



MEMBER SMART CORNER

To keep our members up to date as ECI REC transitions to smart meters, here are answers to a few of the most frequently asked questions about the new system.

Q: Why is ECI REC switching to AMI smart meters?

A: The AMI system supports our goal of making our electric distribution system safer and more reliable.

Q: What do smart meters do?

A: Smart meters record an electronic kWh reading, the date and time of energy usage, and overall peak demand. They also record the date and length of any outages or blinks.

Q: How do smart meters collect data?

A: Smart meters collect and store energy usage data. This data is sent to ECI REC's servers and updated several times each day. Once the data has been transmitted and validated, it is made available on the member portal, SmartHub.

To view the full smart meter FAQ sheet, visit ecirec.coop/smartmeterinstall/FAQ.



Save Money This Flu Season

Use your Co-op Connections® Card to receive a discount on flu vaccines at any participating pharmacy, including CVS, Walmart, Walgreens, and Target. Remember, your entire family can use the card.

IT'S SIMPLE.

- 1 Present your Co-op Connections Card when paying. If you have insurance, present your insurance card as well.
- 2 Ask the pharmacist to calculate the discounted price. If you have insurance, ask the pharmacist to compare the discounted price to your insurance price.
- 3 You can pay the lowest price between the two.

ECI REC Weatherization Incentives

Make upgrades now to save this winter

Requirements (With or Without LIHEAP)

- » Home must have electric heat and/or central air conditioning. (Homes heated with natural gas do not qualify.)
- » Home must have been built prior to 1996.
- » Project must be an upgrade to an existing home. (New additions do not qualify.)
- » Project cost must be \$150 or more. (Labor costs cannot be included for self-installed projects.)

Electric Heat (With or Without Air Conditioning)

- » Attic/Ceiling Insulation—60% up to \$600
 - » Wall Insulation—60% up to \$600
 - » Foundation Insulation—60% up to \$600
 - » Infiltration Control—60% up to \$200
 - » Duct Insulation/Sealing—60% up to \$200
- Maximum incentive per home—\$2,200

Central AC Only (Non-Electric Heating)

- » Attic/Ceiling Insulation—15% up to \$150
 - » Wall Insulation—15% up to \$150
- Maximum incentive per home—\$300

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Up to 50% Instant Discount

ENERGY STAR® CFL and LED screw-in lamps
(including fixtures with screw-in adapters)

Your Cooperative is partnering with local retailers in Iowa as part of the Be Bright lighting program.

Discounts of up to \$10 per lamp or fixture have **already been applied** to the marked shelf price at participating retailers. **No claim forms are required.**

Just visit a store listed at www.iowabebright.com and purchase CFL or LED bulbs and fixtures identified on the shelf with Be Bright promotional materials.

Members Helping Fellow Members in Need

Contributing to RECare, a program that distributes funds to low-income energy consumers in Benton and Buchanan Counties, is an easy way to help others. The funds donated by ECI REC members are given out through community action agencies and help pay heating bills or weatherization costs for members who are in need.

From July 2016 to June 2017, 68 members contributed to RECare through monthly contributions. Three members contributed via one-time donations. In total, these members contributed \$5,265. These donations assisted 13 members, with an average of \$413.22 going to each family.

Help ECI REC reach our goal of exceeding that number of participants in 2017–2018! To sign up for RECare or make a one-time donation, complete and return the form to the right. The form can also be found at ecirec.coop under Your Electric Bill, Member Programs.

Thanks to all the members who are giving to others in our communities! Even a small amount can help those less fortunate.

Scan to fill out the RECare form online.



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: _____

Mail form to: ECI REC | PO Box 248 | Urbana, IA 52345

Weatherization Incentives *continued*

LIHEAP Qualified

Electric Heat (With or Without Air Conditioning)

- » Attic/Ceiling Insulation—80% up to \$800
- » Wall Insulation—80% up to \$800
- » Foundation Insulation—80% up to \$800
- » Infiltration Control—80% up to \$200
- » Duct Insulation/Sealing—80% up to \$200

Maximum incentive per home—\$2,800

Central AC Only (Non-Electric Heating)

- » Attic/Ceiling Insulation—20% up to \$150
- » Wall Insulation—20% up to \$150

Maximum incentive per home—\$300

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



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Use SmartHub to pay for FREE online! Discover, Visa, and MasterCard accepted. While you're there, view your monthly usage data in helpful chart formats.



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