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The Voice of New Mexico's Rural Electric Cooperatives



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Bounds

February 2017

# Save the Date!

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Members of Sierra Electric Cooperative will be held Saturday, April 1, 2017, at the Hot Springs High School Gymnasium in Truth or Consequences.

Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m.  
Meal will be served at 11:30 a.m.  
Meeting will be called to order at 12:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Home Safety Checklist

### Kitchen/Bathroom

- Outlets around sinks should have ground-fault circuit interrupters or outlets that shut off when a current is flowing through a person. Consumers can buy interrupter adapters that plug into existing outlets in most hardware stores for \$20-\$30. Electricians must install permanent interrupters.
- Clean behind and underneath the refrigerator periodically to prevent dust and dirt buildup on coils and cords.

### Bedrooms

- An electric blanket that is “tucked in” or covered with another blanket may overheat and catch fire.
- Make sure light-bulb wattages match the specifications on lighting fixtures throughout the house.
- Keep items that are stored in closets a safe distance from light bulbs. Certain materials near a hot bulb may catch fire.

### Living/Family Room

- Install safety covers on outlets (in entire house).
- Keep cords out of walkways.
- Don't cover cords with carpeting or rugs. The cords could overheat.

### Laundry/Utility Room

- Periodically vacuum your dryer's lint trap and exhaust hose. Lint buildup is a fire hazard.
- Make certain washer and dryer cords aren't pinched.
- Keep a 3-foot area around gas appliances, including water heaters, and furnaces clear of any clutter.

### Garage/Workshop

- Use an adapter to plug three-prong plugs into a two-hole receptacle. Replace those without a three-prong plug or whose cords aren't double insulated.
- Never use a power tool if the grounding pin has been removed.

For more information on electrical safety, contact the National Fire Protection Agency at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) and the National Electrical Safety Foundation at [www.nesf.org](http://www.nesf.org) or call Sierra Electric Cooperative at 575-744-5231.



### Office Closing

SEC offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017, in observance of Presidents' Day.

## Attention Current and Prospective College Students!

The Sierra Electric Cooperative Education Foundation has a scholarship program available to active members and their dependents who are receiving service from Sierra Electric Cooperative.



Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. Applications are available at the Sierra Electric office or online. Applications are due at the Sierra Electric office by 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2017.

### Tip of the Month

A crackling fire in the hearth warms the house, but don't let it heat up your electric bill! Caulk around the fireplace hearth and keep the damper closed when a fire is not burning.



### Board of Trustees

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### Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the cooperative boardroom.



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