



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.

Severe Weather Week
MARCH 27-31

Using a weather app for alerts? Check out these tips!

- » Have multiple ways to receive warnings. There are many free commercial apps and services for email and text alerts.
- » Know which apps alert for which hazards.
- » Choose the alert methods that work best for you in different situations (at home, at the ballpark, etc.).
- » React quickly when the hazard occurs.



12 WAYS TO PREPARE

<input type="checkbox"/>  Sign up for Alerts and Warnings	<input type="checkbox"/>  Make a Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>  Save for a Rainy Day	<input type="checkbox"/>  Practice Emergency Drills	<input type="checkbox"/>  Test Family Communication Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>  Safeguard Documents
<input type="checkbox"/>  Plan with Neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/>  Make Your Home Safer	<input type="checkbox"/>  Know Evacuation Routes	<input type="checkbox"/>  Assemble or Update Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>  Get Involved in Your Community	<input type="checkbox"/>  Document and Insure Property

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You can volunteer to support the development of renewable energy production facilities in Iowa via your monthly bill. Per month in 2022, an average of 70 ECI REC members contributed an average of \$4.00 each to the program. Member support for the year totaled \$3,557.40.

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Grain Bin Clearance Notice

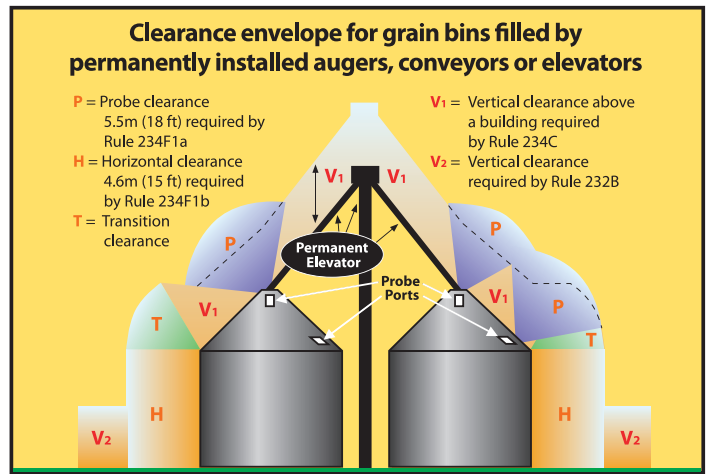
As rewarding as it may be, farming is an extremely difficult job—it ranks among the top 10 most dangerous professions in the United States. At ECI REC, safety is a top priority for both our employees and our members. That's why we are required by the Iowa Utilities Board to provide this annual notice to farmers, farm lenders, grain bin merchants, and city and county zoning officials.

The State of Iowa requires specific clearances for electric lines around grain bins, with different standards for those filled by portable and permanent augers, conveyors, and elevators. Whether you're purchasing new grain bins or remodeling areas with existing bins, you must consider proximity to overhead power lines. The drawings accompanying this article show the specific clearances required for both scenarios. If you have any questions concerning the drawings, please contact your Cooperative.

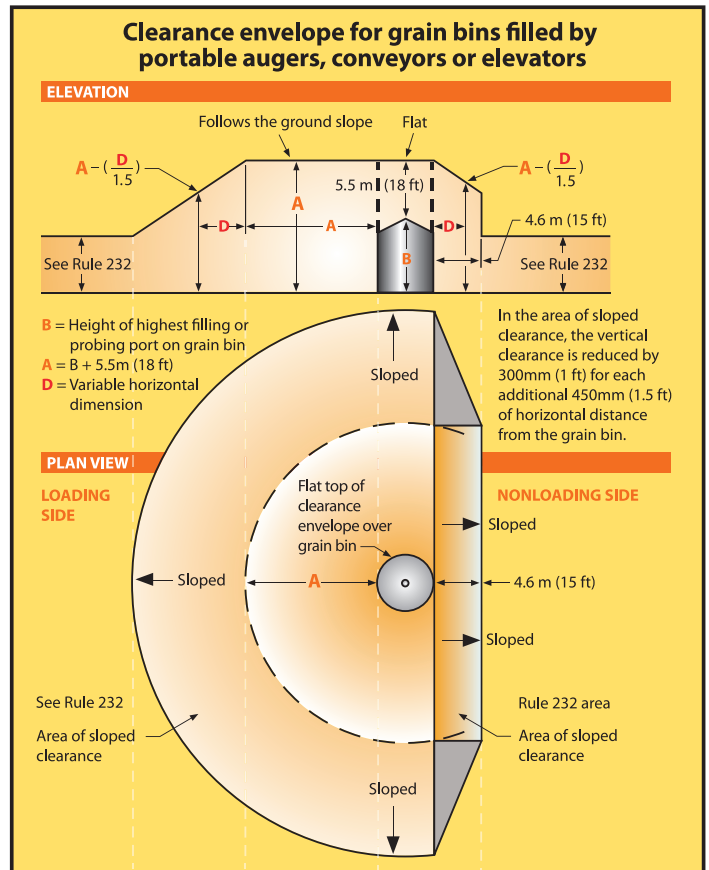
According to the Iowa Electric Safety Code, which is found in Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 199 -- 25.2(3) b: An electric utility may refuse to provide electric service to any grain bin built near an existing electric line that does not provide the clearances required by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2017 "National Electrical Safety Code," Rule 234F. This paragraph "b" shall apply only to grain bins loaded by portable augers, conveyors, or elevators built after September 9, 1992, or to grain bins loaded by permanently installed augers, conveyors, or elevator systems installed after December 24, 1997. (As adopted by the Iowa Utilities Board.)

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