



Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc.

UPDATE



A Message From The COO Theresa Quiroz

We're Here To Help You Save

While reflecting on the various festivities celebrated “in person” these past few months, I can’t help but to pause on the many sacrifices our country has experienced over the years. I’ve decided Fourth of July is a celebration of resilience. Having a son on active duty, return home from an 8-month deployment, puts things in a little more perspective for me this year, and as life returns to normal in our country, let’s not forget the sacrifices so many have made for the freedoms we enjoy today. In the words of John F. Kennedy, “As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

Rio Grande Electric Co-op is here for you, and given the challenging times we’ve all experienced the last few months, I’d like to share some information and ideas to help you save energy and money.

Summer is a great time to conduct an energy audit of your home and identify ways to boost energy efficiency. Understanding how your home uses energy can help you determine the best ways to modify energy use and keep more money in your wallet.

An energy audit is one of the best ways to determine how energy efficient your home is—an audit can also identify areas for potential energy savings. RGEC offers home energy audits for those who have concerns about their energy usage, or you may consider engaging a qualified energy auditor in our local area. Be sure to hire a professional who will conduct a thorough audit of your home. If you’d prefer to do an energy audit yourself, try HOME ENERGY SAVER™ online audit. Visit www.energystar.gov, then enter your zip code to get started. You can also access energy audit tool from www.riogrande.coop. Just select the “Energy” tab at the top of the page, and select “Energy Efficiency” from the drop-down menu, then select “Energy Audit”. But keep in mind, an online audit won’t be as thorough as an in-home audit.

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Wishing you and yours a happy & safe 4th of July!

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Shifting to off-peak periods

Electric rates based on time of use offers RGEC members the ability to lower their electricity costs without reducing the amount of electricity used. By performing some of your daily chores such as running the dishwasher or doing laundry during off-peak hours (when people are using less electricity), you can see meaningful savings on your energy bills. Use your programmable thermostat to adjust the settings so that your heating and air conditioning systems sync with the off-peak rate periods. Use automatic timers to run hot tubs, pool pumps, water heaters and other appliances in the same way. Be sure to program the timers to coincide with the less expensive off-peak times. Rio Grande's peak rate is in effect only on weekdays, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. (Central), May-September.

As your trusted energy advisor, Rio Grande Electric Cooperative is here to help. If you have questions about your bill or additional ways to save energy, please let us know. RGEC is only one click or phone call away. I hope you and your family enjoy a Happy and Healthy Fourth of July. God bless, America!



**HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE DAY**
4th of July

***Our offices will be closed
Monday, July 5th***

***For outages/emergencies,
call RGEC 24/7 at 800-749-1509.***

Supporting Our COMMUNITY

***Recent donations in support of
organizations in Co-op Country.***



***Journeyman Line-
man Michael Correa
(right) of Carrizo
Springs presented
a donation to the
Dimmit Co. Jr. Ro-
deo Association. Ac-
cepting on behalf of
the DCJRA was Jose
Urenda.***

***Uvalde Project
Graduation repre-
sentative Michelle
Torres accepted
a donation from
RGEC's Michael
Correa in support
of the drug/alcohol
free post-gradua-
tion party for 2021
high school seniors.***



***Brackettville Area
Operations Man-
ager Daniel Garza
handed over
RGEC's contribu-
tion to the Fort
Clark Springs 4th
of July fireworks
display to Bill Her-
man, retired RGEC
Carrizo Springs
Area Supervisor,
and FCS Board
Treasurer.***