

CELEBRATE NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH



October is National Cooperative Month, which reminds us to celebrate the benefits of being served by an electric cooperative. When you signed up for service with LPEA, you became a member of the cooperative. We are owned by the members we serve and are governed by a board of directors that you elect. All cooperatives share the common values of integrity, accountability, innovation, and commitment to community.

Integrity: Members first. Every day. That's the power of co-op membership. It means we deliver energy to our members at the cost of service, unlike investor-owned utilities that typically distribute their profits to investors across the nation. Any profits we earn are returned to members in the form of Capital Credits.

Accountability: With members in charge, you can feel confident the decisions made are in your best interest and the best interest of our community—a stark contrast to investor-owned utilities where the investor with the most shares has the most clout.

Innovation: LPEA offers innovative solutions to better serve members and meet their needs, including cutting-edge programs promoting energy efficiency and beneficial electrification.

Commitment to Community: LPEA invests time, money, and expertise to improve and strengthen our local communities.

Visit lpea.coop/cooperative-difference-principles for more information.

SCAM ALERT

Scammers have been targeting LPEA members by threatening termination of service unless they receive immediate payment. Don't be fooled!

Call us with any questions or concerns at (970) 247-5786

Heat Pump Water Heater \$700 REBATE



✓ RESIDENTIAL
✓ COMMERCIAL

Details and more information at lpea.coop/rebates

COOPERATIVE MONTH QUIZ : chance to win an electric chainsaw!



For National Cooperative Month, we're giving away an electric chainsaw to one lucky LPEA member! Enter to win by reading this newsletter for the answers, **filling out the below quiz, and sending it back to LPEA with your bill.** The winner will be drawn and announced in early November. You can also take the quiz online at lpea.coop/quiz. **Only one entry per household.**

1. Any profits LPEA earns are returned to our members in the form of _____.
2. Cooperatives share the common values of integrity, _____, innovation, and commitment to community.
3. LPEA offers programs promoting energy _____ and beneficial _____.
4. LPEA invests time, money, and _____ to strengthen our local communities.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Service Address: _____

IS YOUR HOME WINTER READY?

Before winter sets in, it is important to prepare for the dangers of low temperatures, snow, and ice. Here are four tips to help you get ready:

1. It's common for heating systems to malfunction in the early winter months. Call a professional to inspect your system early.
2. Weatherize your home to get the most out of your electricity. Update insulation and apply caulk and weather stripping around doors and windows. If your water heater is in a cold place, cover it with a specialized water heater blanket. For more tips, visit our website!
3. With winter weather comes power outages:
 - Get outage alerts and updates on your phone by signing up for LPEA's Outage Texting Service. Make sure the phone you wish to receive alerts on is registered on your account, and then text **"TEXTLPEA" to 1-888-839-5732**. Call us if you need help registering your phone(s).
 - Bookmark LPEA's outage map, which provides up-to-the-minute details on LPEA outages: **outage.lpea.coop**
4. Prepare an emergency kit for your home.

EMERGENCY Supply Kit Checklist



- Non-perishable food and water for each member of your household for 3-5 days
- Toiletries, hygiene items, wet wipes, and hand sanitizer
- Back-up plugs and chargers for your electronic devices (solar, car, battery, or crank)
- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlights and lanterns with new batteries
- Carbon monoxide detector
- Fire extinguisher
- First-aid kit and prescription/OTC medications
- Tools such as duct tape, screw drivers, pliers, safety goggles, etc.
- Emergency telephone numbers
- Utensils - include a non-electric can opener, cooking tools, paper plates, and plastic utensils
- Blankets, pillows, and warm clothing items
- Pet-care items

SIGHT YOUR SCOPES FOR FREE

Made possible by La Plata Electric Association

The Durango Gun Club's Outdoor Range

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC • OCT 13, 14
• OCT 27, 28
9AM TO 5PM • NOV 10, 11

For more information: (970) 749-3453

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LPEA WIRE

The latest news, services, programs, and resources from LPEA. Have a question or comment? Email us at comments@lpea.coop.



BOARD MEETINGS

October 19 + November 16
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

The agenda, access, and location details will be posted online in advance. Public comments are heard at the beginning of the meeting shortly after 9 a.m.

More at: lpea.coop/lpea-board-directors-resources



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

LPEA committee meetings change regularly to accommodate board member schedules. For upcoming meeting dates and times visit: lpea.coop/board-committees

**All meetings are open to the public. Depending on the latest guidelines around COVID-19, meetings may be held in person, virtually, or both. Visit lpea.coop for the most up-to-date details.*



LPEA CLOSURES

Veterans Day
Thursday, November 10
Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 24



LPEA GRANTS

The Round Up Foundation Board of Directors approved two grants **totaling \$9,575 in August**.

Approved Round Up Grants were for Riverhouse Children's Center for \$4,875. Approved Educational Grants were for Durango Instrumental Music Booster Club for \$4,700.