

POWER LINE

January 2021



Redwood Electric Cooperative

60 Pine Street • Clements, Minnesota 56224

2021 Redwood Electric Rebate Programs

Rebate forms are available on our website, www.redwoodelectric.com, or in our office.

Members must submit a rebate application **within three months of purchase date** for Dehumidifier and Wi-Fi Smart Thermostats.

Members must submit a rebate application **within three months of install date** for ASHP's, Ductless Heat Pumps, GSHP's and all Commercial and individual Agriculture rebates.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a member of the cooperative.
- Equipment must be installed on premises that is served by Redwood Electric Cooperative.
- Member must submit
 - Proof of cost and date of purchase
 - Proof of ENERGY STAR® certified (Dehumidifier and Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat)
 - AHRI product rating sheet (ASHP)
 - Rebate Application form

Dehumidifier

\$40.00 credit applied to energy bill

Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat

\$25.00 credit applied to energy bill

Air Source Heat Pump/Ductless Mini-Split

\$600.00-\$1000.00 (see rebate form for details) check issued to member

Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP)

\$600/Ton (Max of 6 Ton) check issued to member

Commercial & Agriculture: Rebates are available on a case-by-case basis. Rebates are based on kW reduction on retrofit projects. \$50/KW saved, rebate cannot exceed 25% of project cost and a minimum of 1KW and maximum of \$4,000. We do not have rebate programs for new construction. A check will be issued for the rebate amount. Call our office and ask for our electrician or go to our website to get the rebate calculator to see if you qualify.

Water Heater Programs:

Interruptible

\$540.00

\$500 for the water heater and \$40 for the State inspection Fee.

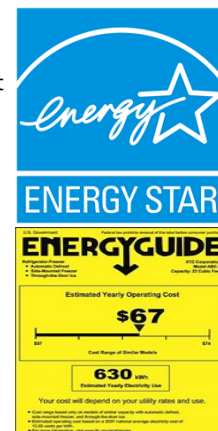
*Controlled during Peak Times

Storage

\$290.00

\$250 for the water heater and \$40 for the State Inspection Fee. This program will not work for every household. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please call our office and ask for our electrician.

*Controlled on Weekdays from 7am-1pm and 3-11pm/Weekends and Holidays controlled from 3pm-11pm.



**We will be closed on
Monday, February 15th**

**In observance of
PRESIDENTS DAY**

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND PARENTS!!

Scholarships for High School Seniors and College Students

Applications can be mailed, emailed or dropped off at our office using our drop box.

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60 Pine St. Clements, MN 56224*

Operation Round-Up Scholarship

High School seniors attending college in the fall of 2021 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 2021.

Deadline is March 5th, 2021



Basin Electric \$1,000 Scholarship

Redwood Electric is honored to partner with Basin Electric to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a dependent of a Redwood Electric member. The applicant must be a student who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school for the fall of 2021.

Deadline is February 5th, 2021

Youth Tour Scholarship

Minnesota has decided not to participate in the 2021 Youth Tour due to the uncertainty and extensive pre-planning that would have already needed to be done. Instead Redwood Electric will be offering 3 Cash prize scholarships!

2-\$1000 Cash Prizes

1-\$500 Cash Prize

Requirements: Applicants must be a high school senior & the student's parent or guardian must be a member of Redwood Electric Cooperative.

Deadline is March 5th, 2021



A Safety Note from Your Cooperative – January 2021



THE WONDERS OF WINTER

As I write this article, the beauty of our winter wonderland surrounds us. Yet, heed these safety reminders to some of the "wonders" of winter.

I wonder if I should travel today?

I am sure every single one of us has ventured out and traveled in weather that we shouldn't have. We were driven by our pull to get to our destination for a meeting, to visit family, or to attend an event.

- Check the weather and view the maps online or on your phone.
- Get the 511 App for your phone for MN road conditions and view the road conditions through the cameras by the Minnesota Department of Transportation.
- Leave early before the driving conditions get nasty.
- Make sure your vehicle is ready for winter driving and carrying a winter emergency kit.
- If the road is icy and you hit a power pole, stay in the vehicle unless it is on fire. The power line may be on your vehicle and it will not be safe to get out UNLESS you know how.
- Decide not to travel. You don't want to be sitting in a ditch or snow bank saying, "I wish I wouldn't have left."

I wonder what that ice might do to my power?

Too often, when we experience icy roads, we get a similar effect on our power lines. Ice can build up on the lines, and cause damage due to the weight. If you lose power during a winter storm, then take these actions.

- Be careful if you venture outside since poles may be down along with the power lines.
- Stay away from power lines on the ground. They can still be energized and you can't tell by looking at them.
- Call in your power outage to the cooperative. And, check to see if others are impacted by the weather on the outage map on the co-op's webpage.

I wonder what hypothermia looks like?

A person can be experiencing hypothermia right in front of you and you may not recognize the symptoms. It can happen at work and at home, and it can even occur when indoors. Hypothermia can quickly become a medical emergency.

- Watch for the "umbles". A person will mumble and stumble.
- Look for shivering, although as hypothermia worsens, shivering stops.
- Be aware of their confusion and poor decision-making, lack of concern about one's condition, drowsiness and/or very low energy.
- Check for progressive loss of consciousness, weak pulse and slow, shallow breathing.
- Learn the first aid care for a person with hypothermia; download a first aid app today.

I wonder if I should plug my vehicle in tonight?

It is recommended to plug your vehicle in if it is going to be outside and will be 5°F or colder.

- Use an extension cord rated for outdoors.
- Make sure the extension cord is in good condition - not frayed or damaged.
- If you are going to leave after driving your vehicle within 2 hours, you do not need to plug it in since it takes about 2 hours to cool down.
- Use a timer so you don't waste electricity. Only 2 hours are needed to warm up your vehicle and it should not be plugged in for more than 4 hours, on average.

Problems Paying Your Electric Bill?

Energy Assistance May Be Available

United Community Action

Marshall Office: 507-537-1416
Redwood Falls Office: 507-637-2187
Willmar Office: 320-235-0850

The Salvation Army HeatShare

320-235-2033
507-537-1416

Veterans Services (MAC-V)

Redwood County: 507-637-4034
Lyon County: 507-537-6729
Brown County: 507-233-6636

Salvation Army

Redwood Falls: 507-637-2187

Redwood County Human Services

507-637-4041
Toll Free: 888-837-6713

The ARC Minnesota Housing Access Program-Southwest Region

Cheryl Hutchens: 507-345-4223
<https://www.arcminnesota.org/ways-we-can-help/housing-access-services/>

"The Southwest Region provides programs and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, Waseca, Watonwan, and Yellow Medicine counties."

Reminder: to be protected under the MN Cold Weather Rule, you need to make and keep a reasonable payment arrangement in addition to meeting the income eligibility guidelines or by being approved for Energy Assistance. Call our office today if you are struggling to pay your electric bill.



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

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(888) 251-5100
24 HOURS A DAY

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Call (800) 252-1166

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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.