

THE OUTLET

The Official Member Newsletter of CORE Electric Cooperative

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Staying ahead of wildfire risk



As dry conditions continue across our service area, CORE Electric Cooperative remains focused on protecting the communities and landscapes we call home. CORE's comprehensive wildfire mitigation plan is designed to reduce risk when conditions change. **By bringing together proven practices, modern technology and strong partnerships, we help protect people, property and the electric grid** you rely on every day.

Operational practices

CORE monitors weather forecasts and fuels data daily to maintain awareness of fire-risk conditions throughout our service area.

Inspection programs

Routine inspections of overhead distribution and transmission systems are conducted using ground crews and drone technology. Identified issues are prioritized and addressed based on risk. Wooden utility poles are regularly tested to assess structural integrity, and replaced proactively when needed.

System hardening

CORE continuously updates design, equipment and construction standards to reduce ignition sources and increase reliability.

Vegetation management

CORE's program includes scheduled trimming, mid-cycle inspections and pole clearing to maintain safe clearances from powerlines and equipment, particularly in high-risk areas.

Emergency response

CORE funds AI-enabled wildfire cameras that immediately alert employees and first responders if smoke is detected. The Wildfire Response Procedure identifies roles, responsibilities and actions to facilitate effective communication and coordination with Incident Command.

Members can stay prepared, too:

- Enroll in your county's or community's emergency alert system.
- Ensure the contact info on your CORE account is up-to-date.
- Visit www.WildfireRisk.org for more information on how to reduce fire risk in your community and on your property.

For more information visit www.CORE.coop > **Outage Center** > **Wildfire Mitigation.**

Terms to know

Fire Weather Watch

A Fire Weather Watch is issued to inform of the possible development of red flag conditions in the near future, generally the next 24 to 72 hours.

Red Flag Warning

Issued by the National Weather Service, these warnings occur when weather and environmental conditions such as strong winds, low humidity and dry vegetation create a high risk for rapid wildfire ignition and spread. The warnings signal elevated fire danger and the need for extra precautions.

Alternate Relay Settings (ARS)

During Red Flag Warnings or other high-risk conditions, CORE implements more sensitive circuit protection settings. These settings allow our protective devices to cut power the instant a fault is detected and reduce the risk of ignition. Any outages that occur under ARS are unplanned.

Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

During rare circumstances in which any ignition could quickly grow out of control, CORE may proactively de-energize powerlines in certain areas to ensure our equipment cannot start a fire. This is a last-resort measure reserved for the most extreme fire danger conditions, and for which CORE will provide as much advance notice as possible.

Power your EV your way with COREV



COREV, our suite of EV charging programs, gives you choice, control and convenience in powering your EV. Three electric vehicle programs are available for CORE members:

COREV Charge

CORE will install and maintain a CORE-owned Level 2 ChargePoint Home Flex charger, and will reimburse 50% of costs, up to \$300, for any make-ready electrical work through a CORE-contracted electrician. A \$22 monthly subscription fee covers all program benefits and will be added to your electric bill.

COREV Connect

Members who enroll in the program and share their EV charging data with CORE receive a \$15 annual bill credit after 12 continuous months of participation.

COREV Community Charge

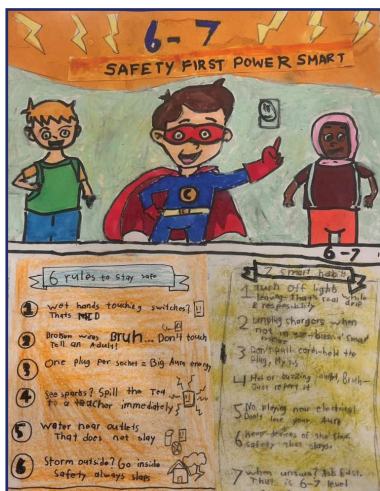
CORE members can charge their EVs at discounted rates at CORE-owned Level 2 and Level 3 public charging stations throughout CORE's service area.

Visit www.CORE.coop > **News and Resources** > **Electric Vehicles** to learn more and enroll.

Electrical safety poster contest winners

CORE invited students in grades 1 through 5 to help us promote electrical safety through our annual poster contest.

Congratulations to the 2026 winners!



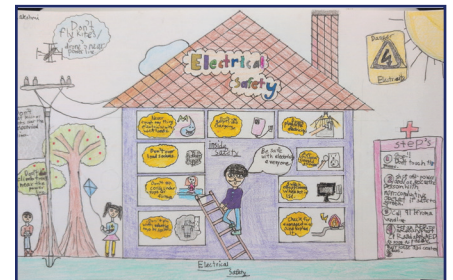
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Grade 4: Zelie W.



Grade 3: Chris G.



Grade 2: Lakshmi S.



Grade 1: Kayson T.