



Smart Meter Installation Underway






ECI REC and Chapman Metering have finished installing 176 pilot smart meters in areas served by the Shellsburg (#55) and Lindahl (#62) substations. Reminder postcards were sent to affected members—postcards will be sent to all members as their installation approaches. Full smart meter deployment is currently set to begin the week of March 12.

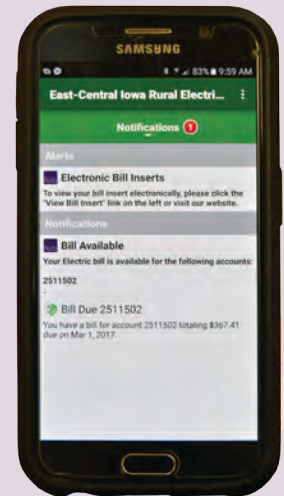
Smart meter installation is the next step in maximizing the capability of the technology ECI REC has been putting in place over the past decade. The ECI REC team is here to address any questions you may have about the new meters. Please feel free to call 877-850-4343 or email ecirec@ecirec.coop for more information.

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.
-  Inquire about 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.
-  Get energy-saving tips or perform a free self-energy audit on the Usage Management tab.



Download the free SmartHub On the Go app from iTunes or the Android app store to access your account 24/7.



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Scan to download
the SmartHub app



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You can also access SmartHub by clicking on the icon on our homepage.

AG MEMBERS: Energy-Efficient Upgrades Earn YOU Cash!

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. Find the full list of our ag incentives—plus residential and commercial incentives—at ecirec.coop!

LIVESTOCK/DAIRY EQUIPMENT

- » Ventilation fans (BESS lab rated): \$3/ in. (fan blade diameter)
- » Ventilation thermostat controller with humidistat: \$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 compressor)
- » 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 lamp or pad controller: \$50/controller

LIGHTING - All lamps & fixtures must be ENERGY STAR® or DesignLights Consortium® qualified

EXISTING BUILDINGS

- » LED tubes replacing T12/T8: \$3/lamp
- » LED lamps ≥ 6W: \$2/lamp
- » Indoor LED fixtures (non-troffer): 8-14W \$10/ fixture; 15-49W \$15/ fixture; 50-99W \$25/ fixture; ≥ 100W \$40/ fixture
- » High bay fluorescent fixtures (4' T8/ T5, 15' mount height) replacing HID fixtures: \$6/lamp

ALL BUILDINGS

- » Occupancy sensors: \$15 each
- » LED high bay/troffer fixtures: Contact ECI REC
- » Outdoor security lighting: 20-34W \$15/ fixture; 35-49W \$20/ fixture; 50-74W \$40/ fixture; 75-124W \$50/ fixture; ≥ 125W \$60/ fixture

NEW BUILDINGS OR ADDITIONS

- » Indoor LED fixtures (non-troffer): 8-14W \$5/ fixture; 15-49W \$10/ fixture; 50-99W \$20/ fixture; ≥ 100W \$30/ fixture

Some conditions apply.

For equipment qualifications and detailed requirements for these rebates, log on to www.ecirec.coop or contact us toll-free at 877-850-4343.



Image source: Bloom Manufacturing Company

Electric Water Heaters Offer Many Benefits

Are you in the market for a new water heater? If you already have an electric unit, you know the benefits; but if you have a propane (gas) water heater, or are contemplating one, below are a few points to ponder.

- **Safety** – An electric water heater requires no venting, no gas line, and offers no CO₂ concerns.
- **Space** – The water heater space allotment in your home often determines what will work best. An electric water heater installation requires zero clearance.
- **Maintenance** – Electric water heaters are very low maintenance; there are no moving parts and no pilot lights to be concerned with.
- **Price** – An energy-efficient (rating 0.95 and above) 50-gallon electric water heater will cost a family of four about \$40 per month to operate. Electric rates are considerably more stable than gas. For example, East-Central Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative's price per kilowatt-hour has increased 4.6% (less than a half a cent) over the past 10 years. Installation costs are also considerably less with an electric water heater.
- **Energy Efficiency** – Consider the ultimate in electric water heating with an air source heat pump water heater. With an efficiency rating of at least 2.4 (240%), they are the most efficient water heaters on the market today.
- **Incentives** – Buy a new, energy-efficient electric water heater and receive a \$50 rebate. Receive a \$650 rebate for the purchase of an air source heat pump water heater.

Still can't decide? Give us a call and let us help. As a member-owned cooperative, we work for you, offering friendly, local, reliable, no-cost help with all your energy-efficient household decisions.

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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