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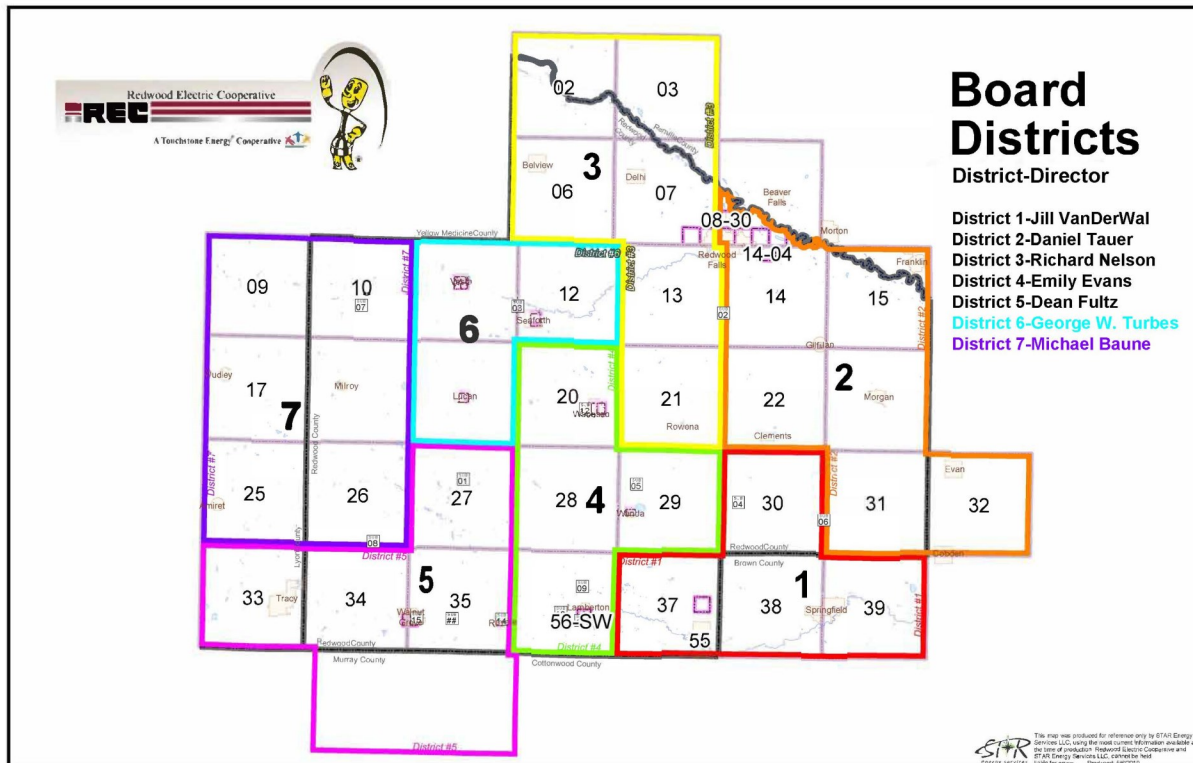
Redwood Electric Cooperative

60 Pine Street • Clements, Minnesota 56224

Annual Meeting-April 13th

We are happy to announce the Redwood Electric Cooperative 2023 Annual Meeting will be held in person at the Wabasso Community Center.

Members will receive director nomination information, Annual Meeting materials along with Director ballots in the mail. Voting ballots will need to be returned back to our office prior to the meeting.



IS YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

If not, do you know our office is unable to contact you when we have scheduled outages or for other important information regarding your service.

It is important that you contact our office by calling 507-692-2214 or email us at office@redwoodelectric.com with updated contact information if:

- You no longer have a landline & could possibly have that listed on your account
- Your cell number has changed
- You have additional numbers you want listed
- You have an email address to add
- You have not set up a 4 digit security PIN to the account
- You are not sure if your account information is updated

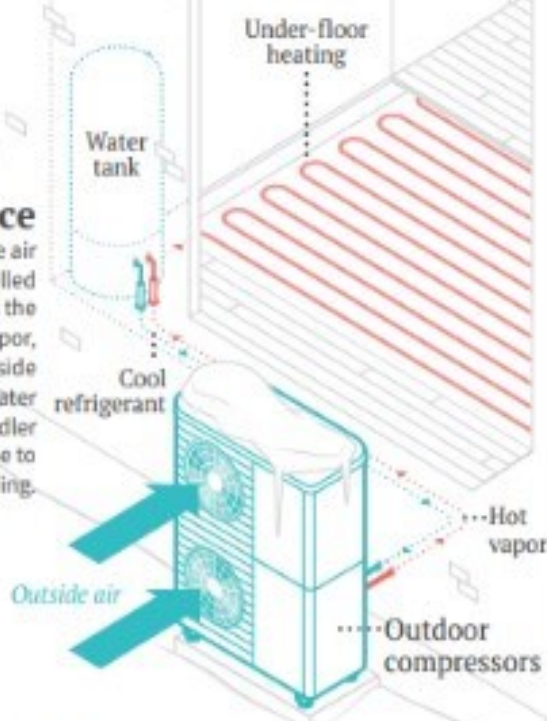


Heat Pumps

Widening consumer understanding of beneficial electrification is creating a groundswell of interest in everything from electric vehicles to induction stoves. Among the appliances getting particular attention are heat pumps, which can efficiently condition a space by transferring heat or cold from the air or ground. They're not a new technology, but recent advances have made them even more efficient, versatile and easier to install. Here's a look at the three primary heat pump types and how they're used.

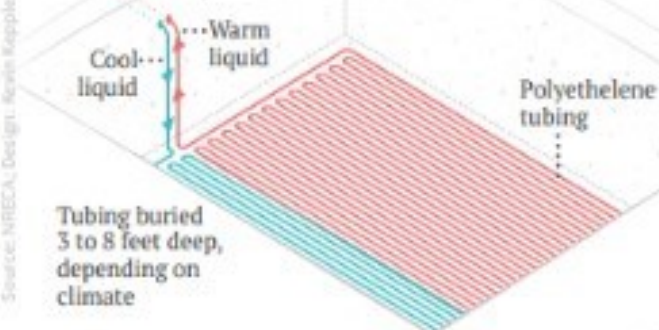
Air-Source

Heat is extracted from the air using a fan and refrigerant-filled coils. A compressor turns the refrigerant into warm vapor, which is pumped to coils inside the building for use in a water tank or air handler. Air-handler systems can run in reverse to cool the building.



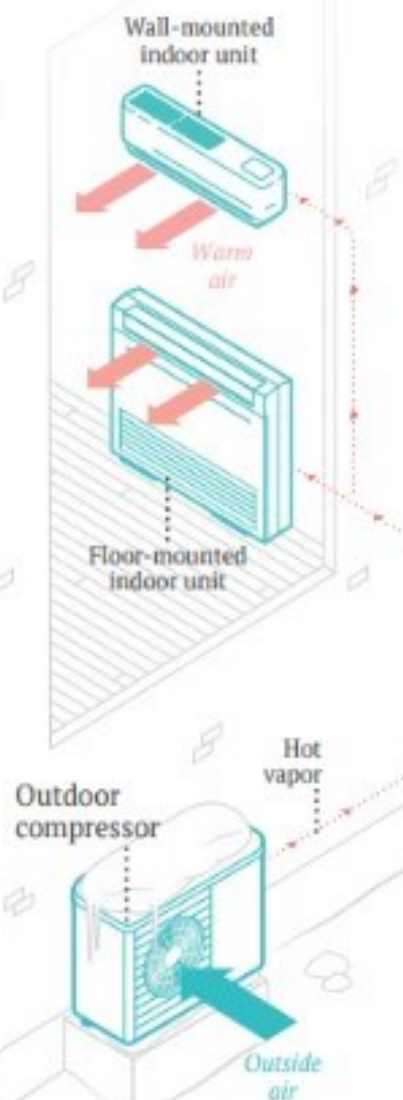
Ground-Source

Refrigerant- or water-filled tubing absorbs the relatively constant temperature found underground and transfers it to an indoor air handler. The flow can be reversed to cool the building.



Mini-Split

Air-source heat pump system that works with small indoor condenser units to heat or cool. Good for homes that don't already have ductwork.



Use Space Heaters Safely

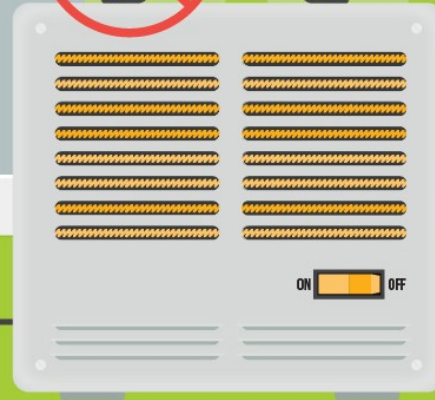
DON'T: Leave your space heater unattended. Always unplug it before you leave the house or go to bed.



DON'T: Use an extension cord to plug in your space heater. It can cause the heater to overheat, and can be a tripping hazard.



DON'T: Place your space heater near curtains, clothing, furniture or bedding.



USING A SPACE HEATER?

With the current cold snap, some may use space heaters for additional heat. Using a space heater properly is vitally important for your families safety.

Realize, that leaving space heaters on for a long period of time can increase your electric bill. A 1500watt space heater can cost approximately \$0.18/hour for 24 hours that's a cost of \$4.32/day and \$130/month. That is for each space heater.

Safety First

Accidents happen, even in the winter months! Reminder to be extra careful while working around electrical poles, lines and the green electrical cabinets. Winter brings extra obstacles with snow and ice that can cause accidents and can result in damaged equipment. This is from an accident with a snow plow that hit and snapped the pole. Please contact our office if you see anything damaged or broken.



Scholarship Deadlines

Applications can be found on our website at www.redwoodelectric.com or by contacting our office.

Operation Round-Up Scholarship

High School seniors attending college in the fall of 2023 can receive an education scholarship. Applicants must be a high school senior at the time of application, parents/guardians must be members of REC, and the applicant must be a student who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school for the fall of 2023.

Deadline is March 17th, 2023



Youth Tour Scholarship

High school students from across United States will travel to Washington, D.C. on June 13-18, 2023 to join more than 1,900 other students from around the nation for the 2023 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour celebrates its 57th anniversary this year. The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C. for over 50 years and nearly 50,000 students have participated in this program. Must be 16-18 years old and in high school.

Prizes

- 1st: All expense paid trip to Washington D.C. June 13-18, 2023 (no substitute prize if unable to make trip)
- 2nd: \$200.00 cash award and will serve as first alternate
- 3rd: \$100.00 cash award and will serve as second alternate

Deadline is March 3rd, 2023



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