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## The Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa are pleased to sponsor the 4-H Exhibits Building at the 2024 Iowa State Fair!

Visit the Iowa State Fair August 8–18 and stop by to see ECI REC in the air-conditioned 4-H Exhibits Building on the southwest corner of the fairgrounds.

- Get plastic hard hats and suckers for kids while supplies last.
- Try on lineworker safety gear, then take selfies in the safety selfie station.



## NOTICE: Energy Use Survey

Please be aware that East-Central Iowa REC—in conjunction with our power supplier (CIPCO)—will be conducting a survey this fall, maybe as early as September.

We will mail surveys to a small random sample of our residential members. The questions will cover members' homes, appliances, energy efficiency measures, and opinions about energy use and related topics. If you receive a survey, we ask that you take 10 minutes to complete it and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided; you may also complete it online at the web address found on the questionnaire. **We appreciate your help!**

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# 8/11 is National Safe Digging Day!

**IOWA 811**  
**ONE CALL**<sup>SM</sup>  
**click online at**  
**www.iowaonecall.com**  
**or call 811 before you dig.**

## Before Contacting Iowa One Call

When you contact Iowa One Call with a locate request, you should be prepared to answer a series of questions.

- » What is your name, address, and phone number?
- » What type of work will you be doing? (e.g., planting a tree, installing a fence)
- » What is the dig location's address, including the city, county, and nearest intersecting street?
- » At the dig location, where will you be digging? (e.g., on the east side of house, within a five-foot radius of the white stake)
- » When will you be digging? (e.g., in three days, next week)

Source: Iowa One Call website

## Budget Billing Levels Monthly Payments for Members

Knowing what your monthly expenses are going to be helps you meet your financial obligations. ECI REC's budget billing option helps level your monthly electric bill so you can budget better month to month.

### How is your monthly payment calculated?

When you request the budget billing option, we calculate your budget amount with one of two methods:

1. If you have an East-Central Iowa REC usage history\*, your payment amount is based on your previous 12-month usage. An accurate budget figure requires regular meter reads.
2. If you have not been at your location of service for 12 months, we will calculate a budget amount based on the previous occupant's usage.

\*Budget billing only applies for members who have an ECI REC usage history of less than 3,000 kWh/month.

Your account must be paid in full before you are able to enroll or cancel your participation. Accounts are reviewed twice a year to ensure budget amounts match usage.

YES, tell me my monthly budget amount.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ECI REC Account No.(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form to: ECI REC | Billing  
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