

# THE OUTLET

The Official Member Newsletter of CORE Electric Cooperative

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## Powering the community safely

CORE Electric Cooperative is committed to maintaining efficient and safe operations of our essential equipment. Our guidelines regarding landscaping and fence construction near our infrastructure ensures the safety of our operations and protects our members.

It is crucial that our equipment — such as transformers, meters and other key components — remain readily accessible to our service technicians. Overgrown vegetation, improperly placed fences and other obstructions can significantly hinder our ability to quickly respond to outages or perform routine maintenance.

### CORE meters and fences

When constructing new fences, please ensure the electrical meter remains outside the fence. A clear and level working space of four feet must be maintained around the meter at all times. If a fence is already installed, CORE requires reasonable access to our equipment. If you have any locked gates, we kindly ask that you



provide a gate code for access.

### Landscaping near pad-mounted transformers

Single-phase transformer equipment must have a minimum of 18 inches of clear working space on the sides and rear of the equipment, and 10 feet of clear working space in front of the equipment.

Please refer to our Right of Way Planting Guidelines, available on [www.CORE.coop](http://www.CORE.coop) for more information, including a list of trees and shrubs

suitable for our climate.

By working together and following these guidelines, we can keep our community's power infrastructure safe, accessible and efficient.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact our Member Services team or visit our website: [www.CORE.coop](http://www.CORE.coop) > **News and Resources > CORE and Your Property.**

## We might be your perfect fit

You and Colorado's premier utility might be the perfect fit!

**We currently have open positions throughout our cooperative**, including our Finance, Information Technology, Member Experience and Operations departments.

CORE offers competitive salaries, an exceptional benefits package, state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, and the opportunity to grow and thrive personally and professionally.

Visit [www.CORE.coop](http://www.CORE.coop) and click on the Careers tab for more info and current job openings.

## CORE and FarmBox Foods' hydroponic tree farm thrives

CORE recently celebrated our partnership with FarmBox Foods as the evergreen saplings in CORE's vertical hydroponic farm, housed inside an upcycled, insulated shipping container, continue to thrive.

The vertical hydroponic farm purchased by CORE is the first to be solely dedicated to tree propagation. FarmBox Foods, a Sedalia-based manufacturer of controlled-climate farms, operates

the indoor tree farm and is conducting research on drought resistance, nutrient dosing, lighting and other growing parameters.

The goal of the project is to rehabilitate forests within our service area.

Learn more about CORE's sustainability practices at [www.CORE.coop](http://www.CORE.coop) > **My Cooperative > Sustainability.**

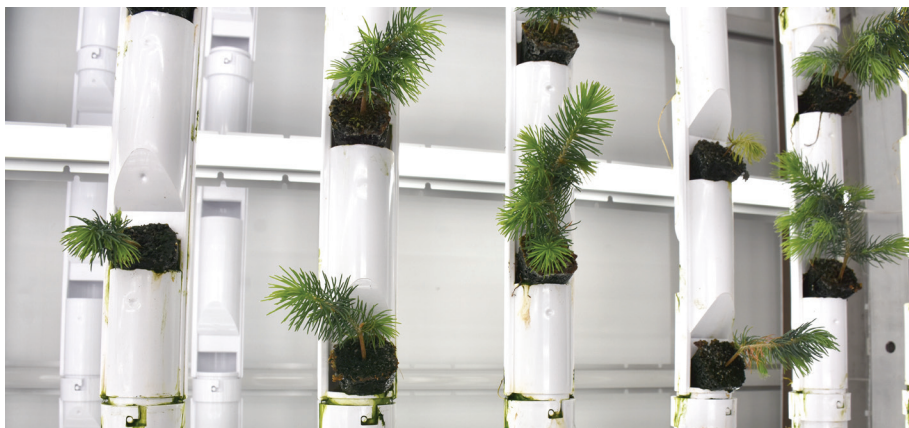


Above: CORE's vertical hydroponic farm.

Right: Pam Feuerstein, Interim CEO for CORE, and Chris Michlewicz, FarmBox Foods VP of Communications, check out the inside of CORE's vertical hydroponic farm.



Below: The first round of seedlings that will be placed in areas of CORE's service territory that have been affected by wildfires.



### Take the next step in payment convenience

Enroll in free Auto Pay and Paperless Billing!

By enrolling, you can get immediate access to your bill, avoid late payments and fees, keep track of your monthly payments digitally, save more trees, and save yourself \$7.00 a year.

You'll also help your not-for-profit cooperative reduce paper billing costs, which helps keep rates affordable.

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- Go to: Auto Pay Program
- Accept Terms and Conditions

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- Go to: Bill & Pay
- Go to: Settings > Paperless Billing
- Toggle "Go Paperless" to ON



**Are you prepared in case power goes out?** Colorado's extreme weather brings increased risk of service interruptions. Visit our online Outage Center at [www.CORE.coop/outage-center](http://www.CORE.coop/outage-center) to sign up for outage alerts, report a service interruption and get tips for outage preparedness.