

# POWER LINE

November 2022



**Redwood Electric Cooperative**

60 Pine Street • Clements, Minnesota 56224



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



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**The Following Dates:**

**November: 24th & 25th**

**December: 23rd, 26th**

**January: 2nd**

# Pecan Pie Bars

## Ingredients

### Crust

- 1 1/4 cups softened butter
- 1/3 granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- Pinch of salt

### Pecan Topping

- 1 cup butter unsalted
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 pound chopped pecans

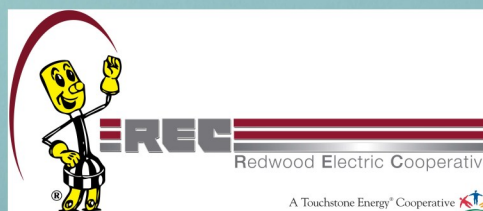


## Instructions

1. Grease a 9x13" baking pan with butter and reheat your oven to 350 degrees.
2. Use hand or stand mixer to beat your butter and sugar until creamy.
3. Mix in your vanilla extract and one egg at a time.
4. Mix in the flour, salt, and baking soda.
5. Press your dough evenly into your greased pan and bake for about 13 minutes.
6. While our crust is cooling, place your butter, brown sugar, and corn syrup in a heavy bottomed pan and heat on low while stirring until your ingredients have melted completely.
7. Bring to a boil on medium-high heat for about 2-3 minutes.
8. Take your pan off the heat and mix in your milk and pecans.
9. Pour your pecan mixture evenly over your crust and bake for 20 minutes.
10. Let your pecan pie bars cool, slice and enjoy!



affordable ways to  
**LOWER HEATING COSTS**  
and keep you warm



## Cut Heating Costs This Winter

- Cut up to a fifth of your bill by sealing exterior wall air leaks and drafts.
- If there are leaks or holes in your ducts, use sealant or metal tape. Air leaks in ducts can account for about 20 to 30 % of wasted heat.
- Lower the temperature while sleeping or away. A programmable thermostat can save up to 15%.
- Water heaters account for nearly a fifth of heating bills. Set yours to no more than 120°.
- Use a space heater to help warm a room and keep the home setting lower. A 1° reduction can save 3% on the bill.
- Open drapes on sunny days and change the furnace filter monthly.



# Cold Weather Rule & Energy Assistance Program Notice

In accordance with Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule (216B.096), electric service cannot be disconnected for nonpayment between Oct. 1 and April 30 if electric is the primary heat source and ALL of the following statements apply:

- Your household income is at or below 50 percent of the state median household income. Income may be verified on forms provided by Redwood Electric or by the local energy assistance provider.
- You enter into and make reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.
- You receive referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation, or other programs likely to reduce your energy bills from Redwood Electric Cooperative.

Household Size	Gross 3 Month Income
1	\$7,643
2	\$9,994
3	\$12,346
4	\$14,698
5	\$17,050
6	\$19,401
7	\$19,842
8	\$20,283
9	\$20,724
10	\$21,165

## **Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule does not completely stop winter disconnects**

Before disconnecting electric service to residential members between Oct. 1 and April 30, Redwood Electric Cooperative must provide:

- A 30-day notice of disconnection;
- A statement of members' rights and responsibilities;
- A list of local energy assistance providers;
- Forms on which to request Cold Weather Rule protection; and
- A statement explaining available payment plans and other options to continue service.

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is a federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which helps low-income renters and homeowners pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs. Household income must be at or below 50% of the state median income to qualify for benefits.

To learn more about the EAP program or to apply for assistance:

- Visit the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Assistance website, <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/>, for more details and to access the application portal.
- Contact your county EAP service provider for additional information and assistance.

### **United Community Action**

Willmar Office: 320-235-0850  
Marshall Office: 507-537-1416  
Redwood Falls Office: 507-637-2187  
Toll Free Number: 800-658-2448

### **Salvation Army**

507-326-5017 or 507-637-2187

### **Heat Share**

Statewide Office: 822-842-7279  
Redwood & Renville County: 888-220-4860  
Brown County: 888-999-1568  
Lyon County: 507-537-6747

### **Southwest Health and Human Services: 507-637-4050**

### **MAC-V: Veterans Assistance**

Southern Region: 833-222-6228  
Redwood County Rep: 507-637-4034



Redwood Electric exists because of you, and we are dedicated to the people and communities we serve. If you are having difficulty paying your electric bill and do not qualify for the EAP, please contact our office to set up a payment agreement.

## Military Personnel Payment Arrangements

Minnesota law provides that a public utility not disconnect the utility service of a residential member for non-payment, 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.

Please contact our office for more information.



## Fill Up This Fall

If you have a dual fuel heating system, remember to be sure you have adequate supplies for your secondary fuel source. Due to inflationary pressures and supply chain constraints, the electric industry is seeing unusually high prices in the electricity and natural gas markets. Great River Energy, our wholesale power supplier, will manage costs by activating our members' dual fuel program. Please remember that equipment is meant to be rated for a 12-hour interruption, even though an interruption that long is rare and unlikely, the equipment still needs to be prepared for it to support grid reliability and cooperative costs. The last couple of years we have seen more morning control for dual fuel and water heating. We anticipate this continuing.



## Office Hours & Contact Information

Monday-Friday 7:00 AM-3:30 PM

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