs near power lines can kill.

If you look the other way, get distracted by deciding which limb to trim next or lose your footing, you could inadvertently make contact with a power line. You might think you have a steady hand but moving a few inches off course could be the last thing you ever do. It doesn't take contact with a wire to cause a fatal shock — electricity will jump to find the quickest path to the ground. Keep yourself and your tools or equipment more than 10 feet away from lines.

ELECTRICAL Safety

for Teens



DO NOT use generic chargers or cords. They could **overheat** or shock or burn you.



DO NOT put your cell phone **under your pillow** or take it to bed with you.



DO NOT use charging cell phones or other electrical devices **with wet or damp hands**.



DO NOT bring a charging cell phone or other electrical devices **near water**, including a **bathtub or pool**.



If you are in a car accident involving a downed power line, **DO NOT get out of the vehicle** unless you see smoke or fire.

If you must exit a burning vehicle near or on a downed power line, make a **clean exit from the car** and **land on both feet**; then **hop** with feet together, **DO NOT WALK**, to safety.

Safe Electricity.org



SAVE THE DATE!

OCEC Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 1, 2020
Cloudcroft High School Gym



Otero County Electric is closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

To report outages on weekends or holidays, please call 1-800-548-4660.