

# Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.

## Member Newsletter

### March 2026

#### This Month's Topics:

- **Go Green for St. Patrick's Day**
- **SEC Closed**
- **NM811 Call Before You Dig**
- **Annual Meeting Reminder**
- **Daylight Saving Time Change**

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The Board of Trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Cooperative boardroom.



#### Tips to go green for St. Patrick's Day

##### 1. Replace your HVAC filter

When was the last time you replaced your filter? If you can't remember, there's a good chance that it is time to replace it. Generally, these need to be replaced every three months, but factors such as having pets, climate and age of your system can cause this to vary.

##### 2. Install a smart thermostat

A smart thermostat can add convenience, generate savings and help you go green. You can set it to adjust your home's temperature depending on your schedule, and many thermostats can detect when no one is home and automatically reduce use. Incentives and deals are often offered by utilities — be sure to check with yours.

##### 3. Analyze your energy bill

Review past bills to better understand your energy consumption patterns. Understanding these patterns can help you decide when to run appliances, whether to pursue energy efficiency upgrades and how to start reducing your usage.

##### 4. Cut energy use during peak hours

In the springtime, the peak hours for electricity tend to be in the evenings. Consider going out to a park, restaurant or theater during this time to lower your electricity usage.

##### 5. Upgrade to energy-efficient appliances

Look for appliances that are ENERGY STAR-certified. These appliances use 10 to 15% less energy and water than standard models, according to Energy.gov.

**Sierra Electric Cooperative Office Closed**  
**Friday April 3, 2026 for**  
**Good Friday.**



## Call 811 Before You Dig

As the weather improves, many of our members undertake outdoor projects. Sierra Electric Cooperative reminds you to use caution while you work outdoors, especially around power lines. Overhead and underground power lines can pose a danger. 811, the national Call Before You Dig number, was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. Failing to call 811 and making risky assumptions can be life-threatening.

Every digging job requires a call- even small projects, such as planting trees or shrubs. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially be responsible for large fines and repair costs.

One call to 811 automatically notifies electric utilities, natural gas providers and communication providers who may have underground lines at your work site. Utility personnel mark or stake the horizontal path of their underground facilities, provide information about, or give clearance to dig. The simple service protects you from personal injury and protects underground facilities from being damaged. You can also visit [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com).



### Annual Meeting Reminder

**When:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025

**Where:** Truth or Consequences Civic Center, 400 W. 4th Street

Truth or Consequences, New Mexico

**Registration** 10:30 am

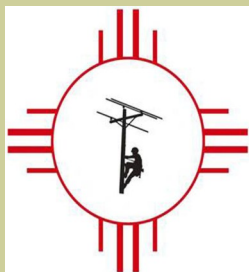
**Meal Served** 11:30 am

**Business Meeting** 12:30 pm



### Daylight Savings Time

Remember to turn clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday  
March 8, 2026.



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