

APRIL 2016



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Outdated appliances are energy hogs, driving up your monthly bill.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.



HERE FOR YOU, 24/7, 365

ECI REC Celebrates National Lineman Appreciation Day
APRIL 18, 2016

On April 18, 2016, ECI REC will honor the hard-working people who often face challenging conditions to keep the lights on by celebrating National Lineman Appreciation Day.

We proudly recognize all electric linemen for the services they perform around the clock in dangerous conditions to keep power flowing and protect the public's safety, and especially the 13 linemen who serve our Cooperative.

"Electric linemen do not often receive the recognition they deserve," said Steve Marlow, CEO. "They work all hours of the day, often in hazardous conditions far from their families, going above and beyond to restore power to their communities. Our linemen, as well as linemen from across the nation, truly deserve this special day of recognition."

ECI REC invites members to take a moment to thank a lineman for the work they do. Use #ThankALineman on our Facebook page (facebook.com/eastcentraliowarec) to show your support for the people who light our lives.



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.

In 2015, 80 ECI REC members donated \$5,500 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.
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



We *Care* Through RECare

APRIL IS SAFE DIGGING MONTH!

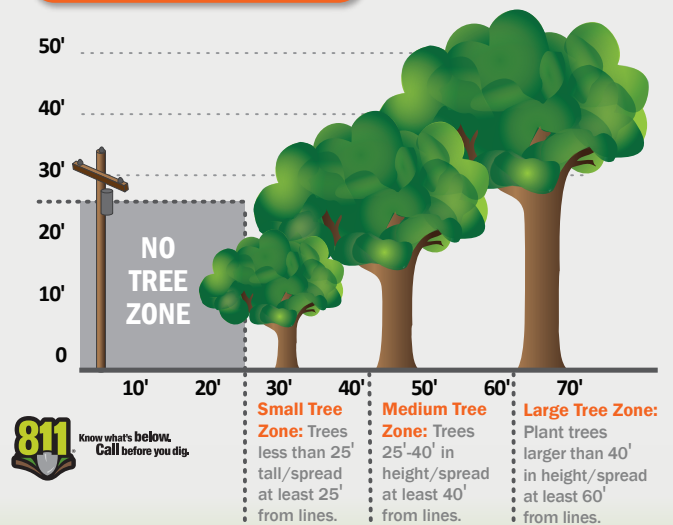
ECI REC is reminding all members to call Iowa One Call by dialing 811 before you dig, whether your project is a deck addition, planting a tree, trenching in fields, or a landscaping masterpiece. Although light gardening typically doesn't call for deep digging, other seemingly simple tasks like planting shrubs or installing a new mailbox post can damage utility lines. A severed line can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm the person digging, and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

START IN THE RIGHT SPOT

If you're planning to plant trees this spring, 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



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.



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



Click this icon at ecirec.coop to access these free tools to break down your monthly energy costs, use television and lighting calculators, find a Kids Kerner, and more.