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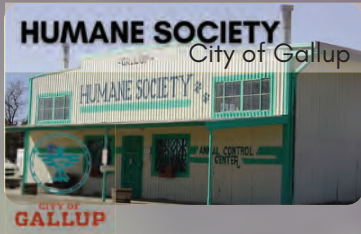
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Pie Town

This New Mexico town has long been known for its decadent assortment of desserts and pies **Page 14**

A homesteader feeds his daughter at the Pie Town Fair free barbecue in October 1940. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

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To safely operate a standby generator, make sure it has a transfer safety switch to isolate the

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Without this safety switch, there is a good chance electricity can travel back through the lines causing back feed. Back feed creates a hazard for anyone near the power lines, particularly the utility crews working to restore power.

The transfer switch, also known as a double-throw switch, should be installed near the service entrance panel or fuse box in your home or business by a qualified electrician.

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Back-to-School Student Safety

Every day, Farmers' Electric Cooperative lineworkers are high atop poles throughout our local communities—a good place to keep an eye on things.

At this time of year, our lineworkers are on alert because children are back in school. Our lineworkers may spot a student with a problem, a stalled school bus or some condition that may be unsafe for our school children and needs to be reported.

Follow these tips to help keep students safe this year:

Bike Riders

- ▶ Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic and in a single file.
- ▶ Come to a complete stop before crossing the street. Walk bikes across the street.
- ▶ Always wear a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing.

Walkers

- ▶ Walk on the sidewalk if possible. When on a street

with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.

- ▶ Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming.
- ▶ Make eye contact with drivers before crossing. Always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections.

Bus Riders

- ▶ Stand 6 feet away from the curb.
- ▶ If you must cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the side of the road until you are 10 feet ahead of the bus. The child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other.

Driving Your Child to School

- ▶ Obey school-zone speed limits. Follow your school's drop-off procedure.
- ▶ Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street.
- ▶ Never pass a bus loading or unloading children.

Make a Plan to Protect Your Equipment

Now that was some storm last night! The power was off until the wee hours of the morning. As you go about your daily chores, you discover the telephone answering machine and the DVR are no longer working. In a panic, you begin checking other appliances.

Sound familiar? Have you stopped to think about all the electronics you use on daily basis? TVs, the DVR, washers and dryers, ovens, microwaves, refrigerators, coffee makers, the air conditioner—you name it, and it is electronically controlled.

Today's home appliances are filled with transistors and microprocessors that are wonders of modern technology. They are also highly susceptible to fluctuations in electrical voltage. Protecting your equipment from voltage fluctuations is far more manageable when compared to the cost of repair or replacement.

Various forms of power quality issues can result in damaged electronics. The source of those issues can come from one of four primary power disturbances: voltage fluctuations, transients, electronic noise and power outages.

Voltage fluctuations: Dimming lights or “shrinking” computer or TV displays are common visual indications of voltage problems. These voltage problems can be caused by overloaded electric circuits or the starting of large electric motors. If this condition is continuous, it can cause errors in data storage and retrieval as well as permanent damage to equipment.

Transients: Transients are brief voltage spikes above the normal voltage level carried on the power lines. Most transients (70% to 90%, by some estimates) originate inside the home or business and are generally caused by electric motors coming on and going off. Lightning is also a very damaging cause of spikes. These spikes can cause computer programs to stop running or erase data stored in memory. In the case of lightning, they can cause a total equipment meltdown.

Noise: Electrical noise can be created by radio transmissions, fluorescent lighting, LED lighting and light dimming devices. Electrical noise can cause unexplained glitches in computer programs. Transients and noise are the most common source of power disturbances that affect computers and other electronic circuit performance.

Power outages: Power outages are the total interruption of the power supply to your home or business. They may be caused by overloaded circuits within the home or may be widespread, involving the utility's distribution system, such as bird contact, a lightning strike, vehicle/utility pole collision and more.

A power outage may cause the complete and total loss of any information in a computer's memory. This total loss of any information in a computer's memory, and whatever precipitated the outage, may also damage other electronic equipment.

Protective devices: To minimize problems from voltage fluctuations, transients, noise and power outages, invest in a surge arrester (surge suppressor), and/or a power



You can buy the Line-R 600, a backup power source, for around \$50.

conditioner.

The best offense is a good defense. Don't wait until you experience problems to search for solutions.

Some protective devices are designed to be used on only one appliance or computer (point of use). Others are designed to be installed on your home's electric service entrance, providing protection for all equipment supplied from that power source. The best form of protection is at the service entrance and on each separate appliance.

For those dependent on reliable power for a computer, APC makes the Line-R 600 unit that regulates the voltage on an as-needed basis. It also becomes a universal power source when there is a power outage. This backup power generally lasts up to 15 minutes and will allow you to save any program that had been running at the time of the interruption.

Follow these tips to stay protected:

- Replace appliance attachment plugs that wobble or pull out of the outlet easily.
- Never remove the grounding pin from three-prong plugs.
- Consider a home wiring checkup. Have a qualified licensed electrician check for loose connections or overloaded circuits.
- Have a qualified licensed electrician verify your home's electrical system is properly grounded.
- Make sure any surge arrester/suppressors you buy have been tested by UL and carry a UL14449 listing.
- Most importantly, if you notice your lights dimming or brightening, go directly to your service panel and flip your main breaker switch. Once you have determined the voltage threat has passed, you can turn your power back on.





The enchanted CEO

By Charise Swanson

2023 Youth Tour

What an incredible journey the students from rural New Mexico embarked on in June, thanks to the generous sponsorship of their local electric cooperatives. This year's Youth Tour consisted of 39 eager young delegates representing 13 of our 15 NMRECA member cooperatives. Six dedicated chaperones—Evelyn Vigil and Mary Salazar, NMRECA youth tour coordinators; Maynard and Enrique Salazar, Mary's husband and son; and Central Valley Electric's Raelynn Bean and her spouse, Dusty—made this wonderful trip happen!

Their expedition kicked off with an insightful NM Capitol Day on June 12, when they met Sen. Pat Woods in person at the Round House and Lt. Gov. Howie Morales via a virtual chat.

The group departed for Washington, D.C., the following day at dawn. Their packed itinerary included a tour of the Capitol and visits to the Pentagon, Lincoln, World War II and Vietnam Veterans memorials. They also visited the Iwo Jima Memorial, watched the Sunset Parade and toured the Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The trip featured visits to historical sites such as Ford's Theatre, the Peterson House (where President Lincoln died), and Mount Vernon, President George Washington's plantation. The students enjoyed exploring museums, including the National Air and Space Museum.

In their busy schedule, the group met with staff from the offices of Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez, Rep. Melanie Stansbury and Sen. Martin Heinrich.

A highlight of the tour was the selection of Victoria "Lexi" Kilpatrick from Lea County Electric as the NMRECA representative at the national level for the 2023 Youth Leadership Council. Andrew Essary from Roosevelt was chosen as the alternate. The selection process was based on a comprehensive review of applications, the students' GPAs, their involvement in various programs, community service contributions, public speaking engagements, personal goals and overall conduct.

Lexi has the exciting opportunity to participate virtually in the YLC Conference and other leadership webinar workshops with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. She will attend NRECA's PowerXchange annual meeting in March 2024 and be invited to NMRECA's annual meeting to address the membership.

This incredible journey has left an indelible mark on the lives of these 39 delegates. A once-in-a-lifetime experience, this tour provided them with invaluable educational experiences and a deeper appreciation for service, leadership and history. We are all proud of them and are thankful to be part of their incredible journey!



ABOVE: Thirty-nine delegates attended the Youth Tour while representing NMRECA. **BELOW:** Victoria "Lexi" Kilpatrick, left, was selected to be NMRECA's representative on the Youth Leadership Council, with Andrew Essary as the alternative.





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Teach Your Children Well

By Miranda Boutelle

Q: How can I encourage my children to use less electricity at home?

A: When I was a child I dreamed of one day having a home where I could pay my own electric bill—said no one ever.

While it's not the most fun way to spend money, people typically want to live in a home with electricity. Educating children on energy use and costs can help engage them with your family's goal to use less electricity. They can be electric conservation champions if you ask for help.

There are several ways you can teach children to use less electricity.

Show them how to read the electric bill. Focus on what you can control: kilowatt-hour use. If they are old enough, teach them how to do the math. You can calculate kWh use by multiplying wattage by hours used and dividing by 1,000. Multiply this by the kWh rate found on your electric bill to estimate how much you spend on power for each household appliance.

For example, a space heater that uses 1,500 watts and is on for four hours a day for a month uses 180 kWh. With an average kWh rate of 13.7 cents in the United States, the space heater costs about \$25 a month to operate. That same space heater costs about \$74 a month if it is on for 12 hours a day. Your kWh rate may be lower or higher depending on where you live.

To find household appliance wattage, look for the amount stamped on the bottom, back or nameplate. If the nameplate does not include wattage, figure it out by multiplying the voltage by the amperage.

To teach children the impact of saving energy, have them help you conserve with the household's biggest energy-consuming appliances: heating and cooling. Teach children to dress appropriately for the seasons, even when they are indoors, which allows you to set the thermostat to balance comfort and savings.

You can also leave the house during the hottest times of the day to go for a swim or



Include your children in discussions about what temperature to set the thermostat to balance comfort with energy savings. PHOTO BY MIKE TEEGARDEN

play outside. Before you go, nudge up the thermostat a few degrees to avoid wasted energy cooling an empty house. Turn off fans when you leave a room.

The second-highest use of electricity is typically the electric water heater. Use a shower timer so older children can monitor how long they are in the shower. Teach them to wash clothes with cold water. If you have a gas water heater, look at the gas bill to find opportunities to save.

Other ways to save include turning off the lights when you leave the room. The more we switch to LED lighting, the less savings associated. Yet even little changes can add up throughout the year. If your child needs a night light to sleep, make sure it's an LED bulb.

Powering down gaming stations and computers is another way to save.

In the kitchen, keep the refrigerator door shut. Teach children to take a

quick peek and shut the door while they think about their snack options.

After teaching your children about electric bills and showing them how to save electricity, make a game out of your family's energy conservation. Challenge the family to use less energy than last month or the same month last year. Use the savings to reward them with a treat or let the winner pick the game night activity.

You can also teach children where the electricity for their home comes from. Check out your utility's website or give them a call to find out what energy sources power your home. 🌱



Miranda Boutelle has more than 20 years of experience helping people save energy. She has worked on energy-efficiency projects from the Midwest to the West Coast. Today, Miranda is chief operating officer at Efficiency Services Group in Oregon, a cooperatively owned energy-efficiency company.

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Flying Into The Final Frontier

Venus has now departed from our evening sky, but two other planets remain visible low in the dusk during August. During the first half of the month, Mercury can be seen close to the horizon, while Mars is slightly higher. The Red Planet disappears into twilight by month's end, not to reappear in our morning sky until about six months from now.

Our solar system's two largest worlds dominate the skies this month. Saturn, already in the southeast by the end of dusk, is at opposition directly opposite the sun in the sky August 26 and remains visible throughout the night. Jupiter follows along about three hours later, rising an hour or two before midnight and prominently placed in the eastern sky throughout the morning.

After passing between Earth and the sun mid-month, Venus rapidly shoots into the morning sky in late August, already

rising before the end of dawn by month's end. Our sister planet dominates the morning sky throughout the rest of 2023.

The annual Perseid meteor shower should reach its peak on the morning of Sunday, August 13. The moon will be just a few days before its new phase and thus will not interfere, although monsoon season may be another matter. If the weather cooperates, sky-watchers in dark rural sites may see as many as 60 or more meteors per hour.

Virgin Galactic successfully conducted its first commercial flight to space from Spaceport America near Truth or Consequences June 29. The flight had a passenger crew of three Italian researchers. Full commercial operations are expected to begin in August, with flights to suborbital space expected to take place monthly. 📧

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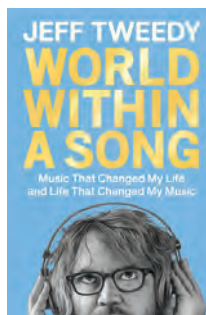


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Pie Town

and the Recipe to Savory Success

By Dixie Boyle

The village of Pie Town, located

on Highway 60 along the Continental Divide in western New Mexico, has long been known for its decadent assortment of desserts and pies. Not just the more common apple or pumpkin pie, but delicious concoctions with names that make your mouth water.

Have you ever heard of chocolate chess pie with red chile? Lemon blueberry or buttermilk pie? Peach pie with green chile and pine nuts, lemon rhubarb pie, or coconut creme and peanut butter pie? The list of Pie

Town creations goes on and on.

Pie Town was originally called Norman's Place after Clyde Norman, who moved to the area in 1922 to try his hand at mining. When the mining venture went bust, he built a gas station and store where he sold homemade donuts on the side. The donuts were so popular that Clyde expanded to pies and other desserts.

Cowboys working on ranches in the area started making special trips to the area to buy baked goods. Before long, everyone was referring to the location as Pie Town.

Clyde later sold his business to homesteader Harmon Craig, who increased the focus on pies. Harmon's wife, Theodora Baugh, was a former schoolteacher with a knack for making pies and desserts. She would make her husband's roadside business a destination.

Harmon was instrumental in the development of the town. He encouraged the area to open to homesteaders and donated 160 acres for a town site. The land around Pie Town had been bypassed by earlier homesteaders because of the high altitude and poor soil.

In the 1940s, refugees fleeing the



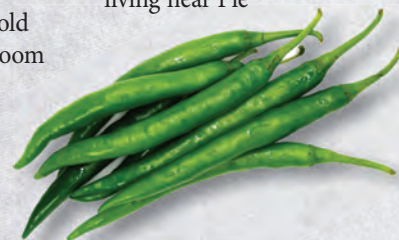
Dust Bowl in Oklahoma and Texas began arriving in Pie Town because of the promise of free land. By 1940, more than 200 families lived on homesteads surrounding Pie Town.

Pie Town has always been an isolated location. During its early years, a stagecoach made a round trip daily through town and stopped at Harmon's store and post office. The stage was an old car outfitted with extra room for carrying packages, mail, newspapers, people and even crates of chickens. Since the town had no phones or electricity at the time, the stage was

the main form of communication in the area. Many awaited the arrival of the stage each day, making Harmon's store and post office the busiest place in Pie Town.

Pie Town gained some national notoriety through the work of Russell Lee, a photographer with the Farm Security Administration in 1940. His stay in Pie Town coincided with the time of the greatest influx of homesteaders moving to the area. He took 600 images documenting homestead life.

The homesteaders living near Pie



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Town often got together at different community events. There were community sings, dances, literary meetings, church services and sewing circles.

Pie Town's unique history has attracted writers from the New Yorker, Smithsonian and New Mexico magazines. They often feature the pie-baking community, attracting travelers and locals to share a piece of pie in one of the two restaurants: the Pie Town Café and the Pie-O-Neer Restaurant.

Kathy Knapp, former owner of the Pie-O-Neer Restaurant, resurrected the town's pie industry in 1995 when she moved to town from Dallas. When she and her mother decided to stop in Pie Town for a piece of pie during their first visit, there were no places selling pie in the small town. Kathy quit her job and moved to Pie Town where she started learning to make pies.

In 2014, Kathy became known as the Pie Lady of Pie Town when she starred in a 29-minute documentary by Jane Rosemont. The documentary received good reviews at film festivals around the country, making Pie Town a popular destination once again for those wanting a slice of pie.

The community sponsors a popular Pie Town Festival the second Saturday in September. For those traveling between Socorro and the Arizona border, Pie Town is the perfect location to stop and enjoy the scenery while partaking of delectable pies, unique desserts and friendly conversations. 🍷



TOP: Women prepare to serve meals at the barbecue dinner during the New Mexico Fair in October 1940 in Pie Town.

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MIDDLE: During the early years of Pie Town, a car—known as the stagecoach—made a round trip daily through town, stopping at Harmon Craig's store and post office to drop off mail. The stagecoach brought a crowd each day. PHOTO COURTESY OF RUSSELL LEE PHOTO

BOTTOM: Friends meet in Pie Town at the October 1940 New Mexico Fair. PHOTO COURTESY OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS



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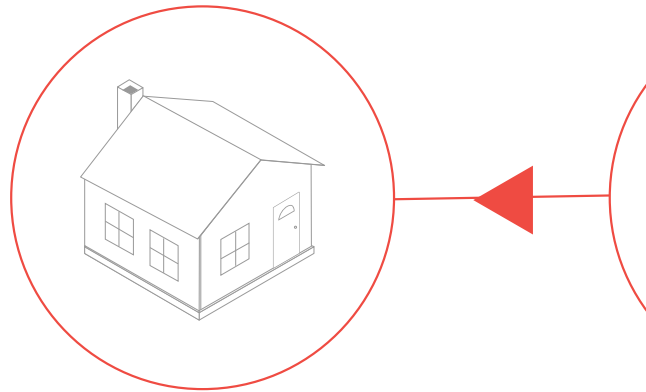
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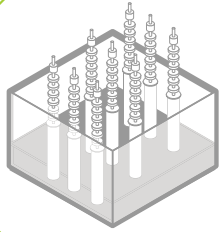
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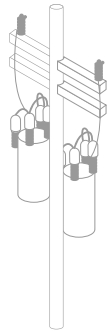
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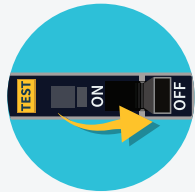
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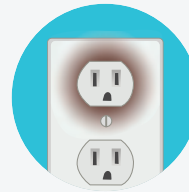
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Popular Dishes, Refreshing Treats

As the end of summer approaches, school supply lists are filled and outdoor temperatures becoming tiresome, let's enjoy some simple and delicious recipes.

A popular restaurateur dish is chicken and waffles. While each recipe is similar, this month's perky chicken and waffles combines the unique pairing with a spicy twist with the addition of ancho chile as well as cumin to the breading. A touch of honey gives the recipe a sweet flair while the chicken coating delivers a punch.

To soothe palates on even the hottest of days, try popsicles. Greek yo berry pops are simple to prepare and offer a quick snack on warm afternoons and evenings—and they're a delightful treat. The snack combines a hefty punch of yogurt protein and antioxidants from the berries. Consider the popsicles an appetizer to whatever is served at the next meal or a fine snack or dessert that stands on its own.

Perky Chicken and Waffles

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| 1 package frozen waffles of choice | ¼ teaspoon garlic powder |
| 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts | ½ teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup flour | ¼ teaspoon pepper |
| ⅓ cup cornmeal | ½ cup honey |
| 2 teaspoons ancho chile powder | 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar |
| ½ teaspoon smoked paprika | 1 ½ cups milk |
| ½ teaspoon ground cumin | 1 egg |
| | 2 cups canola oil |

In a resealable bag, mix flour, cornmeal, chile powder, paprika, cumin, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Seal and lightly shake to incorporate. Set aside a tablespoon of the mix for later.

In a bowl, mix vinegar, milk, egg and half of the honey. Whisk together until well blended.

Dip each breast in the milk mixture then the spice mixture. Repeat one more time.

In a heavy skillet, heat canola oil until shimmering on top. Fry the chicken, turning until golden on each side and until the meat thermometer reads 160 F when inserted into the chicken. Remove and drain on paper plate.

While chicken is frying, toast eight waffles until golden.

With the remaining honey, whisk in the tablespoon of reserved spice mixture and microwave for 30 seconds in an uncovered, microwave-safe container.

To serve, plate waffles, top with fried chicken and drizzle honey sauce on top.



Greek Yo Berry Pops

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| 2 cups Greek yogurt | ½ cup finely crushed chocolate cookies of choice |
| 1 cup frozen strawberry, raspberry and blueberry mix | popsicle sticks |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | |

In a food processor, pulse frozen berry mix until coarsely chopped.

Add yogurt and vanilla to a bowl and lightly stir until smooth. Gently fold in chopped berry mix, leaving streaks.

Spoon the mixture into popsicle molds, sprinkle a small amount of crushed cookies on top and insert popsicle sticks.

Freeze until firm.



Sue Hutchison was born and raised a block from the freeway in Southern California. She had an early start with industrial, large-scale cooking before age 20. She's always been both a beach bum and at home in the kitchen, where she enjoys making new creations.

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With high-quality, delicious fare and excellent customer service, the newly opened Cedar Creek Market was a delightful stop for the UFI team.

Cedar Creek Market opened April 3 in Ruidoso, New Mexico, with owners Ron and Pam Starr's goal of serving up an enjoyable atmosphere with consistent high-quality menu items and over-the-top customer care.

"We want to remember all our customers' names and give each one a personal touch when they come," Pam says.

The UFI team sampled the burrito New Mexico, consisting of green chile, tender shredded pork, potato and cheese in a soft flour tortilla and found it to be very appetizing. Also a best seller is their free-range, antibiotic-free chicken salad served on either a butter croissant, whole wheat bread or as a scoop with butter crackers.

Investigators loved the ample ice cream

sammie, consisting of fresh and housemade chocolate cookies filled with Haagen-Dazs ice cream and their salted caramel blondie including housemade butter rum sauce and pecans. A variety of sweets and iced cream are on the chalkboard menu, with menu items being carefully curated and changed to include only top-quality offerings.

"Today's product is as good as yesterday's and will be tomorrow," Ron says.

Pam adds, "If something is bland, why sell it?"

The market offers a shopping experience as well, featuring soft music, beautiful local and regional artisan wares, including woodworking, jewelry and other items of interest. The UFI team happily added Cedar Creek Market to its "Revisit List."

If you go: Cedar Creek Market is located at 716 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call ahead at 575-495-4380 for more information.



Ron Starr handles a batch of ice cream sammie cookies.

Beware: The UFI team may strike near you! Watch for the next enchantment installment to highlight New Mexico's finest local eateries. Feel free to recommend spots for the team to investigate.



LEFT: The Cedar Creek Market salted caramel brownie with homemade butter rum sauce was a hit with the UFI team. RIGHT: Cedar Creek Market also sells local artisan wares.

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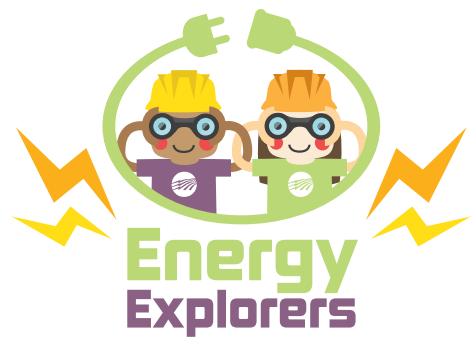
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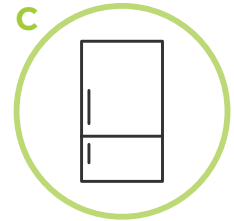
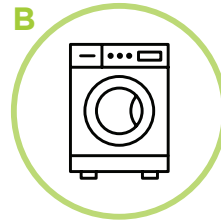
We use electricity every day, but we rarely think about the appliances and electronics that consume the most energy. Can you spot the biggest energy users?

Review each grouping below, then circle the one that you think consumes the most energy. Check your work in the answer key.



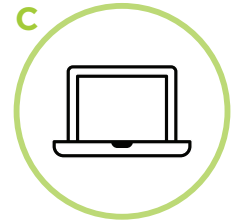
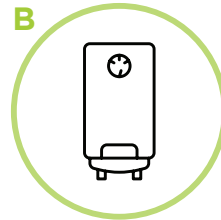
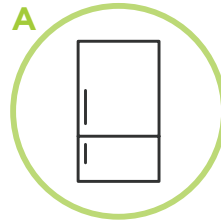
1.

- A) Heating and Cooling Unit
- B) Clothes Washer
- C) Refrigerator



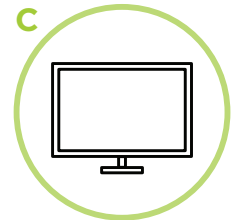
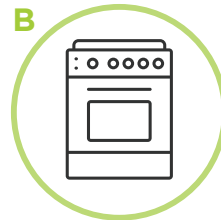
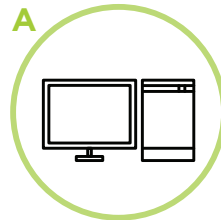
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- A) Refrigerator
- B) Water Heater
- C) Laptop Computer



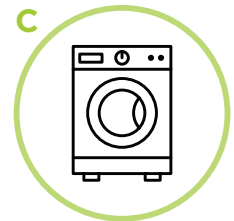
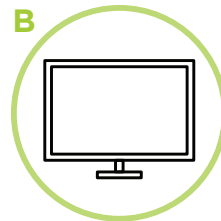
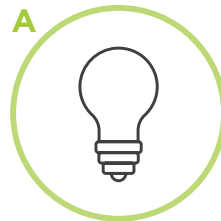
3.

- A) Desktop Computer
- B) Electric Oven
- C) TV



4.

- A) LED Lights
- B) TV
- C) Clothes Dryer



Answer Key: 1. A 2. B 3. B 4. C



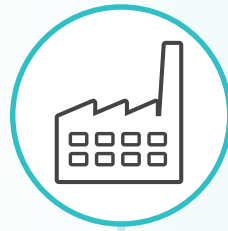
Save Energy!

- Wash clothing in cold water and air-dry when possible.
- Only run full loads in the dishwasher.
- Turn off lights when you leave a room.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Unplug electronic devices when not in use.

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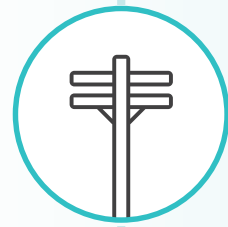
That Impact Energy Bills

You pay for the electricity you consume each month, but there are additional factors that impact your energy bills.



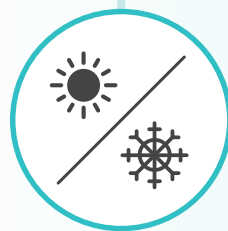
Fuel Costs

Before electricity can be delivered to your home, it must first be generated at a power plant or from a renewable source. The cost of fuels used to generate electricity fluctuates, which is why you see a power or fuel charge on your monthly bill. This monthly charge covers cost fluctuations without having to continually restructure electricity rates.



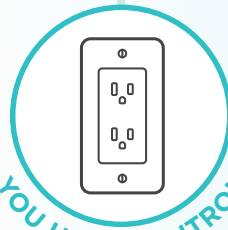
Service Costs

Your bill includes a monthly service charge, which recovers part of the co-op's ongoing investments in poles, wire, meters, system maintenance and additional costs necessary to provide electric service.



Weather

When temperatures soar or dip, your cooling or heating equipment must run longer and at maximum capacity, which can greatly increase your energy use. Extreme temperatures can also affect electricity market prices. When the need for electricity increases due to extreme heat or cold, the price of power typically rises.



Energy Consumption

This is the amount of electricity you use each month to power your home's cooling/heating system, appliances, lighting, electronics and more. The amount of electricity you consume is measured in kilowatt-hours, or kWh. You have control over how much energy you use, which can ultimately help manage your monthly costs.

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August 4-6

Questa Art Tour

The Questa Art Tour is now in its 8th year, with over 50 artists in their studios in the wild beautiful landscape of northern Taos County.

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August 12 and 13

Guadalupe County Fair

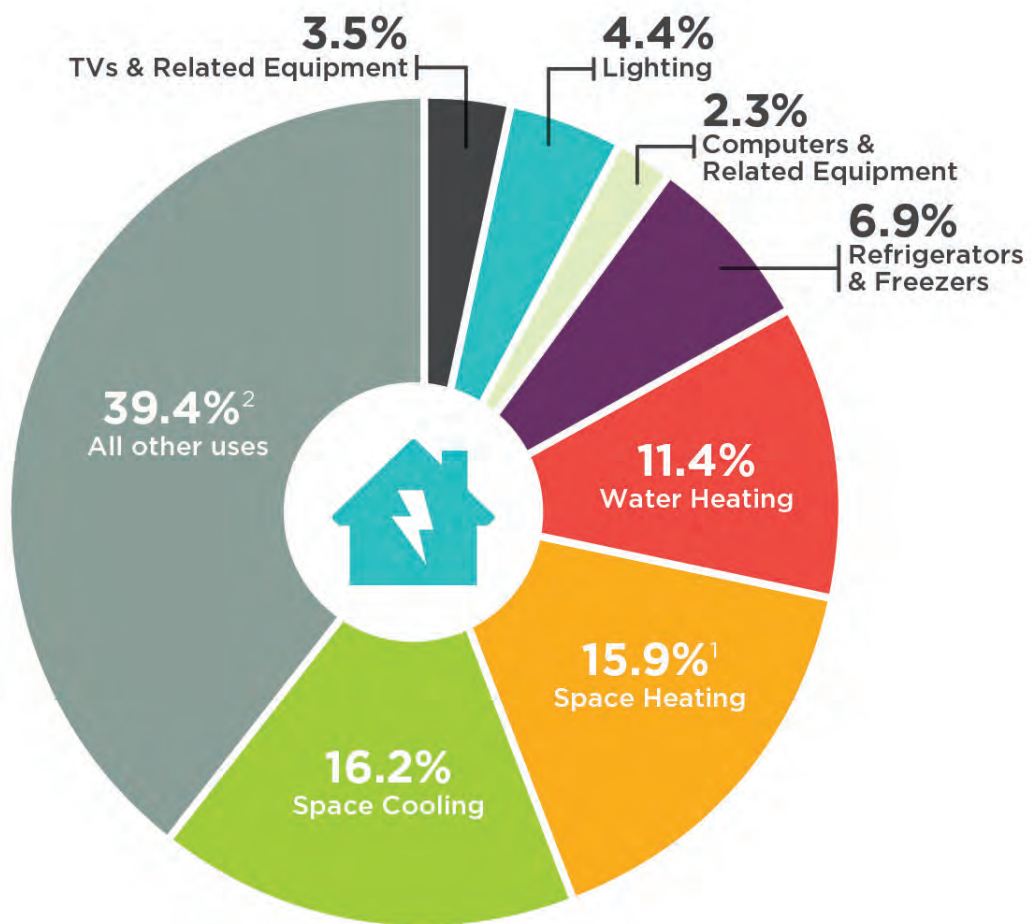
The Guadalupe County Fair includes rodeo action, a livestock auction, community events and more.

Held at the Guadalupe County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa, the fair has three days of events.

For more information, visit www.guadalupecountyfair.com or the fair's Facebook page, or contact the fair's extension office at 575-472-4652.

How Americans Use Electricity

The latest data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows the combined use of clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, small appliances and other electrical equipment (noted as "all other uses" below) accounts for the largest percentage of electricity consumption in American homes.



Source: Energy Information Administration 2022

¹Includes consumption for heat and operating furnace fans and boiler pumps.

²Includes miscellaneous electronics, clothes washers and dryers, cooking equipment, dishwashers, heating elements, and motors.

Powering Through an



Sort the many choices for home generators

By Paul Wesslund

If you're wondering whether to buy a home generator in case of a power outage, you're not alone. Backup power sources have become so popular that manufacturers now offer a wide range of choices.

Options run from pull-start gasoline models costing a few hundred dollars to permanent outdoor installations for several thousand dollars. That variety makes it easier to get exactly what you want, but

harder to choose.

A good first step is to think about what you want a home generator to do. Do you want to keep your phone charged? Do you want to make sure your refrigerated food doesn't spoil? Do you want to make sure you have heat and air conditioning through an extended outage? Answering those questions will require you to know the wattage of the appliances you want to run so you know the capacity of the generator you need.

You might also ask if you really need a generator. The average home in the United States is without power about seven hours a year. Is that enough to justify the expense and attention?

Another part of your planning should

be contacting your electric utility to get its expert advice on the best and safest fit for your home.

Here's what to know about the four basic choices in home generators:

Portable generators are small enough you might take them on camping trips. The cost for these can vary from as low as \$400 to more than \$2,000. Most portable generators should be able to run a refrigerator or a window air conditioner.

Special attention to safety is required. These generators should never be used indoors, not even in a garage. The carbon monoxide they produce can be deadly in minutes. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports 85 people die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning

caused by gasoline-powered portable generators. Portable generators should be operated more than 20 feet from the house and be connected only with outdoor extension cords matched to the wattage being used. Look for models with a carbon monoxide detector and automatic shutoff.

Appliances should be plugged in to the generator—the generator should never be plugged into an outlet or your home's electrical system.

Inverter generators are higher tech versions of standard portable generators. The power they produce changes to match what the appliances use, so although they are a little more expensive, they use fuel more efficiently and make less noise. The same safety guidelines apply to both inverter and standard portable generators.

Standby generators can cost \$7,000, plus installation, but they have the benefit of turning on automatically during a power outage and running your entire house. Typically, a permanently mounted outdoor unit is connected to your home electrical system and runs on propane or natural gas. It must be installed by a professional electrician.

You should also spend the money to have an electrician install a transfer switch. That acts as a mini-circuit breaker to protect your appliances and can be an easier way to connect the house to the generator.

Power stations, also known as batteries, charge themselves while the power is on. They're not as powerful as some of the other options—and can be more expensive—but they're quiet, easy to operate and some are designed to look good hanging on the wall. They can cost between \$400 and \$6,000. One common use of power stations is to pair them with rooftop solar panels so electricity from the sun is available even at night.

With the increased intensity of storms and our reliance on electronic devices, power outages can be a bigger concern these days. Technology gives you many choices for how to react, whether you want to make sure you're never without power, or you're willing to just light a candle and wait for the lights to come back on. ■

Most portable generators are powerful enough to run a refrigerator or a window air conditioner. Special attention to safety is required, and they should never be used indoors, not even in a garage. PHOTO COURTESY OF CANVA



ADOBE STOCK PHOTO BY AS PHOTO FAMILY



Standby generators are permanently mounted outside the home, then connected to the home's electrical system. Standby generators run on propane or natural gas and must be installed by a professional electrician. ADOBE STOCK PHOTO BY SPHRANER

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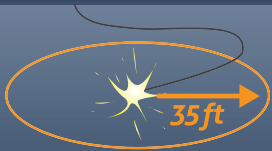
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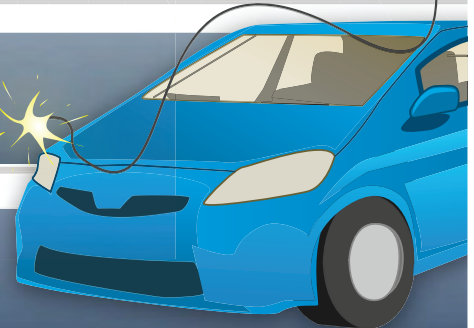
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Warn others to stay at least **35 feet away**.



Tell others not to approach vehicle, downed lines, or anything that may be in contact with downed lines.



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In the Event of Fire or Smoke

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Jump from the vehicle with your **feet together**.



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