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Beyond the Wire

Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.



October is National Cooperative Month

This month, electric cooperatives across the country take time to celebrate National Co-op Month and reflect on the unique advantages of being part of a cooperative. It's also the perfect time to thank you—the members who make it all possible.

Unlike investor owned utilities, Central Valley Electric Cooperative doesn't exist to make profits for distant shareholders. We exist to serve you—our members, our neighbors and our communities. That purpose is what sets us apart. It's why we were founded, and it's what continues to drive every decision we make.

At its core, being a cooperative means we are member-owned and locally controlled. That's not just a tagline; it's the very heart of our business model. Members have a voice in how our co-op operates. You elect board members who live right here in our service area and understand the unique challenges and opportunities our communities face. Decisions aren't made in corporate boardrooms hundreds of miles away; they're made here at home, by people who care about the same things you do.

This local accountability means we can stay focused on what matters most: delivering reliable, affordable electricity and providing real value to the people we serve.

We do that by investing in essential infrastructure upgrades and technologies that strengthen our local grid and improve electric service. We work hard to manage costs and keep rates as low as possible—because we know how much rising prices

affect families and small businesses in our area. And when storms hit or outages occur, CVE crews are here and ready to respond quickly, because we live here too.

But our commitment doesn't end at the power lines. Co-ops were built to meet community needs, and that purpose extends well beyond delivering electricity. Whether we're supporting local schools, sponsoring youth programs, partnering with volunteer organizations or helping our communities in any way we can, we are always looking for ways to improve the quality of life in the places we serve. Community support isn't an afterthought—it's part of our mission.

We're also planning for the future. As electricity demand grows due to new technologies and economic development, electric co-ops are working to ensure we continue to meet those needs with a balanced, reliable energy mix. We know our members care about affordability and dependability, and we're committed to delivering both.

That's the power of the cooperative difference. That's what it means to be powered by purpose.

This National Co-op Month, I encourage you to take pride in your cooperative membership. You're not just a customer—you're an owner, a stakeholder, and a vital part of a larger effort to keep our community strong, connected and energized.

Thank you for the trust you place in us. We're proud to be your local electric cooperative.



Why Do We Trim Trees?

Trees add beauty to our landscape, provide oxygen and help conserve energy. But many power outages are caused by tree-related issues.

When trees grow too close to power lines they can cause power disruptions, fire hazards or outages. That's why branches and limbs that grow into or near power lines need to be trimmed and sometimes removed.

If your trees start to crowd power lines, DO NOT trim them yourself. Contact Central Valley Electric Cooperative and we will trim the trees safely.



CVE OFFICE CLOSURE

On Friday, October 31, the CVE office will be closed between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for an employee event.

Thank you.

DECORATE SAFELY THIS HALLOWEEN

Avoid real scares this Halloween!

- Check electrical cords for fraying or bare wires to avoid shock or fire.
- Inspect for damaged plugs, replace damaged decorations.
- Make sure decor and power cords are rated for outdoor use.
- Do Not overload extension cords or let them run through water on the ground.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE



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