



ATTENTION MEMBERS: Use Caution When Burning Ditches

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.



Members Help Members Through RECare Program

With support from members like you, ECI REC's RECare program distributes funds to low-income members in Benton and Buchanan Counties. These donations are used to help pay for heating bills or the cost of winterizing the homes of ECI REC members who need assistance.

In 2021, 72 members donated \$7,953 to RECare. Some donated in one payment, while others had the Cooperative add a few dollars to their electric bills each month. No matter the size or frequency of the donation, it made a difference! We are proud so many of our members are digging into their pockets to help others.

RECare funds are distributed to qualifying members through community action agencies. Donations from our northern service area are administered by Operation Threshold, while donations from our southern service area are administered by Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP).

If you would like to support RECare, visit ecirec.coop. Hover over Account Services, look down the list for Member Programs, and click on RECare Program.



Scan to fill out 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






March 21-25, 2022, is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Iowa

Iowans are no strangers to the hazardous weather spring can bring. On average, Iowa sees close to 50 tornadoes, tens of flash flood events, hundreds of severe thunderstorms, and thousands of non-severe thunderstorms, according to the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Get your family prepared! For tips on what to do before, during, and after severe weather events, visit ready.iowa.gov.

Severe Thunderstorms

OUTSIDE

-  Avoid open spaces
-  Avoid high ground
-  Avoid boats & bodies of water
-  Avoid trees
-  Avoid tents and pavilions



INSIDE






-  Avoid taking a bath or shower
-  Avoid using electronic equipment
-  Avoid using corded phones
-  Avoid concrete floors and walls
-  Avoid windows

Image source: ready.iowa.gov

Spring Safety To-Do List

Image source: Dreamstime / Natalina Rankong

On March 13, we'll all be springing forward for Daylight Saving Time! For many, that's a sign to start planning this year's spring cleaning to-do list.

As you warm up the mowers and landscaping tools, make sure you also check off these important safety measures:

- Check your smoke alarm battery or consider a UL-certified wireless system.
- Check your carbon monoxide detectors.
- Review or update your household's emergency plan—make sure everyone knows several escape routes, where to meet if you need to shelter outside, and how to contact first responders.

SUPPORT RENEWABLES IN IOWA > You can volunteer to support the development of renewable energy production facilities in Iowa via your monthly bill. Per month in 2021, an average of 76 ECI REC members contributed an average of \$4.00 each to support the production of renewable energy in Iowa. Member support for the year totaled \$3,685.50.

- Cost is \$2.10 for each 100 kWh. Purchase only 100 kWh or any multiple of 100 kWh.
- All voluntary contributions from members to this fund will be used for the development of alternative energy production facilities in Iowa. Alternative energy production facilities may include wind energy, biomass, solar, and other nontraditional generation technologies.
- Once you have signed up, your participation continues until you notify us that you wish to make a change.

Iowa Renewable Contribution Program

Name: _____

ECI REC Account #: _____

Email: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I wish to support the purchase of:

100 kWh for an extra \$2.10 per month

200 kWh for an extra \$4.20 per month

300 kWh for an extra \$6.30 per month

_____ kWh at \$2.10 per 100 kWh per month

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

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



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