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## **Co-ops Show the Beauty in Consistency**

WE CAN'T PREDICT what the weather has in store for us this spring—this is Texas, after all—but one thing I'm looking forward to is the abundance of wildflowers. The blue, red, purple, yellow and pink blooms that blanket portions of the state are a sight I savor each year. Their beauty is evident, and they make for a stunning backdrop for countless photos.

But for me, they also herald the arrival of a season of possibility and promise, a time for hope and renewal as we emerge from the chill and quiet of winter.

I hope you feel a similar sense of reassurance when you turn on a lamp to cast a glow against a gloomy day or cozy up with a book, when you prepare a meal for your family, or when you charge a device that helps keep you connected to loved ones far and wide. These seemingly mundane actions,



enabled by electricity, make for some of our most comforting and sustaining moments.

The power of those moments isn't lost on us at Karnes Electric Cooperative. It might not be the shiny new thing or have the cachet of the latest gadget, but the safe and reliable provision of electricity to our members inspires us to work every day to keep the power flowing—so you can do everything you need and all of the things that matter to you.

While it might not be as breathtaking as a field full of bluebonnets or as eye-catching as a scattering of firewheel or pink evening primrose in a highway right-of-way, we think there's beauty in consistency too. That's just part of why Karnes EC finds such meaning from brightening our community this spring and every season for generations to come.



## 5 Easy Ideas for a Bathroom Refresh

**IS YOUR BATHROOM** dated? Here are five inexpensive makeover ideas:

**Swap out hardware.** Installing new hardware is a simple way to change the look and feel of your bathroom. Whether it's a light fixture, showerhead, faucet, or cabinet knobs and pulls, installing a new material or design can refresh the look.

Replace your vanity. A vanity is more than just a place to brush your teeth and store toiletries; it helps define the design. Replacing your old vanity with a new one will help make your bathroom feel brandnew again.

Try a new paint color. Dramatically change the entire feel of your bathroom with paint. Put up a few color samples on the walls and live with them for a few days to get an idea of what you like.

Replace all or part of your floor. Although replacing the bathroom floor isn't the easiest fix, the area is typically relatively small. If nothing else, put down a couple of new bath rugs.

Install GFCI outlets. Protect yourself and your loved ones from electric shock and fire by installing ground-fault circuit interrupter outlets. ■