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Creating Community Along the Line

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One might think that Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative is defined by geography. After all, our service territory is easily drawn on a map. But I've come to realize that our electric cooperative is much more than a set of boundary lines. It's a community.

In a community, neighbors watch out for neighbors, families take care of families, and we all work together toward the common good. That's not so different from an electric cooperative. We're community-focused, and our goal is to efficiently deliver affordable, reliable, and safe energy to the people who count on us. That means if we have to choose between making a buck or watching out for your best interest, we'll choose you and the greater community every time.

And really, that's no surprise. We aren't a traditional for-profit company. Our electric cooperative was built by the communities we serve, and we continue to be led by consumers like you. Even when we work together with other cooperatives around the country to develop new technologies and infrastructure, we always have an eye on our community at home, working hard to make sure these new solutions work for the local community we represent.

To me, the power of a community comes from the people who live here. People who love where they are, and love being together. I know that all of us at CNMEC are glad to be a part of *your* community, doing our part to help it thrive: from securing 24/7 energy sources to building a smarter community grid and more.

We didn't set out to create a community when our electric cooperative began. But I'd like to think, as we've grown and served you and your neighbors over the years, we've helped to create one along the way. For that opportunity, and so many others, I am truly grateful.



Matthew Collins
CEO



HARVEST SAFETY TIPS FOR FARMWORKERS

- **Maintain a 10-foot clearance** around all utility equipment in all directions.
- **Use a spotter and deployed flags** to maintain safe distances from power lines and other equipment when doing field work.
- **If your equipment makes contact with an energized or downed power line, contact us immediately** by phone and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab, without touching it at the same time, and hop away to safety.
- **Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle.** Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipe and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.

Source: Safe Electricity



AMERICA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

DUCTLESS HEAT PUMPS



Ductless heat pumps, or mini-splits, are a proven technology that can offer long-term energy and financial savings. These heat pumps function the same way as traditional heat pumps, by absorbing energy in the form of heat from one location and moving it to another, but they distribute indoor air without the need for ducts. The technology continues to grow in popularity as U.S. homeowners seek more energy efficient products. Specifically, a ductless heating and cooling system can be a great option for homeowners who wish to heat or cool individual rooms.

DUCTLESS HEAT PUMP BENEFITS

MORE EFFICIENT



Save up to 36% in annual heating and cooling costs*



No ducts and no duct leakage



Long, quiet run times

BETTER COMFORT



Keep rooms at individual temperatures



Integrated air filtration



Efficient fans vary speed to keep a consistent temperature

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Cookware Tip: Copper-bottomed pans heat faster on the stove. In the oven, ceramic and glass dishes are better than metal. With ceramic and glass dishes, you can turn the oven down about 25 degrees, and your meal will cook just as quickly.

Source: energy.gov



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