

POWER LINE

December 2025



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

Merry Christmas

Jim

Shelli

Jessica

Sarah

Jeremy

Matt

Dave

Cindy

Michael

Clark

Marty

Corey

Dean

Chad

Hope

Redwood Electric Cooperative Director Nomination Form

THIS IS FOR DIRECTOR NOMINATION ONLY & IS NOT AN ELECTION BALLOT

This nomination form must be received by Redwood Electric Cooperative by 3:30pm on January 23rd, 2026. Return this form by mail to: Redwood Electric Coop, 60 Pine St. Clements, MN 56224 or return to our office in person during regular business hours or after hours by using our drop box. All nominations will be verified for eligibility before being placed on a ballot for election.

1. To nominate a member to serve as a director you must be a current member of Redwood Electric Cooperative.
2. The nominee must be a current member and live within the district up for election.
3. The nominee must be willing to serve as a director and fulfill the obligations of Directorship.
4. The nomination form must be completed entirely and submitted to REC's office on or before 3:30pm on January 23rd, 2026.

Directorship District 6 currently held by George Turbes

District 6 is Granite Rock, Vesta, and Sherian Townships, and includes the City of Lucan, Vesta, and Seaforth in Redwood County.

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Directorship District 7 currently held by Michael Baune

District 7 is Westline, Underwood, and Gales Townships in Redwood County and Amiret, Clifton, and Stanley Townships in Lyon County.

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Member making nomination:

Print Name: _____ Address: _____

Signature: _____ Account # on Bill: _____

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
- ✓ Don't rely on energy assistance alone; it will not arrive on time

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.**

Redwood Electric Cooperative
507-692-2214 or sgroebner@redwoodelectric.com

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule

This notice informs you of your rights and responsibilities under the Cold Weather Rule. It is designed to help you with high winter electric bills. You must act **PROMPTLY**. If you choose not to assert your rights or choose not to enter a mutually acceptable payment plan, your service may be disconnected.

An electric cooperative must not disconnect the utility service of a residential customer during the period between October 1 and April 30 if the disconnection affects the primary heat source for the residential unit when the following conditions are met:

- A customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.
- The **household** income of the customer is at or below 50% of the state median income. Income may be verified on forms provided by the cooperative or by the local energy assistance provider. A customer meets the income requirement if they receive energy assistance or other type of public assistance that uses an income eligibility threshold set at or below 50% of the state median income.
- A customer receives from the cooperative referrals to energy assistance programs, weatherization, conservation, or other programs likely to reduce the customer's energy bills.

What to do if you meet the conditions

If you meet all the conditions of the Cold Weather Rule as outlined here, can't pay your electric bill and need cold weather protection from utility shutoff, fill out the Cold Weather Disconnect Protection Form and return it to Redwood Electric Cooperative **immediately along with your income documentation**. The following is a list of energy assistance providers serving Redwood Electric Cooperative:

- United Community Action:
507-537-1416
320-235-0850
507-637-2187
- Salvation Army & Redwood Falls UCAP:
507-637-2187
507-537-1416
- Southwest Health & Human Services:
507-637-4050
- Heat Share-Salvation Army:
888-220-4860 Redwood/Renville Counties

What to do if you don't meet the conditions

If you do not meet all the conditions of the Cold Weather Rule as outlined here, you do not qualify for winter shutoff protection. However, you still can continue to receive electric service if you call us to set up a mutually acceptable payment arrangement. Call Redwood Electric Cooperative at 1-507-692-2214 **BEFORE** the due date.

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.**

Application signed in:	Send proof of gross income received in:
August 2025	July 2025
September 2025	August 2025
October 2025	September 2025
November 2025	October 2025
December 2025	November 2025
January 2026	December 2025
February 2026	January 2026
March 2026	February 2026
April 2026	March 2026
May 2026	April 2026

Household income cannot be more than these income guidelines for 1 month:	
Household Size	Income
1	\$3,119
2	\$4,079
3	\$5,039
4	\$5,999
5	\$6,959
6	\$7,919
7	\$8,099
8	\$8,279
9	\$8,459

Don't let the **GRINCH** steal your holiday cheer.

Decorate safely.

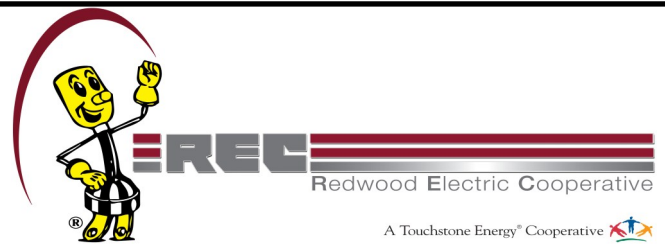
Safe Electricity.org®



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.



60 Pine St. Clements, MN 56224
(507) 692-2214
or
(888) 251-5100
(Toll free number & Outage number)

Pay-by-Phone #:
844-905-2209

Email address:
office@redwoodelectric.com

Web:
www.redwoodelectric.com

Office Hours:
7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

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Dean Fultz, Director
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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

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Redwood Electric Cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter by mail to:
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.



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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.