

POWER LINE

June 2022



Redwood Electric Cooperative

60 Pine Street • Clements, Minnesota 56224

Be Safe & Prepared for Severe Storms

Severe storms are more common in the spring and summer, but can occur anytime of year. Make sure you are prepared and know how to stay safe.

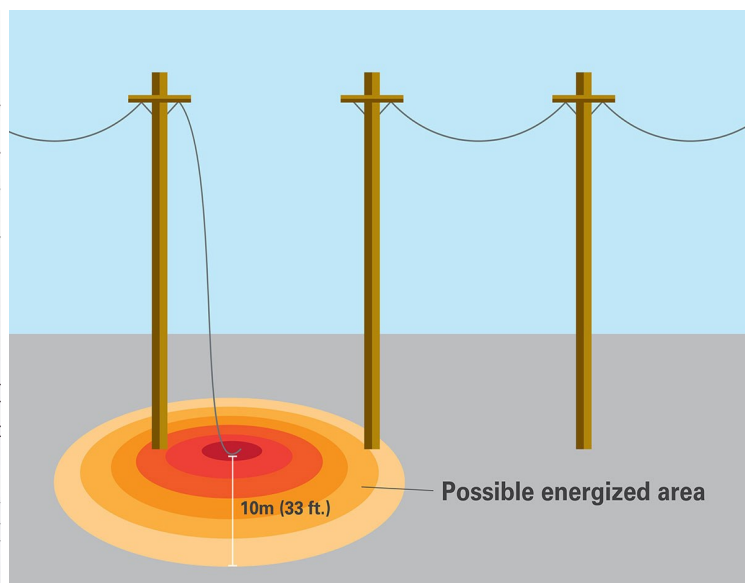
Stay Safe: When venturing outside, stay away from downed power lines and be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may be covering an electrical hazard. If you are driving and see a downed power line or hit a pole and the power lines are damaged, stay in your vehicle, warn others to stay away and contact our office and emergency personnel.

If you have medical devices that are life sustaining and run off electricity, have livestock, or to keep sump pumps running; you might want to look into getting a generator.

REC cannot predict the weather or know the working conditions that can affect the length of the outage.


**CALL
YOUR
UTILITY**

if you see any
damaged lines or
equipment. **Your safety
is our top priority.**



**Redwood Electric Cooperative's
Office will be closed on
July 4th**

ALWAYS ASSUME **LIVE**



Downed power lines can be **deadly**. Always assume a downed power line is **live** and avoid approaching them or anything near them.

Use Precaution



Downed power lines can energize the ground up to **35 feet away**. Even more in wet conditions.



If you see a downed power line, **call 911**.



Never drive over downed power lines or anything in contact with them.



Never try to move a downed power line.

If a vehicle contacts a **power line** or **utility pole**...

STAY AWAY AND CALL 911



Consider **all lines** to be live and dangerous.



Stay in place or inside your vehicle unless you see **fire** or **smoke**.



Warn others to stay at least **35 feet away**.



Tell others not to approach vehicle, downed lines, or anything that may be in contact with downed lines.



Call **911**.



In the Event of Fire or Smoke

Do not touch the ground and vehicle at the **same time**.



Jump from the vehicle with your **feet together**.



Shuffle away, avoid lifting your feet.



RHUBARB SLUSH



Ingredients:

- 8 cups Rhubarb
- 8 cups water
- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 1 box (small) strawberry jello
- 1 bottle 7up

Directions:

1. Cook all ingredients until mushy.
2. Add 1 small box of strawberry jello
3. Strain through collandar. Let cool and freeze in ice cream pail.
4. Serve in cups. Scoop slush into cup and add 7up.

Easy Tips for Making the Summer Shift

- Longer day-light hours have arrived. Shut off unnecessary lights.
- Start the dishwasher after 7 p.m., then open the door when the rinse cycle is complete to let the dishes air dry overnight.
- Utilize a programmable thermostat. Set the temperature to 78 degrees when no one is home.
- Do laundry early in the morning or in the evening after 7 p.m. using cold water when possible. Take advantage of free solar energy to dry your clothes outside on a clothes line.
- Draw curtains to keep strong sunlight from over heating the interior of your home and increasing the use of air conditioning.
- Advanced power strips can help reduce the amount of “vampire electricity” pulled by electronics when they are plugged in, but not in use.



SMART PAYMENTS

SMART MANAGEMENT. SMART LIFE. SMARTHUB.

Save time. Avoid service interruptions. Eliminate late fees.

With SmartHub, you'll be notified when your bill is due and can pay securely online or in the app, anytime, anywhere.

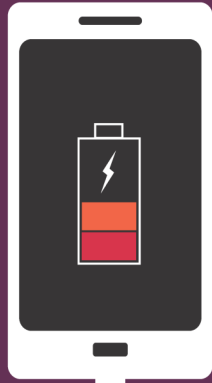
Sign up for autopayments, set up your secure preferred payment method and let account management go into autopilot.

...All in the palm of your hand and online.



www.smarthubapp.com





TIPS TO **SAFELY** CHARGE YOUR ELECTRONICS



Don't buy cheaply made, off-brand charging cubes and cables. They can be **potential fire hazards**, cause electrocution, or damage the device.



Throw away charger blocks and cords that are worn or damaged and **make sure they are not hot** when charging devices.

**NOT
IN BED**

Only charge devices on a **hard, flat, noncombustible surface** to allow for adequate ventilation.



Do not touch any electronic devices that are charging **when you are wet** or standing in water.

Learn more at

**Safe
Electricity.org**

It is estimated that **11% of all power outages** are caused by our furry friend, the squirrel.



**Safe
Electricity.org**

Office Hours & Contact Information

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

Phone: 888-251-5100 or 507-692-2214

Email address: office@redwoodelectric.com

Web: www.redwoodelectric.com

SmartHub: redwoodelectric.smarthub.coop

Pay By Phone: 844-846-2696



OUTAGES

(888) 251-5100
24 HOURS A DAY

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Gopher State One

Call (800) 252-1166

General Manager

Ronald Horman

Board of Directors

Dick Nelson

Michael Baune

Dan Tauer

Dean Fultz

Jill Weber VanDerWal

Emily Evans

George W. Turbes

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](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html) 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.