



MESSAGE  
FROM  
PRESIDENT/  
CEO

**RYAN  
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# Working Together to Lower Demand

WHEN OUTDOOR TEMPERATURES drop, electricity use naturally rises. Colder weather drives us indoors, where we rely more heavily on heating systems, more lighting and household appliances. And heating systems run longer and more frequently to maintain comfortable indoor temperatures.

Combine all of that with the fact that most people use electricity at the same times—typically in the mornings and early evenings—and the result is significant pressure on our electric grid.

Taylor Electric Cooperative works closely with our generation and transmission provider to plan for these seasonal weather patterns and changes and ensure you have reliable power every day of the year. This partnership involves detailed resource and infrastructure planning to make sure electricity is available whenever you need it.

However, it's important to remember that our local system is part of a much larger regional and national grid.

During the winter months, when homes and businesses across the country are using more electricity simultaneously, overall demand can approach—or occasionally exceed—available supply.

This is especially true during severe weather events, such as ice storms, sudden temperature drops or equipment malfunctions that reduce generation capacity. In rare cases when demand threatens to outpace supply, the regional grid operator may call for temporary, controlled outages to prevent broader system failures. If such a situation arises, Taylor EC will provide timely updates and information to members. To prepare for these scenarios and minimize risks, Taylor EC and our generation partner take proactive measures to strengthen reliability year-round. These include routine system maintenance, investments in grid modernization and comprehensive disaster response planning.

These proactive steps are designed to ensure our portion of the grid remains resilient even under extreme conditions. Still, maintaining a reliable electric system requires a collective effort, and every Texan plays an important role in lowering demand when the grid is under stress.

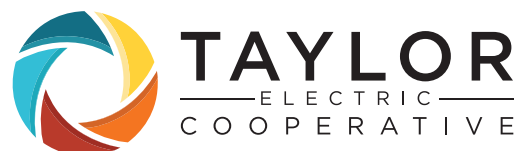
You can help by taking the following simple actions during periods of high electricity use, especially on the coldest days of winter.

Lower your thermostat slightly. Even reducing the temperature by a few degrees can help. Delay using large appliances during peak hours, which are typically 5–9 a.m. and 4–9 p.m. in the winter. Run dishwashers, washing machines and dryers during off-peak hours—typically midday or late evening. Adjust your water heater. Set it to 120 degrees and space out showers to save energy and hot water. Unplug unnecessary devices. Power used for lighting and electronics adds up and accounts for a significant portion of home energy use. Disconnect unused items and turn off lights in empty rooms to reduce waste.



Understanding how winter weather impacts electricity demand is key to maintaining system reliability. By practicing simple energy conservation habits at home, you not only save money on your monthly bill but also help strengthen the resilience of the grid that powers our community.

Together, through small actions and shared awareness, we can ensure that our homes remain warm, our lights stay on and our local grid continues to serve us reliably throughout the season.





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Taylor EC's 87th  
Annual Meeting  
April 16, 2026

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# Nominating Committee To Meet February 17

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S NOMINATING committee will meet at 10 a.m. February 17 to interview and approve nominees for the board of directors ballot.

Committee members, who each represent a zone within Taylor EC's service territory, will screen and interview applicants to be placed on the ballot. Voting for the director seats will take place at the 87th annual meeting.

## Taylor EC Nominating Committee

### Zone 1: Taylor County

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Mr. Chad Widder | Abilene  
Mrs. Colleen Richards | View

### Zone 2: Callahan, Jones, Eastland, Shackelford Counties

Mr. Tom Edd Johnson | Cross Plains  
Mrs. Ashley Thompson | Clyde

### Zone 3: Coke, Fisher, Nolan Counties

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