



POWER-GRAM

February
2022

Cloudcroft
575-682-2521
Alto
575-336-4550
Carrizozo
575-648-2352

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LOBBY HOURS
8 AM - 4 PM
Monday - Friday

**TO REPORT AN
OUTAGE, CALL
1-800-548-4660**

**FOR BALANCE
INFORMATION
OR TO PAY YOUR
BILL, CALL
1-844-846-2695**



A Monthly Newsletter for Members of

**OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

Left: Photo by Cory Meeks

Electrify and Save

Powering up with electric garden and outdoor tools is not only reliable but also affordable. And, OCEC makes it even more affordable for our members by offering fantastic rebates for both corded and cordless lawn mowers, trimmers, snow blowers, chainsaws and power washers.

While there are many who still believe that gas-powered lawn equipment is superior, there are a lot of benefits to using electric equipment.

- Less maintenance—no spark plugs, fuel filters, or oil to change
- Easier to maneuver—lighter than gas powered siblings which means they are easier to move around tight corners and navigate through your yard
- Better for the environment—clean alternative to gas-powered engines
- Quieter operation—less noise to disrupt neighbors

We think that battery operated tools are great. And, we even have a few available in each of our offices to try if you are on the fence about which type of lawn tool to buy. That's right, we will let you try our trimmer, mower, or leaf blower to help you make a decision between gas-powered or battery operated tools. Stop by your local OCEC office in Cloudcroft, Alto or Carrizozo to see what equipment is available and try it out today.

And, after you purchase, don't forget to complete and submit your application for a rebate from our Energy Efficiency Program!

Rebates Available for Electric Power Equipment

Push Mower or Snow Blower (36 volt minimum)
25% of cost up to \$150

Riding Mower
25% of cost up to \$1,000

Chainsaw
25% of cost up to \$100

Trimmer, Pruner, Blower or Power Washer
25% of cost up to \$50

Additional rebates from our power supplier, Tri-State, may be available—applications will be evaluated and submitted to Tri-State by OCEC staff. Payment to member will be made upon approval.

Learn more about our **ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM** and other rebates available by visiting our website.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

About 30% of a home's heating energy is lost through inefficient windows. Caulk and weatherstrip windows to seal air leaks.

When running your home heating system, lock all operable windows to ensure the tightest seal possible.

Source: Department of Energy

Vegetation Management Update

Crews working to trim trees and vegetation in rights-of-way are currently in the following areas and are expected to remain there for the next few weeks

- Bent
- Mescalero
- Twin Forks
- East of Mayhill

OCEC reminds members that you may see vehicles, ATVs and crew members from Rogers Tree Service cutting trees near existing power lines. Vehicles will be marked with their company name and an OCEC contractor placard.

February Employment Anniversary

Leah Freeman—Accountant I—8 years
Courtney Grubbs—Member Service Rep.—2 years
Daimhin Kelley—Crew Chief—15 years
Damon Marez—IT Manager—18 years
Leslie Samora—MSR Supervisor—19 years
Baylee Sanderson—Equipment Operator—3 years

Employee of the Quarter

Fourth Quarter of 2021



Luisa Ruiz was named Employee of the 4th Quarter of 2021.

She has been employed by OCEC for 4 years and works as a Member Service Representative in the Alto Office.

Luisa always has a smile on her face and treats both members and employees with kindness and respect. She is motivated to learn new skills and volunteers to help in all types of situations.

Thanks for being part of the team, Luisa!!

Super Bowl Energy Savings

Here are 3 easy ways to save if you are hosting a Super Bowl party.

1. Before guests arrive, lower the thermostat. (Extra people = additional warmth indoors)
2. Cook with smaller countertop appliances to save energy.
3. Taking the party outdoors? Use solar lights (free energy!) to enhance the ambiance.



Have fun watching

Super Bowl LVI. (and the commercials!)



Happy Presidents Day

OCEC Offices
will be closed
February 21, 2022

