

POWER LINE

February 2026



Redwood Electric Cooperative

60 Pine Street • Clements, Minnesota 56224

SPACE HEATERS

Drafty room? Before plugging in a space heater, consider whether turning up the thermostat or improving your home's efficiency is the better option.



Space heaters are meant for small, targeted areas—not whole homes. Frequent use may signal heat loss or drafts that should be fixed first. Just one space heater can add **\$130 or more** to your electric bill.

Improving insulation and sealing drafts helps your home retain heat and lowers energy use. Think of a space heater like a ceiling fan: it boosts comfort in one area, but it's not a long-term solution.

Use space heaters wisely:

- Heat only the room you're in and keep doors closed.
- Choose the correct size heater and use models with thermostats or timers.

Stay safe:

- Place heaters on flat, nonflammable surfaces and plug them directly into wall outlets.
- Keep them at least 3 feet from people, pets, and flammable items.
- Look for safety features like tip-over shutoff, overheat protection, and certified labels.
- Never leave heaters unattended; turn them off when leaving the room or sleeping.

Staying warm starts with efficiency—and safe, smart choices.



Youth Tour

WASHINGTON D.C.

JUNE 15-20, 2026

Applications can be found on our website at www.redwoodelectric.com

Must be 16-18 years old and parents/guardians are members of Redwood Electric.

Deadline: March 6th



OPERATION ROUND-UP STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

for high school seniors



Deadline is

MARCH 13, 2026

REDWOOD ELECTRIC REBATE SUMMARY SHEET

2026



Residential Rebates

Dehumidifier: \$40 bill credit

Battery Powered Yard Tools:

Lawn Mower, Snow Blower-\$50 bill credit

Chainsaw, Leaf Blower, or Trimmer/Weed Whip- \$25 bill credit

Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat: \$25 bill credit

Air Source Heat Pump & Ductless Mini-Split: \$600-\$1000 check

Ground Source Heat Pump: \$600/TON check

**The unit must be new, installed, wired, and working before submitting a rebate.*



Commercial & Agriculture LED Lighting

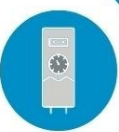
LED Lighting rebates are based on kW reduction on retrofit projects only. \$50/kW reduction, rebate cannot exceed 25% of project cost and a minimum of 1 kW.



Water Heater Programs

The program includes an 85-gallon or 105-gallon Marathon® water heater for \$850 (1/2 unit price) and on our load control program. REC will deliver the water heater.

**member is responsible for plumber and electrician costs*



**Rebates are subject to change at any time.*

\$4,000 total rebates max per member/year & the rebate amount paid will not exceed more than 25% of the unit cost.

Contact our office for questions!



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Operation Round-Up



Pictured above: Sarah Groebner from Redwood Electric Cooperative with the First and Second graders from St. Raphael School and their Principal, Beth Steffl.



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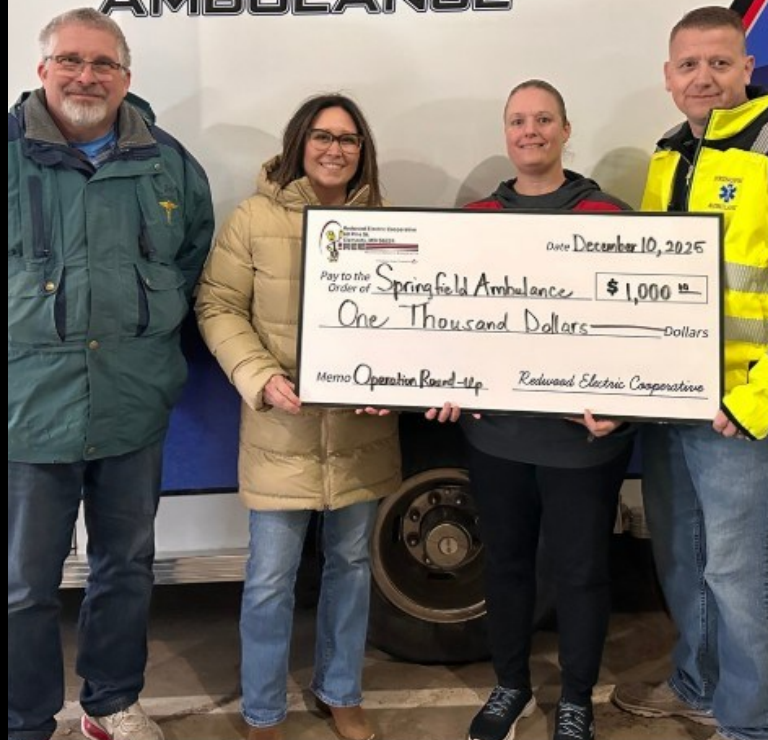


St. Raphael Catholic School has recently been awarded a \$1,000 Operation Round-Up Grant, which will significantly enrich the educational experiences of its students through the Wild Compass Environmental Education program. This funding will support both an assembly and an interactive nature field trip, designed to immerse students in the outdoors while reinforcing key science concepts learned in class.

These experiences will not only facilitate direct engagement with nature but will also allow students to learn from environmental experts, deepening their understanding of ecological systems and environmental stewardship. The combination of the assembly and field trip will create a vibrant learning environment that connects classroom knowledge with real-world applications, fostering a greater appreciation and understanding of the natural world. St. Raphael School serves our member dependents from the Springfield, Sanborn, Lamberton, and Clements areas.



SPRINGFIELD
AMBULANCE



The Springfield Ambulance service recently received a \$1,000 Operation Round-Up grant from the Redwood Electric Cooperative, intended to bolster their emergency response capabilities. This funding will be dedicated to acquiring two new Getac tablets, advanced devices known for their durability and efficiency in demanding environments. These tablets are set to significantly enhance navigation and communication for the ambulance crew, allowing them to access real-time data and improve coordination during emergencies. As a result, this technological upgrade is expected to help with faster response times, ultimately benefiting patients in need of urgent medical attention. This initiative highlights the importance of community support in strengthening local emergency services and ensuring prompt care for area residents.

Energy Saving Ideas to Stay Warm and Cozy This Month!

Here are some tips to keep you cozy and keep your electric bills down!

Heating:

- **Conserve Your Heating:** If you have rooms you don't use often, close the vents and doors to those rooms.
- **Thermostat Control:** Lower your thermostat a few degrees, especially when you're sleeping or away from home. A programmable thermostat can automate this.
- **Layer Up:** Wear warm clothes and use blankets to stay comfortable, allowing you to keep the thermostat a bit lower.
- **Sunlight Smart:** Open curtains during the day to let the sun warm your home naturally. Close them at night to keep the heat in.
- **Fan Assist:** Reverse your ceiling fan direction to clockwise. This pushes warm air down from the ceiling.
- **Maintain Your System:** Make sure your furnace filter is clean and that your heating system is properly maintained.

Water Heating:

- **Shorter Showers:** Reduce your shower time to save hot water.
- **Wash in Cold:** Use cold water for laundry whenever possible.
- **Lower the Temp:** Set your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Appliances & Electronics:

- **Unplug "Energy Vampires":** Unplug electronics and appliances when not in use, or use a power strip to easily turn them all off at once.
- **Cook Smart:** Use smaller appliances like a slow cooker and air fryers, which use less energy than ovens.
- **Full loads Only:** Run full loads of laundry and dishes to maximize efficiency.
- **Air Dry:** When possible, air dry dishes and clothes instead of using the dishwasher's heated dry cycle or the clothes washer.

General:

- **Seal Up Leaks:** Caulk and weatherstrip around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- **Insulation Check:** Make sure your home is properly insulated, especially in the attic and crawl spaces.



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