

THE OUTLET

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Electrical safety matters: Tips to prevent hazards and stay prepared

CORE prioritizes safety above all else for our members, employees and communities, especially during National Safety Month. Ensure your safety this month and beyond with these tips:

Check your surroundings

Always call 811 for a utility locate if you plan to dig. Not calling increases your risk of hitting a buried line while digging. Hitting any utility line will not only disrupt your service, but could cause serious injury or death and require costly repairs.

Look up. If you plan to work with equipment or tall tools — ladders, excavators, etc. — ensure you are clear of any overhead powerlines.

Be aware

CORE infrastructure includes transformers, meters, meter pedestals, meter poles, exposed wire and powerlines.

If you see a downed powerline, do not approach it or drive over it. Move away and stay at least 50 feet from the line and anything touching the line. Always assume powerlines are energized and dangerous to people, animals and property. Downed powerlines should be reported immediately to CORE by calling (800) 332-9540.

Follow the space stipulations posted on and around high-voltage electrical equipment. Accessibility



is important. With a clear and open work environment, CORE personnel have the space to safely inspect equipment and gain access in case of an emergency or power outage.

Be proactive

Many CORE members live in areas with high wildfire risk. The best way to stay safe and increase the survivability of your home is to mitigate the risks.

Create a defensible space around your home by removing debris, dead vegetation and flammable items.

Report excessive vegetation or vegetation that contacts lines or transformers, or appears singed, browned or scorched by lines and equipment. CORE will take care of it, free of charge to our members.

Be prepared

Have a plan in case of power outages.

Prepare an emergency kit with flashlights, spare batteries, first aid kit and emergency contact numbers.

If you have a medical device that requires power 24/7, have a generator ready or a safe place to go.

Keep refrigerators and freezers closed as much as possible to retain the cold. Move food from the refrigerator to your freezer.

If you have an electric garage door opener, know how to use the manual release in case you need to get your vehicle out.

Again, If you encounter a downed powerline or other equipment, call CORE immediately at (800) 332-9540.

For additional safety tips, visit **www.CORE.coop > News and Resources > Electrical Safety.**

Shea retires; new board member to represent District 5

This year's Board of Directors elections resulted in the reelection of two incumbents and election of one new director. They will each serve a four-year term on the seven-member board, which guides the cooperative. This year, the seats in Districts 3, 5 and 7 were up for election.



In District 3, **Mike Sperry** ran unopposed.

In District 5, **Stacey Stegman** ran unopposed. She was elected as the newest representative and will fill the seat vacated by the retirement of Bruff Shea. Shea, who served on the board for 22 years, has made a lasting impact on CORE and numerous organizations across Colorado, distinguished by his wisdom, passion and unwavering commitment to service. We wish him all the best.

In District 7, **Jim Anest** was reelected to serve another term. Anest had one challenger, Ashley Smith.

Elections in Districts 1, 2, 4 and 6 most recently took place in 2023 and will be held again in 2027. Elections in Districts 3, 5 and 7 are scheduled again for 2029.

Visit www.CORE.coop > **My Cooperative** > **Leadership** for more information.



Pole testing, maintenance scheduled

As part of our pole maintenance program, CORE is in the process of testing our electric utility poles.

Our contractor, Osmose Utilities Services Inc., will perform the work through early July. Osmose crews may require access to and/or through your property to perform the necessary work around the existing poles.

More updates can be found at www.CORE.coop > **News and Resources** > **CORE News**.

2024 Year in Review available

Join us as we explore the milestones we achieved and strategic initiatives that propelled us forward in our 2024 Year in Review.

View the interactive report or download a printable copy at www.CORE.coop > **My Cooperative** > **2024 Year in Review**.

