

POWER LINE

January 2026



Redwood Electric Cooperative

60 Pine Street • Clements, Minnesota 56224

NOTICE DATE CHANGE!

Redwood Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting:

Date: **Tuesday, April 7th**

Where: **Wabasso Community Center**

Time: **12:00 pm Lunch**

1:00 pm Official Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

Problems Paying Your Electric Bill?

Energy Assistance May Be Available

United Community Action

Marshall: 507-537-1416
Redwood Falls: 507-637-2187
Willmar: 320-124-0850

Salvation Army & HeatShare

Redwood Falls: 507-637-2187
320-235-2033

Redwood County Human Services

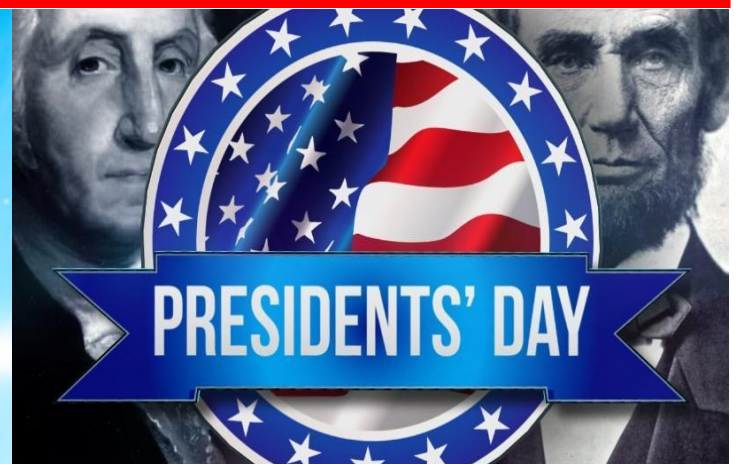
507-637-4041
Toll Free: 888-837-6713

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

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60 Pine St. Clements, MN 56224
507-692-2214

Pay-By-Phone 844-846-2696
sgroebner@redwoodelectric.com



*We will be closed on
Monday, February 16th*

*In observance of
PRESIDENTS DAY*

REDWOOD ELECTRIC REBATE SUMMARY SHEET

2026



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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DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!

If you're facing difficulty paying your electric bill:

- ✓ Call REC before the 6th of the month
- ✓ Set up a payment arrangement
- ✓ Make your payments as agreed

We understand these are challenging times. Please don't wait until your service is in danger of disconnection. Planning and being prepared will save you money in collection fees and from disconnection of electrical services.

Taking action now ensures you and your family stay safe and warm.



Thank you for being a valued member of our cooperative!

**Contact us by phone, email, or Smarthub to make payment arrangements!
All arrangements need to be approved by our office.**

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REDWOOD ELECTRIC
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Scholarship opportunities!

Get your applications in today!

Basin Electric
Scholarship

Deadline February 20th

Operation Round-Up
Scholarship

Deadline March 13th

Youth Tour Trip

Deadline March 6th



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

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.



COLD WEATHER DISCONNECT PROTECTION FORM EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1 - APRIL 30

Fill out completely and return to:
Redwood Electric Cooperative
60 Pine Street
Clements, MN 56224

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone : _____

Email : _____

Account # (from your bill): _____

Total amount owed: \$ _____

Total annual household income** : \$ _____

No. of persons in household
(Include yourself): _____

☐ Please check this box if you have already been approved
for fuel assistance or emergency assistance from a local energy
assistance agency based on your income.

By signing this form, I hereby authorize any gas or electric
utility that serves us to exchange billing information. I also
authorize any energy assistance providers or human service
agencies to exchange any income information to help determine
income eligibility. I acknowledge that I have received, read and
understand the enclosed Notice of Residential Customer Rights
and Possible Assistance. I attest that the above information is
true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

****Income documentation must be included with this form per
the notice instructions and you MUST contact our office to
make payment arrangements.**



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



Source: Jerri Imgarten-Whitley and Victory Electric Cooperative



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Redwood Electric Cooperative's building at

60 Pine St. Clements, MN 56224

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