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## ATTENTION MEMBERS: Use Caution When Burning Ditches This Spring

Burning helps clean things up, but it can also cause extensive damage to Cooperative property, resulting in electric service problems. Members involved in such fires may be invoiced for damage they cause to Cooperative property.







### TWO TIPS FOR SAFE BURNING

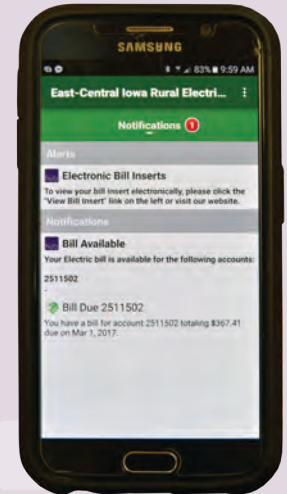
- 1 Green, or newer, poles are more susceptible to burning—use extra caution.
- 2 Always be aware of the locations of poles, anchor guy assemblies, underground cabinets, and other important Cooperative equipment when burning.

## Get Smart: Use SmartHub On the Go

Looking for a way to make payments easier, get updates on outages in your area, and quickly access your account and usage information? The **SmartHub** app is the answer.

USE THE APP TO:

-  View and file your bills using your smartphone.
-  Receive your electronic bill via email and save time, postage, the environment, and mail clutter.
-  Add budget billing so you know what amount you will pay each month.
-  Access the ECI REC Outage Map for near real-time information during an outage.
-  Perform a free self-energy audit with the HomeEnergyCalculator.
-  Get energy-saving tips from the Explore Usage Management tab.



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## AG MEMBERS: Energy-Efficient Upgrades Earn YOU Cash!

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In honor of National Ag Month in March, ECI REC would like to remind our producers to take advantage of our ag energy-efficiency incentives. You can find even more lighting incentives at [ecirec.coop](http://ecirec.coop)!

### LIVESTOCK/DAIRY EQUIPMENT

- » Ventilation fans (BESS lab rated): \$3/in. (fan blade diameter)
- » Ventilation thermostat controllers with humidistats: \$25 each
- » Circulation fans (BESS lab rated): \$1/in. (fan blade diameter)
- » High-volume low-speed fans (minimum 10' diameter): \$35/ft. (fan blade diameter)
- » Dairy heat reclaimers: \$5 per milking cow
- » Dairy milk pre-coolers: \$4 per milking cow
- » VSD vacuum pumps: \$40/horsepower
- » Scroll compressors: \$250 each (must replace reciprocating compressors)
- » Electric heated livestock waterers: \$50 each (≤ 175W per trough opening)
- » Heat lamps: \$3/lamp (≤ 175W)
- » Single-crate heating pads: \$25/single pad (≤ 85W)
- » Double-crate heating pads: \$50/double pad (≤ 170W)
- » Heat lamps or pad controllers: \$50/controller

### LIGHTING - EXISTING BUILDINGS

- » LED tubes - Replacing T12/T8: \$3/lamp (must be DesignLights Consortium® qualified)
- » High bay fluorescent fixtures (4' T8/T5, 15' mount height)
  - Replacement of HID fixtures: \$12/lamp
  - Replacement of non-HID fixtures: \$6/lamp

### INDOOR LIGHTING - ALL BUILDINGS

- » LED lamps screw-based: ≥ 8W \$4/lamp
- » LED fixtures (non-troffer type): 8-49W \$15/fixture; 50-99W \$25/fixture; ≥ 100W \$40/fixture (lamps & fixtures must be ENERGY STAR® or DesignLights Consortium qualified)

### OUTDOOR SECURITY LIGHTING - ALL BUILDINGS

- » LED fixtures: 20-34W \$15/fixture; 35-49W \$20/fixture; 50-74W \$40/fixture; 75-124W \$50/fixture; ≥ 125W \$60/fixture (lamps & fixtures must be ENERGY STAR or DesignLights Consortium qualified)

### INDOOR LIGHTING - NEW BUILDINGS OR ADDITIONS

- » High bay fluorescent fixtures: \$6/lamp (4' T8/T5, 15' mount height)

**Some conditions apply.**

For equipment qualifications and detailed requirements for these rebates, log on to [www.ecirec.coop](http://www.ecirec.coop) or contact us toll-free at 877-850-4343.



## We Care Through RECare

In 2016, 75 members donated \$5,444 to RECare.

### » WHAT IS RECare?

RECare is a voluntary program that distributes funds to community action agencies to help low-income members pay heating bills or cover the cost of winterizing their homes.

### » WHERE WILL MY MONEY GO?

Your contribution stays in your community. The Hawkeye Area Community Action Program distributes to our southern district, and Operation Threshold distributes to our northern district.

### » HOW DO I HELP?

Fill out the participation form below or at [ecirec.coop](http://ecirec.coop). Your Electric Bill > Member Programs > RECare.

### YES, I want to contribute to RECare.

- I will make a one-time contribution to RECare.
- I will contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month to RECare. (I understand that this amount will be automatically added to my monthly electric bill.)
- My check is enclosed. (Make payable to ECI REC.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: East-Central Iowa REC | PO Box 248 | Urbana, Iowa 52345



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## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



Your Co-op Connections® Card offers you Healthy Savings and local and national deals. Use your card to start saving today! Questions? Email [coopconnections@ecirec.coop](mailto:coopconnections@ecirec.coop).



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