

Who Owns What?

As July rolls in with longer days and rising temperatures, it also brings the increased potential for severe weather. Summer storms can arrive quickly and hit hard, sometimes causing significant damage to essential electric equipment throughout our community. NorVal Electric is always prepared to respond swiftly to outages and restore power safely, but it is also important for homeowners to understand which parts of the electric system are their responsibility and which are maintained by us at the co-op. Understanding these key differences can help speed up repairs and ensure everyone stays safe when the weather turns rough.

NorVal Electric is responsible for maintaining and repairing the equipment and lines that run to your home, including utility poles, distribution power lines, electric meters and pad mounted transformers. NorVal Electric members are responsible for the equipment located between the electric

meter and your home or business, including any underground service lines that lead into the structure and the service panel.

If any equipment that you (the homeowner) are responsible for is damaged, please call a licensed electrician to conduct the repairs. A professional has the experience and know-how to assess and manage these types of repairs.

When severe weather damages electrical equipment, it's important to note that any necessary repairs to the homeowner's equipment must be conducted before NorVal Electric's crew can restore power to your home or business. By understanding the equipment you are responsible for, the repair and restoration process will be smoother and faster.

Our community takes great pride in the beautiful trees and landscaping that contribute to the natural beauty where we live, however, regular trimming is essential to ensure reliable

electric service and minimize damage from severe weather. NorVal Electric regularly trims trees throughout our service territory to improve service reliability. If you spot a tree limb that is obstructing a distribution power line outside your home, please call our office so we can trim those limbs and maintain those lines.

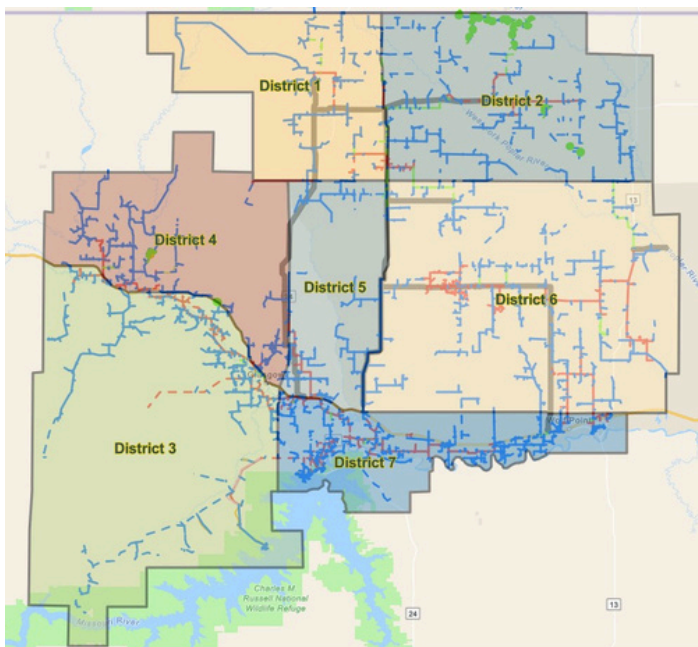
Any overgrown limbs or vegetation around the service line feeding the meter is the cooperative's responsibility. However, if the vegetation is beyond the meter, please contact a professional tree trimming service for assistance.

By working together to understand the essential equipment that powers daily life, we can all be better prepared to start the repair and restoration process if severe weather impacts our community.

If you have any questions about your electrical equipment, we're here to help. Please contact our office at 406-228-9351.

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS:

NorVal Electric is seeking applicants for **Districts 1 & 3**. Applicant should be willing to commit to the Statement of Qualifications for Electric Cooperative Trustees, as well as commit the time to attend monthly meetings, training opportunities and State Association meetings. Applicant must be a bona fide resident within the boundaries of the district they are applying for and he or she must be an active member in good standing. If you are interested in being on the Board of Directors, please call the office at (406)-228-9351 or email norval@norval.coop for more information. Deadline to apply and have all required documentation in is August 28, 2025.

**Five Tips to Reduce Wildfire Risks:**

Wildfires are no longer confined to the western United States. Traditionally associated with dry, fire-prone regions like California, wildfires are now affecting areas in the Midwest and even parts of the Southeast. This shift is driven by rising temperatures, prolonged droughts and changing weather patterns, which are creating conditions ripe for fires in regions that historically saw fewer of them. As a result, more communities are now facing growing threats from wildfires, prompting a need for broader awareness and preparedness nationwide. NorVal Electric is working to reduce the risk of wildfires throughout our service territory. Through regular vegetation management and grid maintenance and hardening practices, we are proactively working to reduce risks and improve the reliability of our local system. As a member of NorVal Electric, there are steps you can take to prevent wildfires.

1. Properly extinguish campfires. Always douse your campfire with water, stir the ashes and ensure everything is cool to the touch before leaving the area.
2. Don't burn on windy days. Avoid outdoor burning when it's windy or dry, as embers can easily spread and ignite surrounding areas.
3. Clear vegetation and debris. Maintain a defensible space around your home by removing dry leaves, dead branches and other flammable materials.
4. Use equipment safely. Tools like lawnmowers or chainsaws can spark fires. Use them during cooler times of the day and keep them in good working condition.
5. Follow local fire regulations. Always check for burn bans or restrictions in your area before burning anything or using open flames outdoors.

For more information on wildfire prevention and preparedness, visit www.redcross.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

NorVal Electric's Annual Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
Glasgow Civic Center

Registration starts at 4:30 pm with dinner and a business meeting to follow.

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