



## FACES, PLACES, & VOICES OF

Poudre Valley REA



### CO-OP MEMBERS GIVE BACK AFTER WILDFIRE

**We partnered with an area non-profit and our members to volunteer in the wake of the Cameron Peak fire.**

Your cooperative joined forces with the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed (CPRW) to complete post-fire restoration work earlier this year. We supported them financially and gave members the chance to get involved.

Our members, staff, and Board of Directors joined CPRW to plant over 1,500 ponderosa pine trees in the burn area, helping restore the land for future generations.

We're so thankful for the members who gave their time and volunteered in this community project. We hope to

partner with CPRW again, so keep an eye out for your next opportunity to help!

Learn more about this project by visiting CPRW online at [www.poudrewatershed.org/pvrea](http://www.poudrewatershed.org/pvrea).

Watch our video to hear from volunteers on why it was so important they got involved.

Scan the code to watch the video.



## 12 Days of **Energy Savings**

**The holiday season was traditionally celebrated over 12 days. You can enjoy lower energy bills with these 12 cost-saving tips.**

1. **Inspect windows and doors for leaks** and seal them with caulk or weatherstripping.
2. **Light up your home for less** by switching to energy-efficient LED holiday lights.
3. **Optimize savings and convenience** by using timers to turn holiday lights on and off.
4. **Make handmade decorations**, such as a wreath for your door, that don't use energy.
5. **Have your chimney and fireplace cleaned** and inspected by a qualified professional.
6. **Give energy-saving gifts.** LED bulbs and smart plugs make great stocking stuffers.
7. **Bake multiple batches of holiday cookies and pies** at one time to maximize energy use.
8. **Turn down the thermostat when holiday guests arrive.** Those extra bodies mean free heat!
9. **After your holiday meal, scrape dishes instead of rinsing them**, and run only full loads.
10. **Turn off your stereo or TV** after listening to holiday music or re-watching holiday classics.
11. **Taking a holiday trip?** Turn off lights and equipment and set the thermostat to vacation mode.
12. **Start the new year by making a resolution** to use energy more efficiently every day.

## Electric Gift Ideas for the Holidays

Why not multiply your gift giving? That's what happens when you purchase energy-efficient electric appliances or outdoor power equipment and take advantage of our rebate program. Give a gift, help conserve energy, and get a rebate in return!

- E-bikes
- Electric chainsaws
- Snow blowers
- Electric trimmers
- Heat pump technology
- LED lighting
- Leaf blower
- Power washer
- All electric washer & dryer



A full list of available rebates can be found online at [www.pvrea.coop/rebates](http://www.pvrea.coop/rebates)

## Rebates Are Only One Click Away

Our members get serious perks! Visit us online and submit your rebate within 90 days of purchase. It's that easy to earn money back!



See a full list of our rebates and how much you get back at [www.pvrea.coop/rebates](http://www.pvrea.coop/rebates)

## JOIN US IN-PERSON FOR Our 2023 Annual Meeting

**Saturday, April 1, 2023**  
**Embassy Suites in Loveland, CO**

- BREAKFAST BUFFET WILL BE PROVIDED
- BUSINESS MEETING STARTS AT 9:30AM

An official invitation will be sent to all active members.

Per our board election cycle, members will not receive a voting ballot as no open seats are up for election this year.

More details will be posted online at [www.pvrea.coop/annualmeeting](http://www.pvrea.coop/annualmeeting)

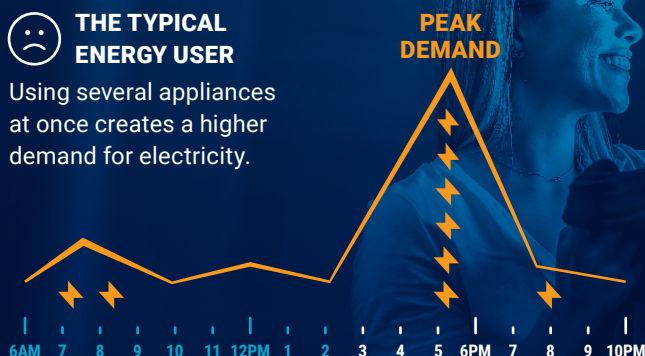
# What is Demand?

Understanding how your electrical use impacts costs



## THE TYPICAL ENERGY USER

Using several appliances at once creates a higher demand for electricity.



## THE ENERGY CONSERVER!

Spread your electric use throughout the day to help conserve energy.



**Energy demand is the term used to describe your use of electricity. It drives our whole energy system, impacting the total amount of energy used, the location and types of fuels used to generate your energy, and the technologies you use to consume our energy.**

Peak demand occurs when you use the most electrical devices at your disposal simultaneously. Think of it as the highest amount of energy you demand from us all at once.

Like any product, when there is a higher demand, there is a higher cost for that product. As more and more members use electricity all at once, we are required to provide adequate energy to meet those needs — increasing our total cost of purchased power.

You can help lessen purchased power costs and increase the reliability of our electric grid. Spread your use of electricity throughout the day, as opposed to using energy all at once.

### TIPS TO HELP SPREAD YOUR ENERGY'S PEAK DEMAND TO OFF-PEAK TIMES:

- Avoid heavy energy use during peak demand times of 3PM to 10PM.
- Set smart appliances to run early in the morning or late at night.



- Control smart thermostats to begin heating or cooling your home before 3PM.
- Schedule your electric vehicle to start charging after midnight.
- Unplug appliances or turn off power cords to limit ghost charging — when electrical products consume energy even when turned off.



- Reduce your overall energy consumption by installing LED lights, using energy efficient appliances, upgrading insulation, and sealing windows and doors.

When we all do our part to reduce peak energy demand, we can help maintain lower energy costs and increase reliability.

### HOW TO KNOW YOUR PEAK DEMAND

You can find your peak demand listed in the usage comparison chart on your bill. Look for the green circles at the top to show your highest kW and find 'Power Peak' to see the exact date and time of your highest electrical consumption during the billing cycle.

Learn more about energy demand, including the benefits of switching to a Time of Use rate for lower off-peak energy costs, by visiting us online at [www.pvrea.coop](http://www.pvrea.coop).

### Understanding the Impact of a Peak Demand Charge

For the full and complete overview of the potential rate changes, including the addition of adding a demand charge, go to [www.pvrea.coop/2023-electric-rates](http://www.pvrea.coop/2023-electric-rates).



**SAFETY CORNER**

# Be Prepared for Old Man Winter



**Heavy accumulations of ice and snow, coupled with fluctuating winter temperatures can bring down utility poles, trees, and their limbs with the potential to disrupt electrical service.**

We're devoted to restoring power to our members as quickly and safely as possible. While we're working on this, we want you to know how to stay safe and comfortable during winter power outages.



## TIPS TO STAY SAFE

- Always have an emergency kit ready to go that includes flashlights, batteries, a radio, nonperishable food, water, medicines, and blankets.
- Stay 10 feet away from all downed utility lines.
- Install ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) for electrical outlets in areas that might be affected by melting snow or ice.

- Switch off lights and appliances to prevent damaging them or overloading circuits when power is restored.
- Close off unneeded rooms to not waste energy heating areas of your home you are not occupying.
- Never leave a space heater unattended, even while sleeping.



Find additional information at [www.pvrea.coop](http://www.pvrea.coop)

Learn how to sign up for outage alerts at [www.pvrea.coop/outages](http://www.pvrea.coop/outages)



## Come See Our Light Display



**Our decorations get bigger and better every year! Come to our office to walk or drive through our display.**

**VISIT OUR HEADQUARTERS AT:**  
7649 REA Parkway, Fort Collins, CO 80528

**SHARE YOUR LIGHT DISPLAY WITH US!**



Tag us in a photo on Facebook or Instagram.

**PVREA LOBBY CLOSED**

# Friday, Dec 23 & Monday, Dec 26 for Christmas

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY!**