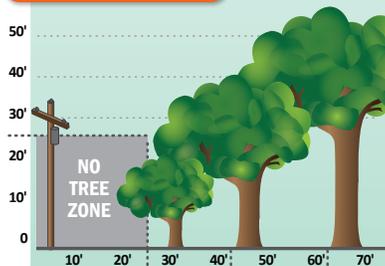


START IN THE RIGHT SPOT

If you're planning to **PLANT TREES** this fall, help ensure your tree doesn't get an unwanted haircut down the road:

- » Choose the spot based on the tree's full-grown height and spread.
- » Obey the no-tree zone: Don't plant trees within 25 feet of power lines.

Tree Planting Guide



- » **Small Trees:** Plant trees less than 25' in height/spread at least 25' from lines.
- » **Medium Trees:** Plant trees 25'-40' in height/spread at least 40' from lines.
- » **Large Trees:** Plant trees larger than 40' in height/spread at least 60' from lines.



Your Support Can Help Influence Energy Policy

Today more than ever, what is happening in Des Moines, Iowa, and Washington, D.C., can impact your cost of power and its reliability. Through political action committees (PACs), members can support the campaigns of those officials who have shown themselves supportive of our goals. Because it is illegal for cooperative funds to be contributed to election campaigns, these PACs rely on donations from cooperative employees, directors, and members like you.

The two PACs members can consider donating to are the Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE), which sends funds to candidates for federal elections, and the Friends of Rural Electrification (FORE), which supports candidates running for state office. Sign up today by filling out the form to the right.

Yes, I will support ACRE and FORE.

I will make a one-time contribution of \$_____. My check is enclosed.

Make checks payable to REC Transmittal Account.

I will contribute monthly. Please add \$_____ each month to my electric bill.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Account Number: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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

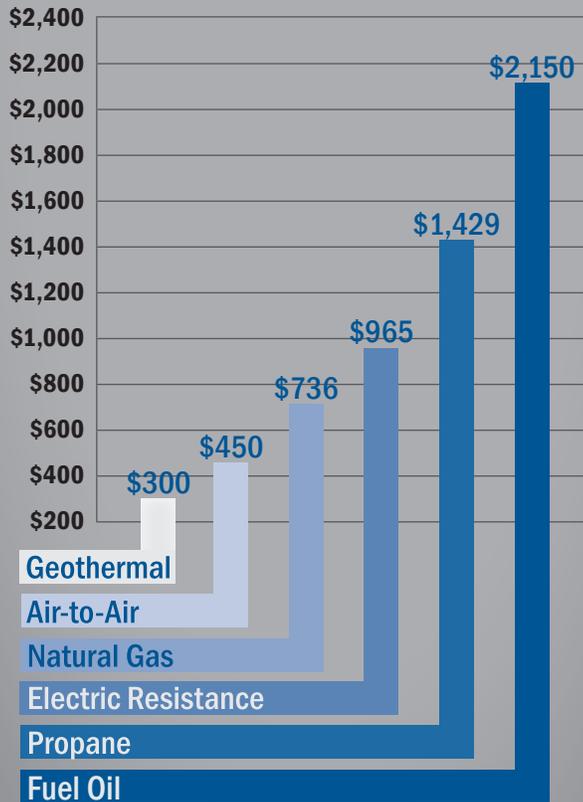
REMINDER: Heat Plus Rate Offers Winter Savings

Image source: Brian Wolke, Jackson County REMC

ECI REC's Heat Plus rate will take effect October 1, 2018, and is available through May 31, 2019. Even with lower gas prices, our Heat Plus rate of **.0485 cents/kWh** remains a great value for members using primarily electric heating. Call 877-850-4343 or visit ecirec.coop to see if you qualify for the Heat Plus rate.

2018 - 2019 Projected Heating Costs*

Cost per year based on heating a 1,500-square-foot residence in the Midwest with basement and average insulation. Geothermal and air-to-air heat pump costs do not include resistive backup heat.



*Energy Information Administration, Table WF01

Program Offers Members a Helping Hand

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If your electric bill is often late, consider enrolling in East-Central Iowa REC's free Helping Hand Reminder program.

When the account of an enrolled member becomes delinquent, ECI REC notifies their designated contact person. The contact person then reminds the member who missed their payment.

Enroll by filling out the Helping Hand Reminder authorization form online at ecirec.coop under Your Electric Bill > Member Programs, by scanning the QR code to the right, or by mailing in the form below. Members can withdraw from the program at any time by contacting an ECI REC customer service representative at 877-850-4343.



Yes, I want to enroll in the Helping Hand Reminder program.

Member Name: _____

Member Acct #: _____

Phone: _____ Other Contact Phone: _____

Name and address of person to be contacted in case of delinquent payment:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Member's Signature for Authorization: _____

Contact Person's Signature: _____

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



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