

POWER LINE

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Redwood Electric Cooperative

60 Pine Street • Clements, Minnesota 56224

HAPPY LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY



Every year, we take the time to thank our extraordinary linemen who dedicate their lives to keeping the lights on in our local communities. Seven linemen maintain over 1300 miles of line in Redwood Electric's service territory, and without them, our world would be dark.

We depend on our entire staff to keep Redwood Electric Cooperative running smoothly, but on April 10th, we honor all linemen who often find themselves in dangerous and challenging situations, so our lives may be a little bit brighter and safer every day. These brave men repair damaged lines and maintain critical infrastructure for our communities. No matter the time--day or night, weekday or weekend--if the lights go out, so do they.

Perhaps you have seen them raising their bucket trucks in howling winds and torrential rains, or in freezing, icy conditions. They work around the clock near high-voltage power lines until electricity is restored to every member in our co-op community.

In addition to aiding members in our local service territory, linemen are always willing and eager to volunteer when a neighboring community, county or state is in need after a major outage occurs.

Our linemen are brave, committed and critical to our success. We hope you will join us in thanking the many linemen from our coop and the surrounding coops when you see them! Remember, your power works because they do!

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During storm season, stay clear of downed power lines

During Minnesota's Severe Weather Awareness Week, April 17-21, Great River Energy and Redwood Electric Cooperative want to remind and educate everyone about the seasonal threats from severe weather and remind you that we are prepared to keep the power flowing to homes, farms and businesses.

"Though most consumer-members experience very little time without electricity, we do see an increase in disruption of electric service during severe weather," said Mark Peterson, system operations manager for Great River Energy.

"During severe weather, such as tornados, straight-line winds and hail, it's important to be aware of your surroundings, and stay away from downed powerlines," said Ron Horman. "There is no way to tell if a power line is energized just by looking at it. We want to ensure all our members stay safe."

If you see a downed or sagging power line, there are a few things to keep in mind.

Stay away from it and call 911 to report it immediately. There is no way to tell if a power line is energized just by looking at it. Always assume it can carry currents strong enough to kill.

Never drive over a downed power line if it is blocking your driveway or road. Call 911 to report it and find another route.

Never touch anything that is also touching a power line, including trees with limbs caught in a power line.

If a power line falls on your car or otherwise contacts your vehicle, stay in your vehicle. Use your cell phone to call 911 and wait for help to arrive.

If you must exit your vehicle (due to fire), jump clear of the vehicle without touching it. Land with your feet together and shuffle away.

When severe weather causes widespread damage, sometimes outages can be extended. Great River Energy and its 27 member-owner cooperatives and customers, including Redwood Electric Cooperative, work hard to restore your power quickly and safely. The first focus is on removing any threats to public safety, then following established priorities for making repairs that will restore the most members first.

For more information and videos about how your power is restored, how to prepare an emergency kit, how to keep food fresh and more, visit [greatriverenergy.com/restoring your power](http://greatriverenergy.com/restoring_your_power).



THINKING ABOUT ADDING
GRAIN BINS OR STORAGE
BUILDINGS
THIS SUMMER?
**THEN YOU MIGHT
NEED YOUR SERVICE
UPGRADED.**

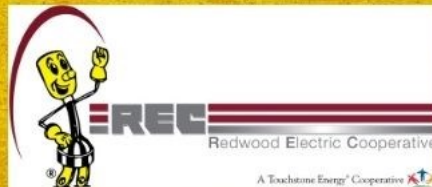
If you need to upgrade or change your electrical service with Redwood Electric contact us now. This will help us plan to have the materials and equipment we need to complete your project.



CONTACT US



507-692-2214 OR 888-251-5100



CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY
- REMEMBER & HONOR OUR HEROES -

**OUR OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
MONDAY MAY 29TH**

Line crews will be available 24/7
for outages.

Please call 888-251-5100

Cogeneration Notice

In compliance with Redwood Electric Cooperative's adopted rules relating to cogeneration and small power production, Redwood Electric Cooperative is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from congenators and small power producers, whom satisfy the conditions as a quality facility.

Redwood Electric is obligated to provide information free of charge to all interested members upon request regarding rates and interconnections requirements. All interconnections require an application and approval to become qualifying facility.

Any dispute over interconnections, sales, and purchases are subject to resolution by the Redwood Electric Cooperative Board. Interested members should contact Redwood Electric Cooperative. All Redwood Electric cogeneration information is located on our website in our

NOVA portal.



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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

"I dig
here
all the
time."

You might not know the area as well as you think!

Even if you've excavated an area previously, erosion, settling ground and other factors can change the depth and location of utilities over time. ALWAYS contact 811 before putting your shovel to the ground!



Contact 811 before you dig.

811beforeyoudig.com

April is National Safe Digging Month, a great reminder to always contact 811 before you dig! No matter how small your next home digging project is, remember to keep yourself and your community safe by contacting 811 to have the approximate location of buried utilities marked with paint or flags before breaking ground.

Learn more at 811beforeyoudig.com.

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