



Members saved \$10,219 in 2015 by recycling appliances!

Outdated appliances are energy hogs, driving up your monthly bill. Wouldn't you rather make money from them? Sign up to have them picked up for recycling via Pull the Plug.

- » REFRIGERATORS, \$35 EACH
- » FREEZERS, \$25 EACH
- » WINDOW AIR CONDITIONERS, \$25 EACH

Complete the form on our website or call 877-850-4343 for more information.



Line Your Pockets With More Green

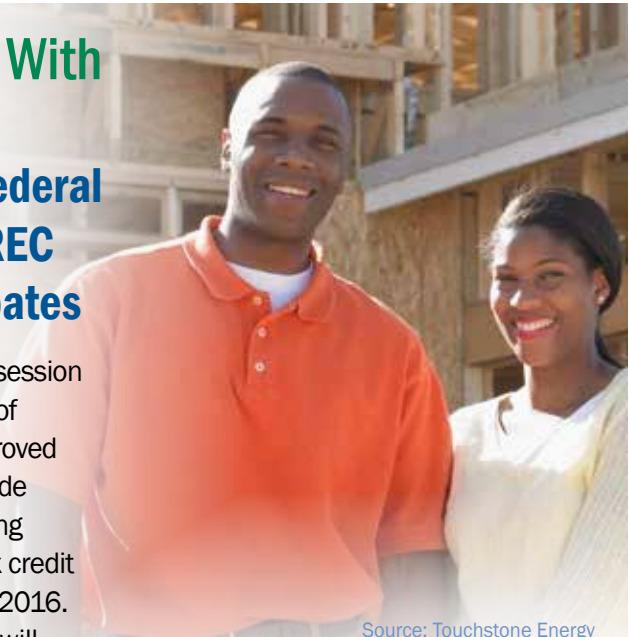
Combine state and federal tax credits with ECI REC energy-efficiency rebates

The most recent Iowa legislative session was a win for members in terms of energy tax credits. The state approved a framework so utilities can provide geothermal tax credits to qualifying applicants beyond the federal tax credit expiration date of December 31, 2016.

This geothermal tax credit will be available against your individual income tax in an amount equal to 10% of the cost of installing a "qualified geothermal heat pump property." This is defined as any equipment that uses the ground or groundwater as a thermal energy source to heat your home or as a thermal energy sink to cool your home. The equipment must meet the requirements of the federal ENERGY STAR® program in effect at the time of the expenditure.

There's even more good news! If you claim this credit, you are still eligible to claim the existing tax credit equal to 20% of the federal residential energy-efficiency property tax credit for geothermal heat pumps as long as it's available. Check out the 2016 geothermal rebate information below.

Iowa's 2017 geothermal tax credit will be offered starting January 1, 2017, and it applies to expenditures made on or after that date. It will not be offered should the federal credit be extended.



Source: Touchstone Energy

2016 GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMPS CREDIT

- Existing homes and new construction qualify. Both principal residences and second homes qualify. Rentals do not qualify.

Tax credit: 30% of cost with no upper limit

Requirements: Must meet the requirements of the ENERGY STAR program which are in effect at the time of the expenditure. Tax credits include installation costs.

Required Geothermal Equipment Specifications

WATER-TO-AIR	WATER-TO-WATER	DIRECT EXPANSION
Closed loop	Closed loop	EER >= 16
EER >= 17.1	EER >= 16.1	COP >= 3.6
COP >= 3.6	COP >= 3.1	
Open loop:	Open loop:	
EER >= 21.1	EER >= 20.1	
COP >= 4.1	COP >= 3.5	

Get Money Back With Appliance Rebates From ECI REC

Earn a reward when shopping for new appliances from ECI REC in the form of a rebate on qualifying appliances. Contact ECI REC at 319-443-4343 or find rebate forms online at ecirec.coop.



Scan the QR code to access our residential rebate brochure, which lists even more rebates!



Rebates for ENERGY STAR Appliances*

Clothes Washer

- With electric water heater & electric dryer: \$60 per unit
- With electric water heater only: \$30 per unit

* Limit 2 appliances per home or account per year unless otherwise noted. Go to www.energystar.gov for a list of ENERGY STAR-rated appliances. Rebates must be submitted within 6 months of equipment installation. Because rebate qualifications vary, review the appropriate rebate form for the requirements prior to purchase. In general, members planning to apply for rebates should keep receipts and/or invoices and must fill out the appropriate rebate form. Programs subject to change at any time without prior notice.

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Use the form to the right to get started using these options today.

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ECI REC - Billing
PO Box 248
Urbana, IA 52345-0248



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Direct Payment Authorization Agreement

CHECKING or SAVINGS

ECI REC Account No. _____

Bank Name _____

Bank Address _____

City, State _____

Routing No. _____

Bank Account No. _____

Signature _____

E-mail _____

CREDIT CARD (MasterCard and Visa accepted)

Credit Card No. _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

I authorize East-Central Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative to deduct from my bank/credit card account the total due each month as shown on my monthly electricity bill. All transactions are debited on the first business day of each month. Please include a voided check if you are deducting from a checking account.

YES, tell me my monthly budget amount.

Name _____

Daytime Phone _____

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