

POWER LINE

August 2017



Redwood Electric Cooperative

60 Pine Street • Clements, Minnesota 56224

Deadline for Community Solar purchase by panel is September 1

If you have been thinking about participating in the Redwood Electric community solar program, the purchase by panel plan option will no longer be available after September 1.

The option to purchase at \$.13/kWh will remain available at least till the end of 2017.



**Redwood Electric Cooperative
Community Solar, the worry-free
solar option!**

- * **No maintenance.**
- * **Two convenient options.**
- * **Nothing installed at your home.**
- * **From your member owner electric cooperative.**

FROM YOUR MEMBER OWNED ELECTRIC
SERVICE PROVIDER SINCE 1937.



Pre-pay for electricity. With Redwood Electric's community solar you can pre-pay for a portion of your future electric usage. Participate by purchasing 1 to 10 panels and you'll get kWh credits every month until October 31, 2037. You only pay once at \$1,175 per panel.

Hedge against future electric cost. Deadline is September 1st for Pre-Pay Purchase per Panel option!

Lock in Future electric cost. Concerned about future electric rates? Lock in a portion of your electric kWh cost's with Redwood Electric's community solar program. There is no down payment or contract. Participate with 1 to 10 panels and lock in a portion of your electric usage at \$.13/kWh until December 31, 2037.

Put the freeze on a portion of your kWh costs.

Are you interested?

**Contact Sarah Groebner at 507-692-2214
Or sgroebner@redwoodelectric.com**

Get more information on our website

Operation Round Up® grant applications due

Sept. 1

Organizations involved in community projects and non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply for funds from Operation Round Up. Completed grant applications are due in the Redwood Electric Cooperative office by Friday, Sept. 1, 2017.



Operation RoundUp® is a volunteer community support program that Redwood Electric Cooperative offers. It is designed to provide financial assistance to worthwhile projects and charities in our service area and local communities. In essence, its people helping people. Redwood Electric feels it should do more than just sell electricity. Our goal is to enhance the equality of life for our members. Operation RoundUp® is an extension of that goal. The “neighbor helping neighbor” concept that built our cooperative over 80 years ago is why we offer this program.

Each month, Redwood Electric will “round up” the electric bills of participating members to the next dollar. For example, if your bill is \$74.65, we would round it up to \$75.00. The additional 35 cents would go to the Operation RoundUp® fund. Our members who participate in the program spend on average \$6.00 per year.

Your contribution is tax deductible and the funds are administered by the Trust Board, which is made up of volunteers from throughout the area that Redwood Electric Cooperative serves.

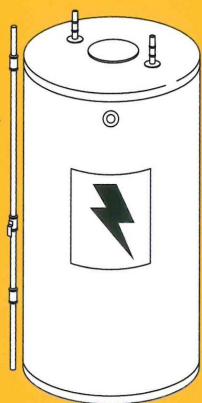
Examples of projects Operation RoundUp® has given money to include: firefighting equipment for volunteer fire departments; lifesaving equipment for ambulance or rescue squads; hospice programs; education scholarships; youth programs; Toys for Tots and similar programs; community recycling programs; environmental research programs; food shelves; crisis centers; clothing, shelter and medical services following accidents or natural disasters.

Applications can be found on our website or by contacting our office.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2017. APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3:30 PM.

The Hidden Battery

Using Your Electric Water Heater for Heating Storage



1

Electric water heater:

Controllable, high-efficiency electric water heaters are in homes.

2

During times of high demand:

Water heaters are temporarily turned off, helping you to save money on your monthly bill.

3

When demand drops:

Water heaters are turned back on to run during the night and provide warm water for the next day.

Benefits

Co-ops avoid peak pricing

Members receive a reduced off-peak electric rate.

Allows utility to take full advantage of wind generation, which is most active at night.

Water heater storage

Electric water heaters are essentially pre-installed thermal batteries that can be used to manage the storage of heat energy, allowing the co-op to take heavy energy loads off-line during peak periods. This saves energy and money for members.

Contact Redwood Electric Cooperative to learn more about our water heater programs.

Stuffed Peppers

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup uncooked long grain white rice
- 1 cup water
- 6 green bell peppers
- 2 (8 oz.) cans tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
2. Place the rice and water in a saucepan, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and cook 20 minutes. In a skillet over medium heat, cook the beef until evenly browned.
3. Remove and discard the tops, seeds and membranes of the bell peppers. Arrange peppers in a baking dish with the hollowed sides facing upward. (Slice the bottoms of the peppers if necessary so that they will stand upright.)
4. In a bowl, mix the browned beef, cooked rice, 1 can tomato sauce, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, and pepper. Spoon an equal amount of the mixture into each hollowed pepper. Mix the remaining tomato sauce and Italian seasoning in a bowl, and pour over the stuffed peppers.
5. Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven, basting with sauce every 15 minutes, until the peppers are tender.



**Redwood Electric Cooperative will be closed
Monday, Sept. 4
In observance of Labor Day.**

Budget Billing

If you are on our budget bill program you might notice your bill looks different this month. That is because it is "Clean Up Month" for our budget bill program.

You will also notice your new budget amount located in the message box on this month's bill.

If you have any questions about your new budget amount, please call our office.

Our budget bill program runs from July to May with June being our "clean up" month.

Monitor Road Ditches & Field Burning

The area around the pole should be worked up and free of all vegetation at least four feet around the base. The pole should also be watched so the fire doesn't accidentally ignite it. Damage from field fires occur to poles and damage ranges from surface charring to destruction. This damage may cost the individual conducting the fire anywhere from \$2,000 or more, depending on the location of the pole and the severity of the damage. Sometimes the damage can result in unnecessary power outages. Pole fires are usually reported by someone driving by. Quick response is critical to avoiding outages for co-op members.

**Please DO NOT leave road ditch or field fires
UNATTENDED!**



Fall is around the corner and there will be many long hours spent working in the fields. Redwood Electric would like to remind everyone to **LOOK UP** when moving farm equipment and **STAY A SAFE DISTANCE AWAY** from power lines.



Office Hours & Contact Information

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

(507) 692-2214 or (888) 251-5100

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Web: www.redwoodelectric.com

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