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Preparing for spring storms

As the season transitions from winter to summer, spring weather in Colorado brings a mix of sunshine, snow and wind, resulting in potentially damaging storms. It is important to follow the safety precautions below to help you stay safe and prepared:

Stay connected

Register for CORE power outage alerts at the Outage Center at www.CORE.coop and your local government emergency alerts. Plan to monitor local weather, news and social media for detailed information during large outages.

Prepare an emergency kit Have an emergency kit ready with essentials such as water,

non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, a first aid kit and any necessary medications.

Secure outdoor items

Bring in or secure outdoor furniture, decorations and other items that could become projectiles in strong winds.

• Stay indoors

During severe weather, stay indoors and away from windows. If a tornado warning is issued, move to a basement or an interior room on the lowest floor of your home.

Use caution

If the storm brings heavy, wet snow, take breaks while shoveling

to avoid overexertion. Use proper techniques to prevent injury.

• Have a communications plan

Ensure all family members know how to contact each other in case of an emergency. Designate a meeting place in case you are separated.

• Check home safety devices

Verify that smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are functioning properly. Ensure first aid kits and fire extinguishers are not expired.

For more information, visit: www.CORE.coop > Outage Center.

Board elections voting in Districts 3, 5 and 7 opens March 24

As a member-owner of CORE Electric Cooperative, you have a voice. Members within each district elect a fellow member to serve a four-year term on CORE's Board of Directors and represent their interests in CORE business and policies. This year, the board seats for Districts 3, 5 and 7 are up for election.

Electronic voting will open March 24, and printed ballots will be mailed not less than 30 days before the annual meeting to members in any district in which there is a contested election. All electronic and mail ballots must reach the independent elections vendor by Friday, April 25.

Eligible voters who do not vote electronically or via mail can vote in-person Saturday, April 26, between 9 and 10 a.m. at CORE's headquarters in Sedalia. Voting by proxy is not permitted in director elections.

For more information about director elections, visit www.CORE.coop > My Cooperative > Leadership > Director Elections.



Grants for graduating high school seniors

CORE will award \$2,000 grants to 35 graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education.

Five high school seniors from each of our seven director districts will be chosen at random via a lottery-type drawing at the May 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

Visit www.CORE.coop > My Community > CORE Commitments > Education Grants for more information and to apply. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 30.

Annual meeting is Saturday, April 26

The annual meeting of the membership of CORE Electric Cooperative will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at CORE headquarters, 5496 N. U.S. Highway 85, Sedalia, CO 80135.

The meeting will include:

- 1. The presentation of reports covering the previous fiscal year.
- 2. Election of directors.
- 3. All other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Registration is from 9 to 10 a.m. the day of the meeting.



CORE's electrical safety poster contest is open!

CORE invites students in grades 1 through 5 to help us promote electrical safety through our annual Electrical Safety Poster Contest.

Artwork from all participants will be used as part of Electrical Safety Month in May. It can be hand-drawn or digitally created, but cannot include copyrighted images or content, or be created with the assistance of Al.

The deadline to submit artwork is 5 p.m. Monday, March 31. Visit www.CORE.coop > My Community > Electrical Safety Poster Contest for additional info and entry form.