

Storm Soldiers

Although CVE works hard to maintain our equipment, monitor power delivery 24/7, and do all we can to keep the lights on, there are circumstances beyond our control that can interfere with power delivery. Summer storms can impact the distribution of electricity due to heavy winds, flooding, and other extreme conditions. Regardless of the reason, know that when the lights go out — even during extreme weather — our linemen are doing all they can to safely and efficiently restore power day and night.

Here is a look into what happens when the lights go out. CVE linemen swing into action in a safe and efficient manner to ensure your power is restored. How long that takes depends on several factors: the extent of the storm's destruction, the number of outages, and how long it takes for our work crews to safely access the storm-damaged areas. We are careful to follow standard restoration procedures to ensure safety and to get the job done right by:

- Assessing damage to utility equipment.
- Addressing immediate safety risks, including downed power lines.
- Ensuring that essential public health and safety facilities are operational.
- Prioritizing repairs that will restore power to the greatest number of members first.
- Repairing transmission lines that carry power to large areas.
- Assessing and repairing (in this order) substations, distribution lines, and service lines to properties.

CVE would like to thank members for their patience during power outages. Additionally we would like to thank the men who put their lives on the line every day to keep the lights on. Lastly we would like to recognize our contractors A.R.C. and Deans Electric for often helping us to restore power efficiently when a big storm strikes.



Powering Brighter Futures

Central Valley Electric Cooperative is excited for school to start back soon. We love being involved with the schools in our service area. Between our safety demonstrations, safety coloring contest, career fairs, and scholarship, we get to see the kids grow up over the years. We are also proud to help support area sports teams, and 4-H and FFA youth. These kids all work hard at their respective activities.

This summer the Artesia Public Schools STEM Camp invited us to participate in their summer egg drop. There were 75 students that designed and built their own device to protect and cushion an egg when dropped from 40 to 50 feet in the air. CVE provided the bucket truck and personnel to drop the devices to see if they protected the eggs during the drop. It is safe to say that no eggs were fried during the egg drop.



CVE is looking forward to another great school year. We will also be scheduling electrical safety demonstrations soon for 5th graders.

If you or your school have any specific educational needs, we are happy to help. Give us a call at 575-746-3571.



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