POWERNotes



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New 2024 Energy Efficiency Incentives Are Available for You!

Is it time to replace your water heater, upgrade old appliances, or change out your heating or cooling system? Maybe you're planning to tackle some remodeling or build a new home. Don't forget about ECI **REC's energy efficiency rebate programs when it comes to these types** of home projects! As a Cooperative member-consumer, these incentives are right at your fingertips!



WEATHERIZATION INCENTIVES

LIHEAP and Non-LIHEAP Requirements

- » Rebates based on heating source.
- » Home must be built prior to 2000.
- » Must be upgrade to existing home (new additions do not qualify).
- » Project cost must be \$150 or more (labor costs for self-installed projects cannot be included).

Non-LIHEAP Members

Electric Heat

With or without air conditioning.

- » Attic/Ceiling Insulation: 60% up to \$600
- » Wall Insulation: 60% up to \$600
- » Foundation Insulation: 60% up to \$600
- » Infiltration Control: 60% up to \$200
- » Duct Insulation/Sealing: 60% up to \$200
- » Maximum Incentive per Account: \$2,200

Central AC Only

Non-electric heating.

- » Attic/Ceiling Insulation: 15% up to \$150
- » Wall Insulation: 15% up to \$150
- » Maximum Incentive per Account: \$300

LIHEAP-Qualified Members

Electric Heat

- With or without air conditioning.
- » Attic/Ceiling Insulation: 80% up to \$800
- » Wall Insulation: 80% up to \$800
- » Foundation Insulation: 80% up to \$800
- » Infiltration Control: 80% up to \$200
- » Duct Insulation/Sealing: 80% up to \$200
- » Maximum Incentive per Account: \$2,800

Central AC Only

Non-electric heating.

- » Attic/Ceiling Insulation: 20% up to \$150
- » Wall Insulation: 20% up to \$150
- » Maximum Incentive per Account: \$300

NEW EQUIPMENT/APPLIANCE INCENTIVES

Air-Source Heat Pump, Including Mini-Splits

- » Cold Climate Heat Pump: \$350/ton
- » Standard Air-Source Heat Pump: \$250/ton
- » Hybrid Air-Source Heat Pump Bonus: \$50/ton

Ground-Source Heat Pump

- » Closed-Loop System: \$500/ton
- » Open-Loop System: \$300/ton (no "pump & dump" systems)
- » Hybrid System with Gas Backup: Additional \$50/ton
- » Unit Replacement: \$150/ton

ENERGY STAR® Central Air Conditioning

- » ENERGY STAR-Qualified: \$100/unit (min. SEER 15.0 & EER 12.5 or SEER2 15.2 & EER2 12.0)
 - » Limit two A/C rebates per account.

Indoor Air Quality

Equipment must serve the entire conditioned space of the home.

- » Energy/Heat Recovery Ventilator (ERV/ HRV): \$250/unit
- » Limit two HRVs per account.

NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION

All-Star Home: \$1,000 per home

Requirements:

- » Energy-Efficient Home Construction: High-performance insulation and windows.
- » High-Efficiency Heating and Cooling: Requires geothermal, cold climate air-source heat pump, or ENERGY STAR air-source heat pump.
- Efficient Electric Water Heating: Requires the installation of a heat pump water heater or » geothermal assisted electric water heater.
- Electric ENERGY STAR appliances for clothes washer, clothes dryer, dishwasher, and refrigerator. »

Our rebate forms are online at: ecirec.coop/rebate-forms-and-specifications.

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Heat Pump Water Heater (HPWH)

- » ENERGY STAR Integrated Unit: \$500/unit
- High-Efficiency Electric Water Heater
- » Electric Resistance Unit: \$75/unit (40 gal. tank min., EF > = 0.90)
- » Geothermal Assisted Storage Unit: \$150/unit (40 gal. tank min., EF >/= 0.90)

Beneficial Electrification (BE) Incentive Available when a resistance or HPWH unit is replacing a natural gas or LP unit, or for new accounts.

» Go-Electric Bonus: \$100

ENERGY STAR-Qualified Appliances

- » ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer: \$40/unit (must have electric water heater)
- » ENERGY STAR Electric Clothes Dryer: \$20/unit
- » ENERGY STAR Heat Pump Clothes Dryer \$100/unit

Electric Vehicle Chargers

The primary charging location of the vehicle must be at the home address of the member served by ECI REC. Account must be on time-

» Level II Charger (240/208-volt input supply) installation: 50% up to \$500

of-use rate to be eligible.

Are Your Account Phone Number(s) Current?

Please fill out this form if your contact information has changed.

Did you know our consumer software links your account information with your primary and secondary phone numbers? If you call to report an outage or a concern, our personnel can help you more quickly if your numbers in these two fields are current. In today's mobile world, you may want to consider updating your primary and secondary phone numbers, especially if you have:

- Disconnected your landline, or you do not use it as a primary point of contact
- Changed your cell phone number or provider

Contact Information Update Form

Name on account(s) below:

Member account #:______ Notification device 1:
□ Home #
□ Cell #
□ Work #
□ Email Device # or address: _____

Member account #:

Notification device 2:
Home #
Cell #
Work #
Email
Device # or address:

Member account #:_

Notification device 3:
Home #
Cell #
Work #
Email
Device # or address:

Below, please list the cell phone number(s) it would be acceptable to send text messages to with outage and electric service-related information when that service becomes available.

(1)	
(2)	
(3)	

____ I do not wish to be notified via text of outages and electric service-related information.

Yes, I agree to receive periodic autodialed or prerecorded calls and/or text messages from East-Central Iowa REC at the number(s) identified above. I understand that such calls and/or texts may relay information about planned and/or unplanned power outages and/or service interruptions, or other important service-related information, and that I can opt out of receiving such calls and/or texts at any time. I further understand that I am not required to provide consent as a condition of purchasing any property, goods, or services. I agree to notify East-Central Iowa REC immediately in the event that I voluntarily or involuntarily relinquish any number(s) identified.

SIGNATURE ___

Reflecting on NERC's Long-Term Reliability Assessment

from the desk of NRECA CEO Jim Matheson, December 14, 2023

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) yesterday released a new Long-Term Reliability Assessment. It analyzes the reliability of the grid over the next decade, and it continues the trend of increasingly dire reports from the nation's grid watchdog.

The report forecasts that over the next 5 years, all or parts of 19 states in the MISO and SERC-Central area are at high risk of rolling blackouts during normal peak conditions. Most of the rest of the country faces similar risks when demand for electricity spikes during exceedingly hot or cold temperatures.

We want to remind members that Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) oversees and manages the electrical grid system in our (ECI REC's) area, and it determines each electric company's prorate share of total demand. During a winter peak day when the demand on the system is high, ECI REC members may experience a controlled short-term outage.

We strongly encourage members to keep the high cost of winter energy

in mind and incorporate energysaving measures into their daily routines!



Frigid winter temperatures increase electricity usage for everyone. ECI REC pays the most for electricity in the peak hours between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. If you cut back on electricity usage during this window, everyone saves!

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



YourCo-opConnections^{*}CardoffersyouHealthy Savingsandlocalandnational deals.Use your card to start saving today! Questions? Email coopconnections@ecirec.coop.



Use SmartHub to pay for FREE online!Visa, Discover,AmericanExpress,andMasterCard accepted.Whileyou'rethere,viewyourmonthly usage data in helpful chart formats.

To access the form online, scan the code or choose Member Information Update Request from the Account Services menu at ecirec.coop.

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