

POWER LINE

January 2025

Redwood Electric Cooperative



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REDWOOD ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE



scholarship opportunities!

Get your applications in today!

Basin Electric
Scholarship

Deadline February 7th

Operation Round-Up
Scholarship

Deadline March 7th

Youth Tour Trip

Deadline March 7th



Applications can be found on our website
www.redwoodelectric.com, from your school
guidance counselor, and/or by contacting
Sarah at sgroebner@redwoodelectric.com
or 507-692-2214

2025
ANNUAL MEETING

~April 3rd~



Annual Meeting Ballots will be mailed out
soon!

Watch your mail box!



***We will be closed on
Monday, February 17th
In observance of
PRESIDENTS DAY***

REDWOOD ELECTRIC REBATE SUMMARY SHEET

2025



Residential Rebates

Dehumidifier: \$40 *bill credit*

Battery Powered Yard Tools:

Lawn Mower, Snow Blower-\$50 *bill credit*

Chainsaw, Leaf Blower, or Trimmer/Weed Whip- \$25 *bill credit*

Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat: \$25 *bill credit*

Air Source Heat Pump & Ductless Mini-Split: \$600-\$1000 *check*

Ground Source Heat Pump: \$600/TON *check*

**The unit must be new, installed, wired, and working before submitting a rebate.*



Commercial & Agriculture LED Lighting

LED Lighting rebates are based on kW reduction on retrofit projects only. \$50/kW reduction, rebate cannot exceed 25% of project cost and a minimum of 1 kW.



Water Heater Programs

The program includes an 85-gallon or 105-gallon Marathon® water heater for \$850 (1/2 unit price) and on our load control program. REC will deliver the water heater.

**member is responsible for plumber and electrician costs*



**Rebates are subject to change at any time.*

\$4,000 total rebates max per member/year & the rebate amount paid will not exceed more than 25% of the unit cost.

Contact our office for questions!



888-251-5100 OR 507-692-2214



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Energy Assistance

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE ENERGY
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
OR TO APPLY FOR
ASSISTANCE CONTACT
YOUR COUNTY EAP
SERVICE PROVIDER

United Community Action
Marshall: 507-537-1416
Redwood Falls: 507-637-2187
Willmar: 320-235-0850

Lower Sioux
507-720-5874

Southwest Health & Human Services
507-637-4041
888-234-1292
507-637-4050

Don't Let Electrical Safety Get Buried in The Snow

Winters in Minnesota can present challenges to members and our linemen. The question we are all asking is: Where do we put all this snow?

Keep safety in mind when clearing snow from your driveway and other areas around your home or business. Members need to be mindful of the location of electric equipment and make sure it is clear and accessible for Redwood Electric crews. Please note the locations of pad-mounted transformers, meters, regulators, cabinets, poles and overhead wires before moving snow.



Snow piled on electrical equipment not only impacts your safety, but also has the potential to affect electric service to hundreds of homes and businesses in your area. The National Electric Code states to allow at least 10 feet in front of power equipment and 3 feet on the sides and back for line workers to be able to access the area in the event of an emergency.

In addition to paying attention to ground-level equipment, be sure to look up and be aware of overhead power lines – especially when removing snow from your roof. Also, make plans to pile snow away from power lines where children might play. In the event of an outage, clearing snow around utility equipment will make it easier for line workers to get power restored. If members notice damaged equipment, please contact our office at 507-692-2214 or 888-251-5100 so it can be inspected.

Problems Paying Your Electric Bill?

Energy Assistance May Be Available

United Community Action
Marshall: 507-537-1416
Redwood Falls: 507-637-2187
Willmar: 320-235-0850

Salvation Army & HeatShare
Redwood Falls: 507-637-2187
320-235-2033

Redwood County Human Services
507-637-4041
Toll Free: 888-837-6713

Contact REC to do the following:

- Discuss and Schedule a Payment Arrangement
- To Get Addresses or Phone Extensions to Assistance Agencies
- Talk About Ways to Lower Your Electric Bill

Redwood Electric Cooperative
60 Pine St. Clements, MN 56224
507-692-2214
Pay-By-Phone 844-846-2696
sgroebner@redwoodelectric.com



REC WATER HEATER PROGRAM

Redwood Electric's interruptible water heater program provides members with a Marathon water heater at half the price!

Member Cost:

- \$850 Marathon Water Heater
- Any cost incurred by a plumber and/or electrician

REC will deliver the water heater.

*Members must be on a load management program.





ICE ON POWER LINES IS A WEIGHTY SUBJECT



When it comes to getting electricity across power lines and into homes, ice can be a force to be reckoned with.



ICE ON DISTRIBUTION LINES

Ice can quickly lead to broken power poles and other pole equipment. Ice can also make falling tree branches 30x heavier and much more likely to break power lines.

ON A 300-FOOT SPAN OF 1-INCH-THICK POWER LINES

- 1/2 inch of ice adds 281 pounds of weight
- 1 inch of ice adds 749 pounds of weight
- 2 inches of ice adds 2,248 pounds of weight

WHEN ICE MELTS

Melting ice can cause power outages. If ice on the bottom (neutral) line melts before the lines above, it can cause the lines to touch.

OTHER ICE FACTS

- Damage can begin when ice exceeds 1/4 of an inch
- 1/2 inch of ice can cause a line to sag up to 12 inches
- Pressure can also be caused by a broken tree limb
- Both ice and melting ice can cause power outages

Safe Electricity.org®

Source: Jerri Imgarten-Whitley and Victory Electric Cooperative

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