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# Staying cool and connected:

## Summer readiness with SSVEC

As summer approaches, the rising temperatures remind us how essential reliable, affordable power is to our daily lives. At Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative (SSVEC), we're committed to helping our members stay cool and comfortable while being mindful of energy use—and that starts with awareness and proactive support.

One of the most effective tools for managing summer energy use is a **smart thermostat**. These devices are designed to automatically adjust your home's temperature based on your preferences and daily schedule. That means you can stay comfortable when you're home and save energy (and money) when you're not. If you're interested in exploring options, SSVEC is here to help with guidance and resources to find a solution that fits your needs. It's just one example of how we work to empower members to make smart energy choices.

Internally, we're doing our part to ensure that the electricity you count on remains **safe, reliable, and affordable**. That's why we invest in **proactive system maintenance** like **wildfire mitigation programs** and **drone inspections**. These efforts help us identify and address issues before they become problems—minimizing outages, enhancing safety, and protecting our communities.

These actions reflect our deep commitment to the Cooperative Principles, especially Education, Training, and Information and Concern for Community. By educating our members on energy efficiency and investing in technology that benefits the entire system, we're not just maintaining our infrastructure—we're strengthening our shared future. And because SSVEC is member-owned and not-for-profit, every decision we make is with your best interests in mind.

Another core cooperative principle is **Democratic Member Control**—and one of the best ways to take part in that is by attending our **Annual Meeting on May 29th**. It's a chance to hear updates directly from your cooperative leadership, ask questions, and take part in the governance of SSVEC. Your voice matters, and your participation helps shape the direction of the co-op.

As we head into the hottest part of the year, remember that SSVEC is more than your electric provider, we're your energy partner. Whether it's helping you reduce your energy bills, investing in system reliability, or keeping you informed, we're here for you.

Thank you for being an engaged member of the SSVEC community. Stay cool, stay informed, and we look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting

Sincerely,  
Jason Bowling, CEO, SSVEC

