

## IS YOUR HOME WINTER READY?



Winter is coming, bringing with it storms, outages, and higher bills. Here are five quick and easy things you can do now to be prepared this winter:

1. Log in to LPEA's SmartHub app to report outages, manage your account, check your usage, and pay your bill anytime, anywhere. **Call us at (970) 247-5786 or visit [lpea.coop](http://lpea.coop) to get access.**
2. Get outage alerts and updates on your phone by signing up for LPEA's Outage Texting Service. **Text "TEXTLPEA" to 1 (888) 839-5732** from the phone registered on your account. Register your phone on SmartHub or by calling us.
3. Bookmark LPEA's outage map, which provides up-to-the minute details on LPEA outages: **[outage.lpea.coop](http://outage.lpea.coop)**
4. Try these 5 five quick ways to weatherize your home and get the most out of your electricity:
  - Install door and window weatherproofing and door sweeps.
  - Seal any gaps and cracks with caulk and foam.
  - If your water heater is in a cold place, cover it with a specialized water heater blanket.
  - Insulate your attic door.
  - If you have older windows, install plastic window seals.
5. 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
- 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

### BONUS \$\$\$ SAVING TIP

You can likely save money on your bill each month by switching to LPEA's Time-of-Use rates. This optional program charges you different rates for your power based on the time of day. More than 4,000 LPEA members are saving big with Time-of-Use rates.

**Call us for a free rate comparison at (970) 247-5786.**

## You can keep your neighbors safe and warm by GIVING THE GIFT OF WARMTH



Our neighbors who have a difficult time affording their home energy are often invisible. Their homes are a barrier preventing us from seeing the reality that they face inside: darkness and freezing temperatures. Thankfully, gifts from people like you have helped keep them safe and warm. Fill this out and return with your bill payment. The donated amount will be added to your future bill.

**THANK YOU!**

**Yes! I would like to make a monthly recurring gift of:**

\$10     \$20     \$25    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to make a single gift of:**

\$25     \$50     \$100    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### LPEA

La Plata Electric Association, Inc.  
A Touchstone Energy Cooperative



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## POWER TO GO: LPEA'S MOBILE SUBSTATION



Performing routine maintenance and necessary repairs on any of LPEA's 30 substations is made much easier thanks to one piece of equipment in LPEA's arsenal: our mobile substation. It allows our crews to de-energize critical electrical infrastructure without causing outages and is regularly used across LPEA's service territory to fix and replace aging equipment.

*"Since we added the mobile substation to our list of equipment, we've been able to complete major upgrades that are badly needed on our system," said LPEA Substation Maintenance Foreman Ryan Peacock. "It's really a win-win. We get to do our job and make our system stronger and more reliable, and our members get to keep the lights on."*

The mobile substation is impressive. Measuring 45-feet long, it reduces voltage from 46 or 115 KV to 12.4 KV. In normal speak, that means it reduces the voltage of the electricity on our transmission lines to levels that are safe to power residential areas. It includes a trailer with a substation transformer, switchgear, breakers, emergency or station power supply, and enhanced cooling capabilities.

It requires eight skilled staff and three workdays to move and prepare. Once it's up and running, it absorbs the power load of the permanent substation so it can be de-energized to perform repairs and upgrades.

"It's completely self-contained and transportable," said Peacock. "This gives LPEA a dependable and self-sustaining power supply option in case of any event - planned or unplanned."

## "FILL THE BUCKET" FOOD DRIVE NOV. 21

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Local IBEW 111 26 and 26A) of LPEA will host the 13th Annual "Fill the Bucket" food drive on Saturday, November 21st from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. LPEA staff and bucket trucks will be at City Market in Pagosa Springs and South City Market in Durango to collect non-perishable food items and cash donations. All proceeds benefit the Durango Food Bank and Archuleta County's Food System/Food Equity Coalition. We hope to see you there!



For more information, visit [lpea.coop](http://lpea.coop).

# LPEA WIRE

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### BOARD MEETING:

The November LPEA Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, November 18th. The agenda, board packet and access/location details will be posted online in advance of the meeting. Public comments are heard at the beginning of the meeting shortly after 9 a.m. All meetings are open to the public and live streamed.

More at: [lpea.coop/board-directors](http://lpea.coop/board-directors)



### FINANCE + AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING:

The November Finance and Audit Committee meeting is Thursday, November 12th from 2 - 5 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and live streamed.

More at: [lpea.coop/finance-and-audit-committee](http://lpea.coop/finance-and-audit-committee)



### ROUND UP GRANTS:

One Round Up Grant for \$3,449.70 was approved in September for Habitat for Humanity of Archuleta County.

Two Educational Grants totaling \$8,672 were approved in September for the Durango Arts Center and the Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center.



### HOLIDAYS

LPEA will be closed on November 11th, 26th, and 27th in observation of Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.

**Happy Holidays!**