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Quick Ways to Pay Your Electric Bill

Did you know you can make quick automated payments through SmartHub ... without creating an online account?

Here's how:

- » Call SmartHub's automated system toll-free number: 888-223-2048.
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YOU CAN PAY
ONLINE
OR BY
PHONE



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Connect With Your Cooperative at the Iowa State Fair!

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IowaStateFair **NOTHING COMPARES**

OFFICIAL SPONSOR

The Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa are pleased to sponsor the 4-H Exhibits Building at the 2023 Iowa State Fair!

ECI REC is proud to be a Touchstone Energy member, which means we're part of a nationwide network of locally owned cooperatives that provides resources and leverages partnerships to help members use energy wisely.

If you're planning a visit to the Iowa State Fair August 10-20, make sure to stop by and see us in the air-conditioned 4-H Exhibits Building on the southwest corner of the fairgrounds. Electric cooperative staff from across the state will hand out plastic hard hats and suckers to kids while supplies last. Kids can also try on some lineworker safety gear and take fun photos in our cooperative safety selfie station.

We look forward to connecting with our members at the Iowa State Fair this summer. Please stop by our booth and say hello!



FREE & EASY

ways to save energy

[Spoiler Alert: Your clothes and dishes won't know the difference]

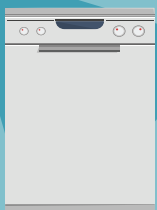
Major home appliances account for approximately 16% of an average home's energy consumption.

16%



1. Run full loads of laundry instead of several smaller ones.
2. Use cold water to wash your clothes.

3. Keep your refrigerator at 35° to 38°F and your freezer at 0°F.
4. Regularly defrost manual-defrost freezers and refrigerators.



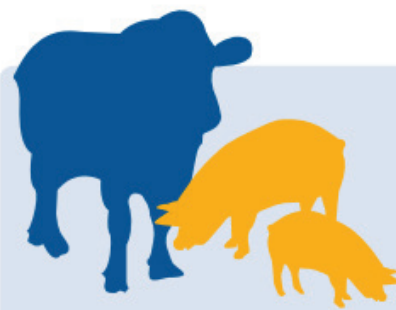
5. Skip the heat-dry setting on your dishwasher.
6. Fully load your dishwasher before washing.

7. When buying new appliances, consider Energy Star® versions.
8. Unplug appliances you're not using.



Time to replace that old appliance? Replacing older versions with energy-efficient models can save the average household more than \$500 per year.

Safe
Electricity.org
Sources: National Resources Defense Council,
U.S. Energy Information Administration



ATTENTION LIVESTOCK OWNERS

If you have questions or concerns regarding stray voltage in your livestock confinement buildings, or if you are planning to add a new facility, please call East-Central Iowa REC. We are committed to working with you and your electrician to eliminate any potential stray voltage concerns.

CALL 877-850-4343

NOTIFICATION REMINDER FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PRODUCTION FACILITIES

Owners of alternative energy production facilities that will be attached to an electric transmission or distribution line are required to provide written notification to their utility of the intent to construct or install the facility at least 30 days prior to construction. This notification is required for all alternative energy production facilities, no matter how small (solar-powered heat pumps, for example).

If you have questions about the law, please contact ECI REC at 877-850-4343.

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