

POWER LINE

November 2023



Redwood Electric Cooperative
60 Pine Street, Clements, Minnesota 56224

HAPPY

Thanksgiving

FROM REDWOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MANAGERS, AND
EMPLOYEES



Redwood Electric office will be closed:

(Thanksgiving) November: 23rd & 24th

(Christmas) December: 25th & 26th

(New Years) January: 1st

GRANDMA'S CORNBREAD DRESSING

Ingredients

1. 3 cups crumbled cornbread
2. 2 tablespoons butter
3. 1 small onion, diced
4. 1/2 cup chopped celery
5. 2 large eggs, beaten
6. 2 cups chicken stock
7. 1 tablespoon dried sage, or more to taste
8. Salt and ground black pepper to taste



Directions

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Grease a 7x11 inch baking dish. Place crumbled cornbread in a large bowl.

Step 2

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and celery and sauté until soft, 5 to 7 minutes.

Step 3

Bake in the preheated oven until dressing just starts to turn golden brown around the edges, about 30 minutes.

You can make your own cornbread from your favorite boxed mix. Just follow the instructions on the box.



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.

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

Household Size	1 Month Max Guidelines
1	\$2,722.00
2	\$3,559.00
3	\$4,397.00
4	\$5,235.00
5	\$6,072.00
6	\$6,910.00
7	\$7,067.00
8	\$7,224.00
9	\$7,381.00
10	\$7,538.00



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 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. 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. 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

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