

POWER LINE

November 2024



Redwood Electric Cooperative
60 Pine Street • Clements, Minnesota 56224



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Wishing you health,
happiness and success.



From
Redwood Electric Cooperative
Board of Directors, Managers, and Employees



Happy Holidays!

We will be closed
for Thanksgiving

November 28th & 29th



Save
THE
Date

ANNUAL MEETING 2025

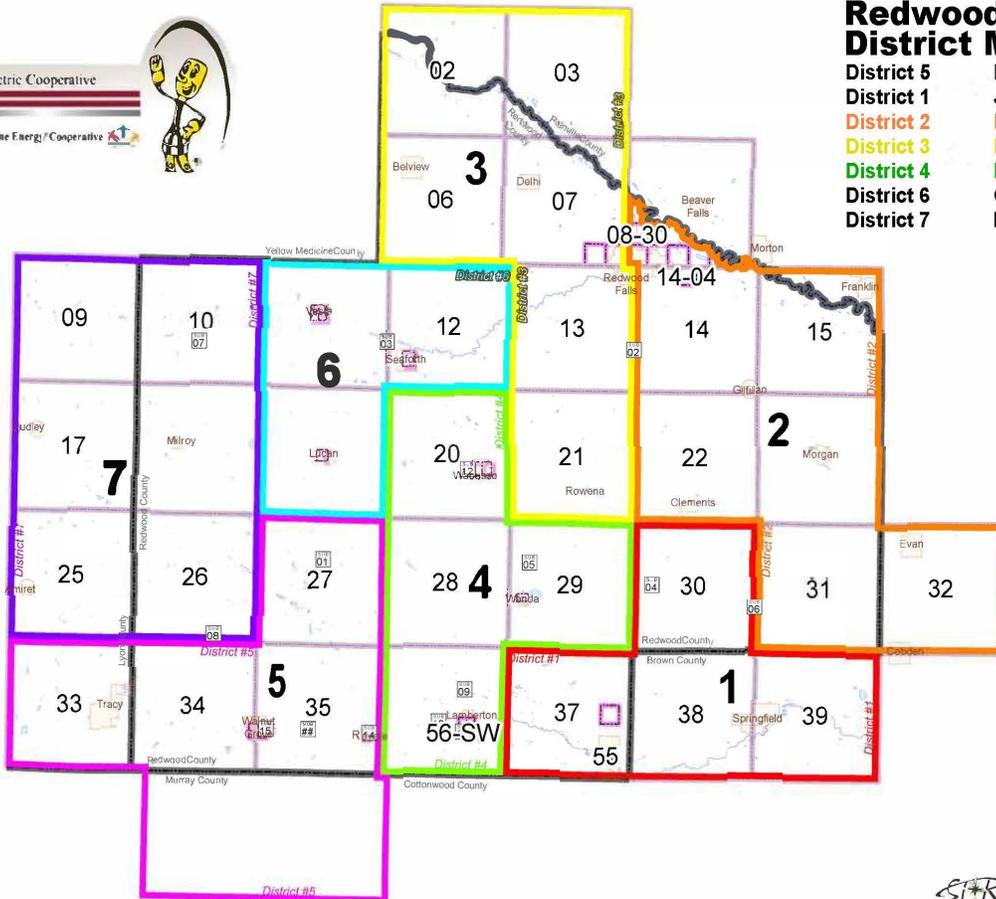
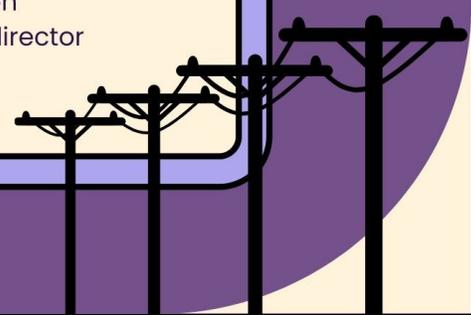
Redwood Electric Cooperative is happy to
announce our 2025 Annual Meeting will be held on

April 3rd at 1:00 pm

Wabasso Community Center



Members will receive director nomination
information, annual meeting materials, and director
ballots in the mail.



Redwood Electric District Map

- District 5 **Dean Fultz**
- District 1 **Jill Weber VanDerWal**
- District 2 **Dan Tauer**
- District 3 **Richard Nelson**
- District 4 **Emily Evans**
- District 6 **George Turbes**
- District 7 **Michael Baune**

Notice of Rights for Households of Military Service Personnel

Minnesota law provides that a public utility not disconnect the utility service of a residential member for nonpayment, that has been issued orders into active military duty, for deployment or for a permanent change in duty station, provided that they enter into an agreement with the utility to make payments towards their bill. Inability to pay forms are available from the co-op.



Cold Weather Rule Energy Assistance Contact Information & Inability to Pay Form

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.**

Emergency energy assistance phone numbers

- United Community Action** (all three locations serve Redwood County)
- 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
 - Heat Share Salvation Army.....822-842-7279
 - Mac-V (For Military Veterans).....833-222-6228

Energy Assistance applications can also be filled out online:
<https://energy-assistance.web.commerce.state.mn.us/>

Deck the halls safely

There's nothing like putting up lights and decorations to get you in the holiday spirit. It's something that many do each and every year without incident, yet the holidays are also one of the most hazardous times of the year when it comes to electrical fires and accidents.

Safe Electricity offer several tips as you deck the halls this season:

- When decorating outside, look up and around for power lines. Never throw light or other decorations into trees near power lines.
- Keep ladders, equipment, and yourself at least ten feet from power lines.
- Match plugs with outlets. Do not force a three-pronged plug into a two-pronged outlet or extension cord.
- Outside, use only lights, cords, animated displays, and decorations rated for outdoor use. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use them. Ensure outdoor outlets or extension cords are equipped with Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI's).
- Never string more strands of lights together than recommended by the manufacturer.
- Do not staple or nail through light strings or electrical cords. Use plastic or insulated hooks to hang lights.
- Do not attached cords to utility poles.

The outside of your home is not the only place where you need to be cautious of electrical dangers. Also be careful when placing a decorating trees inside your home. The outside of your home is not the only place to use caution. Use care when placing and decorating trees inside your home. Place fresh-cut and artificial trees away from heat sources such as registers, fireplaces, and radiators; water fresh-cut trees frequently. Turn lights off before you go to sleep. Use a timer to help.

Safe Electricity wishes you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. For more information on holiday safety tips visit, SafeElectricity.org.



research collected from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Don't let the
GRINCH steal
your holiday cheer.

Decorate safely.

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Electricity.org®



Decorating outdoors with a Christmas light gun like Martha May Whovier?

Look up for overhead power lines first and make sure you or your lights never get near a power line or pole.

Make sure your heart grows at least three sizes the day you put up outdoor decorations. It will help keep you and those you love safe.

Grandma's Cornbread Dressing

Ingredients:

- 3 cups crumbled cornbread
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon dried sage, or more to taste
- Salt and ground black pepper to taste



Directions:

1. Gather all ingredients.
2. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 7x11 inch baking dish. Place crumbles cornbread in a large bowl.
3. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and celery and sauté until soft, 5-7 minutes.
4. Add sautéed onion and celery to the crumbled cornbread. Stir in chicken stock, eggs, sage, salt, and pepper until well combined. Pour dressing into the prepared baking dish.
5. Bake in the preheated oven until dressing just starts to turn golden brown around the edges, about 30 minutes.



REC WATER HEATER PROGRAM

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

Member Cost:

- \$700 Marathon Water Heater
- Any cost incurred by a plumber and/or electrician

REC will deliver the water heater and install the radio receiver.

*Members must be on a load management program.



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The Board meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Redwood Electric Cooperative's building at 60 Pine St. Clements, MN 56224

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