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Beyond the Wire

Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.



CELEBRATE CO-OP MONTH
FALL

FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

**FOOD | MUSIC | DOOR PRIZES | ACTIVITIES
AND MORE!!**

**JACK CASE COMMUNITY ROOM
1403 N 13TH ST, ARTESIA**

**COME BY ANYTIME BETWEEN
10:00 AM & 4:00 PM**

Celebrating Membership

October is National Co-op Month

Communities come in all shape and sizes. Some are based on geographical proximity, some are based on shared interests or hobbies, and some communities can even be found in virtual spaces like social media groups. Regardless of where or how they are formed, communities can bring people together and create a sense of belonging.

Central Valley Electric Cooperative is deeply committed to our members, and we're glad you are part of the electric cooperative community.

This October, more than 30,000 cooperatives across the U.S. are celebrating National Co-op Month. It's a time to reflect on all the aspects that set cooperatives apart from other types of businesses, but more importantly, it's a time to celebrate the power of co-op membership.

Electric cooperatives are not-for-profit utilities that are built by the communities they serve. For CVE, our mission has always been to provide you with safe, reliable, affordable power. We are about your quality of life, and because we are locally operated, we're uniquely suited to meet our members evolving energy needs.

Beyond the business of electricity, our employees and board of trustees are equally invested in our local community. Why? Because we live here, too. That's why we work hard to support local economic development projects, youth programs and scholarships, charitable giving initiatives and additional programs that make our community a better place to call home.

This October, as we celebrate National Co-op Month and the power of membership, we hope you will recognize the many aspects that set electric cooperatives apart. Our mission is safe, reliable, affordable power. Our purpose is people — the local communities we're proud to serve.

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Give Safety a Shot this Hunting Season

Hunting season is in full swing, and Central Valley Electric Cooperative has had gunfire damage to some of our electric equipment. Fortunately, this time, the damage did not cause a power outage.

CVE asks that you note the location of power lines and other electrical equipment before you begin a hunt and be vigilant in wooded areas where dense trees can make them hard to see.

Please do not shoot birds off power lines or shoot at electrical equipment. CVE wishes all hunters the best of luck and a safe harvest.



Be Fire Prevention Smart - Don't Get Burned!

Electricity usually makes life easier by powering kitchen appliances, gadgets, and electronics we use for entertainment. However, that same electricity contains the potential to destroy homes and take lives. Electric fires are more destructive than any other type of fire, and they are twice as deadly.

Central Valley Electric Cooperative and Safe Electricity has the following information to help you keep your electric system safe.

- **Consider getting an electric inspection** of your home, especially if it's an older home, or you have never had an inspection.
- **If an electrical fire starts in your home, do not use water to extinguish it.** Water conducts electricity, and you could get an electric shock. Use an extinguisher that is approved for use on electric fires.
- **Flickering lights, warm, cracked, or sparking outlets** all indicate electric problems.
- **If circuits trip, fuses blow, someone gets a shock,** your home has an electric problem. Get an electric inspection.
- **Do not overload outlets,** or use an extension cord as a permanent wiring solution.
- **Contact an electrician about installing an arc fault circuit interrupter (AFCI).** An AFCI monitors the flow of electricity in your home. If the flow of electricity is irregular and could cause a fire, the AFCI shuts off electricity. An AFCI costs around \$35, plus the cost of professional installation. The cost also depends on the size of your home and how many circuit breakers you have.
- **Inspect electric plugs and cords annually.** If they are frayed or cracked, repair or replace them. Do not place cords under rugs, or staple or nail them to the wall.



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