



MEMBER SMART CORNER

To keep our members up to date as ECI REC transitions to smart meters, here are answers to a few of the most frequently asked questions about the new system.

Q: How will I know if my meter has been changed?

A: Chapman Metering will leave a green door hanger on your door.

Q: Will my electric service be interrupted during the meter change?

A: You may experience a short disruption to your electrical service during the meter change. Chapman Metering personnel will try to provide advance warning by knocking on your door before performing the change.

Q: What if I have a separate heat meter?

A: You will also receive a new smart meter for your heat meter, and your Heat Plus rate will continue.

To view the full smart meter FAQ sheet, visit ecirec.coop/smartmeterinstall/FAQ.



Members Save More With Energy-Efficiency Rebates

2018 RESIDENTIAL REBATES

Geothermal Heat Pump

- » Closed-Loop System: \$400/ton
- » Open-Loop System: \$300/ton (no "pump & dump" systems)
- » Unit Replacement: \$250/unit

Air-Source Heat Pump

- » Standard Air-Source Heat Pump: \$200/ton (including mini-splits)
- » Hybrid Air-Source Heat Pump: \$300/ton
- » ENERGY STAR® Bonus: \$250/unit (1.5 ton minimum)

Min. SEER 15.0, HSPF 8.5, EER 12.5

ENERGY STAR Central Air Conditioning

- » ENERGY STAR-Qualified: \$75/unit (Min. SEER 15.0 & EER 12.5)
- » ECM Fan Motor Replacement: \$50/unit (requires qualified AC replacement)

Limit two air conditioner incentives per residence.

Indoor Air Quality

- » Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV): \$250/unit

Equipment must serve the entire conditioned space of the home. Limit of two HRVs per home.

Heat Pump Water Heater

- » ENERGY STAR Integrated Unit: \$650/unit
- » Add-on to Electric Storage Tank: \$300/unit (≥ 2.00 EF)

Solar Water Heater with Electric Auxiliary Tank

- » ENERGY STAR-Qualified: \$350/unit

High-Efficiency Electric Water Heater

- » Electric Storage Unit: \$50/unit (50-55 gal. tank – =/> 90% EF)
- » Geothermal Assisted Storage Unit: \$150/unit (50-55 gal. tank – =/> 90% EF)

Drain Water Heat Recovery Systems

- » Heat Recovery Pipe System: \$450/unit (Not to exceed cost of system. Must have an electric water heater. Homemade systems are not eligible for the incentive.)

ENERGY STAR Appliances

ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer

- » If both water heater & dryer are electric: \$50/unit
- » If only water heater is electric: \$30/unit

ENERGY STAR Electric Clothes Dryer: \$20/unit

Limit of two clothes washer and/or clothes dryer rebates per home.

VISIT ECIREC.COOP TO SEE MORE WEATHERIZATION AND LIGHTING REBATES.

Please note: additional qualifications apply to many of the rebates. Complete requirements can be found on the rebate forms, so it's wise to review these before you shop.

Youth Tour & Scholarships

**APPLICATIONS
NOW AVAILABLE**

Both scholarship and Youth Tour opportunities are available to students whose parents are members of ECI REC. Read more about both programs at ecirec.coop.

Want to spend a week in Washington, D.C., this summer—for free? Apply to attend the Youth Tour, made possible by ECI REC. We'll send two area juniors to this fun-filled week. On your trip, you'll meet Iowa's members of Congress, spend a day on Capitol Hill, tour historical sites, and more.

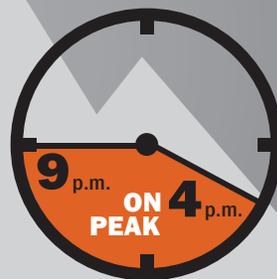
**APPLY BY
WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 28.**

ECI REC offers \$1,000 scholarships to ten students each year to continue their education in any field. If you're interested in a career as a lineman, the Cooperative offers two additional \$1,000 scholarships to those who are accepted to the Powerline Technology Program at Northwest Iowa Community College.

**APPLY BY
WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 7.**

Switch your thinking and

TAKE A LOAD OFF THE PEAK



Reduce Energy Use During Peak Hours

Peak hours are the busiest times for your local electric cooperative since many people are using electricity at the same time. In addition, it costs your co-op more to generate electricity when demand soars during peak periods—and the cost of your electricity may also rise. Obviously, using less electricity during peak periods can save your co-op—and you—money.

Here's how you can help during peak hours, which generally are on the coldest winter days between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

- » Shift household chores and activities away from peak periods. Wait to run your dishwasher until you go to bed, for instance.
- » Use the most energy-efficient appliances you have. Your microwave oven, for example, uses considerably less energy than your stove or cook-top.
- » If you're buying a new appliance, make sure you get a highly efficient one. Look for ENERGY STAR® labels when you're evaluating different models.
- » Be aware of your energy consumption and try to get in the habit of using energy efficiently year-round.

Use the energy you need, but use it wisely! You'll help your co-op avoid building expensive new power plants—and that, in turn, will help keep your electric rates stable.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



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