



Focusing on Cybersecurity

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Safety is a top priority at Carroll Electric Cooperative. From procedures and training to personal protective equipment, we take all safety measures seriously. Equally important is keeping our information technology safe.

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and as a top priority, it's something we practice year-round.

We take protecting our critical infrastructure and your data very seriously. As technology advances, so do the threats of cyberattacks. We continuously work to strengthen our information technology network to combat cyberattacks. Investments in tools and personnel that support our cybersecurity efforts are important, as well as continued education to stay well-informed of technology and security updates.

As an ever-evolving challenge, cybersecurity requires all Cooperative employees to be vigilant. We work to ensure employees are not compromising networks by clicking on malicious links or downloading viruses or malware.

Carroll Electric's wholesale energy provider, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC), also works with us to provide cybersecurity training and site reviews.

AECC assists with providing evaluation and implementation of cybersecurity solutions. If issues arise, AECC's Cybersecurity Incident Response Team can respond quickly to assist with remediation.

AECC is diligent about keeping the critical infrastructure safe with investments to protect its systems from cyberattacks, ransomware attempts, unauthorized access, and other threats. Their professional staff continually monitors systems to ensure they are functioning properly and on alert for indications of a compromise.

Both Carroll Electric and AECC implement and maintain tools to help protect the Cooperative from cyber-related threats, including firewalls, security logs, endpoint security, virtual private networks, vulnerability management, email filters, and web protection.

At a national level, both companies are supported by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) resources and efforts to secure systems from cyber threats.

Cybersecurity is critically important. As a member, you can have confidence in your Cooperative's commitment to keeping your personal data and our critical infrastructure secure — at the local, state, and national levels — all to make certain you have the power you rely on every day.





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