

Five Ways to Save Energy When Working from Home

Today, more Americans are working from home than ever before. More time spent at home means more energy used throughout the day.

If you're punching the clock from home, there are small steps you can take to reduce your energy use and save on electric bills. Here are five easy ways to save energy when working from home.



1. **Use a smart power strip.** Plugging in your most-used devices, like computers, monitors and routers, to a smart power strip ensures these devices aren't drawing power when they're not in use. Smart power strips also give you the option to select which devices should stay in "always on" mode.
2. **Unplug your least-used equipment.** If your home office includes equipment like printers and scanners, you're probably not using these electronics every day. In this case, go ahead and unplug your least-used electronics and devices, since many of these draw energy even when they are not being used.
3. **Choose ENERGY STAR®-certified office equipment.** If you're looking to purchase new equipment for your workspace, look for the ENERGY STAR® label to ensure you're getting the most energy efficient features. Computers, monitors, imaging equipment and other office electronics that receive the ENERGY STAR® rating include power management features to make saving energy easy, and most are designed to run cooler and last longer.
4. **Flip the switch and use natural light instead.** It's still chilly out there, so take advantage of natural light and additional warmth from the sun. When you're working during the day, open blinds, curtains and other window coverings to let natural light in and don't forget to turn off the lights to reduce energy use!
5. **Lower the thermostat.** Home heating makes up a significant portion of your energy bills. Turn the thermostat down a couple of degrees during the day to reduce energy use and save money. The Department of Energy recommends setting the thermostat to 68 degrees or cooler during winter months. You're more likely to stay focused and alert when it's cooler in your home, so all the more reason to mind the thermostat.

Working from home doesn't have to take a toll on your energy bills, and whether you're working remotely or not, these practical tips can help everyone reduce their energy use.

Contact CNMEC if you have questions about your electric bills or want additional information about saving energy at home.



NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

In Accordance with Article II, Section 2.03 of the Bylaws, notice is hereby given that Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc. will hold the Annual Meeting of its Members and Election of Trustees on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at the Moriarty High School Gym in Moriarty, New Mexico.

MEETING CONTINGENT ON STATE HEALTH RESTRICTIONS

Registration and voting are from 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Business Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

Trustee positions to be filled are as follows:

District No. 5: (Moriarty, Edgewood and Stanley Area)
At Large comprising the areas of District 1 and 8

District No. 7: (Corona, White Oakes, Duran area)
North Boundary: Township line between T1N and T1S to Range line between R11E and R12E; North on Range line to Township line between T1N and T2N; East along Township line to range line between R14E and R15E; North along Range line to Township line between T3N and T4N; East along Township line to Co-op boundary;
East Boundary: Co-op Boundary
South Boundary: Co-op boundary
West Boundary: Co-op boundary

District No. 8: (Northwest Moriarty, Edgewood area)
North Boundary: Co-op boundary
East Boundary: State Hwy 41
South Boundary: Old Hwy 66
West Boundary: Co-op boundary

Candidates must live in the district for which they are running. Anyone wishing to file for candidacy must do so in the Mountainair Office on Thursday, March 10, 2022, before 4:00 p.m. Candidates must attend an informational orientation workshop to be qualified to have their name placed on the ballot. The date for the workshop will be scheduled after the filing for candidacy date.

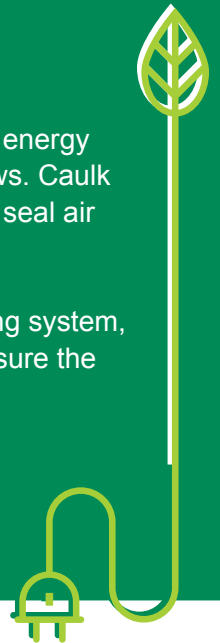
If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Suzy Edmonds at 505-847-1012.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

About 30% of a home's heating energy is lost through inefficient windows. Caulk and weatherstrip all windows to seal air leaks.

When running your home heating system, lock all operable windows to ensure the tightest seal possible.

Source: Dept. of Energy



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Important Announcement for Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative Members

At Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, we value our members and are committed to providing you with safe and reliable electricity.

Many homeowners aren't aware that the exterior electrical lines and certain components on their property are their responsibility. If a breakdown to this line occurs, it is up to you to find an electrician and pay the repair costs.

Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative selected HomeServe to offer *optional* Exterior Electrical Coverage to our members. Look for more information about our new partnership in the next few weeks.

Learn more at

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