



## COLD WEATHER DRIVES USAGE UP

During winter months, many members see higher electric bills due to increased energy usage. Cold temperatures cause heating systems and homes to work harder to stay comfortable. Below are some common reasons winter electricity usage increases:



### HEATING SYSTEMS RUN LONGER

As outdoor temperatures drop, electric heating systems and heat pumps must operate more frequently and for longer periods—especially in the morning when it's coldest.



### HOMES LOSE HEAT FASTER

Cold air and wind pull heat from homes more quickly. Drafty doors, windows, or limited insulation allow warm air to escape.



### HEAT PUMPS USE BACKUP HEAT

During very cold weather, heat pumps may switch to auxiliary or backup heat. This systems uses extra electricity to provide heat.



### INCREASED INDOOR ACTIVITY

Colder weather means more time spent indoors, leading to increased use of lighting, cooking appliances, washers, dryers, and hot water.



## Our Crews Are Ready Powering Through The Cold



Winter maintenance and outage response often happen in harsh conditions. From icy winds to freezing temperatures, CNMEC line workers take pride in doing the work it takes to keep the power on for our members.



### Stay Connected with CNMEC

**Website:** [www.cnmec.org](http://www.cnmec.org)



**Smarthub app:** Pay bills, report outages and view usage



**Facebook:** @CentralNewMexicoElectric

## Safety Corner

### Winter Electrical Safety :

- Don't overload outlets when using space heaters and electric blankets.
- Inspect cords for fraying or damage before plugging in winter appliances
- Turn off space heaters when leaving the room or going to sleep.

### Storm & Outage Safety:

- Report outages and hazards through Smarthub or by calling CNMEC.
- Avoid icy areas near power lines, poles, or equipment after storms.



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## Upcoming Event

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**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 11, 2026, at the Estancia High School Gymnasium in Estancia, New Mexico. Registration and voting are from 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Business Meeting begins at 11:00AM Trustee positions to be filled with locations of districts are as follows:

District No. 1: Northeast Moriarty area

North Boundary: Old Hwy 66 to Hwy 41 then North along Hwy 41 to Coop  
boundary East Boundary:

From Coop boundary line on North, South along Hwy 285 to Township  
line between T7N and T8N

South Boundary: Township line between T7N and T8N

West Boundary: Coop boundary line. (Clements Rd.)

District No. 3: Vaughn – Encino area

North Boundary: Coop boundary

East Boundary: Coop boundary

South Boundary: Township line between T3N and T4N (6 miles South of Vaughn)

West Boundary: Hwy 3 from Township line T3N and T4N to Encino Hwy 28

North from Encino

Candidates must live in the district for which they are running. Anyone wishing to file for candidacy must do so in either the Mountainair Office or the Moriarty Office on Thursday, March 12, 2026, 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.