

LAST REMINDER:

Apply now for free trip to D.C. and \$1,000 scholarship!

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.

APPLY BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.



ECI REC offers \$1,000 scholarships to ten students to continue their education in any field, plus two additional \$1,000 scholarships for those pursuing a career as a lineman.

APPLY BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6.

SAVINGS WITH STAYING POWER



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Efficient. Clean. Safe. Electric. If you're looking to cut down on your monthly utility bill, an electric water heater is a great place to start. In addition to possibly reducing costs, electric water heaters offer numerous benefits over their propane (gas) counterparts.

Air quality & safety

Since electric water heaters don't burn gas, there's zero risk of un-burned hydrocarbons or other toxic gases affecting the air your family breathes. An electric water heater requires no venting and poses no CO₂ concerns.

Space & versatility

Electric water heater installation requires zero clearance. Because electric water heaters require no connection to a gas line, they can be installed in almost any area of your home, and they integrate seamlessly with most geothermal systems.

Accessibility & durability

With no pilot light to worry about, you can simply and safely switch off your electric water heater if you're planning to leave for an extended period or just want to save energy. Since there are no moving parts and no

pilot light, electric water heaters are very low maintenance. They can be constructed of non-rusting materials designed to last longer—and may even include a lifetime warranty.

Affordability

With an energy factor rating of .90 and above, a 50-gallon electric water heater will cost a family of four about \$40 per month to operate. Electric rates are considerably more stable than gas. For example, ECI REC's price per kilowatt-hour has increased 4.6% (less than a half a cent) over the past 10 years. Installation costs are also considerably less with an electric water heater.

Incentives

ECI REC members who buy a new electric water heater may be eligible for a \$75 rebate. Rebates for heat-pump water heaters are also available.

Don't send money down the drain!

Invest in an electric water heater and start saving today.



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Save This Winter With Co-Op Connections®

Is it one of those winter weekends where you want to stay in? Or, maybe you have a case of cabin fever and need to get out? Whatever the case, your Co-op Connections card can help you save!



Here are a few deals currently available with your card:

- » Viking Sewing Center, Vinton – 10% discount on all non-sale items in the store, including vacuum bags and sewing notions
- » Berry's Lanes, Inc., Vinton – Bowl four games, pay for three
- » Heartland Acres Agribition Center, Independence – \$2 discount on adult admission (discount not valid with other promotions)
- » Bill's Pizza & Smokehouse, Independence – Half off on an appetizer with purchase of two regularly priced dinner entrees
- » Okoboji Grill, Independence – 10% discount on food, excluding beer and liquor
- » Subway, Vinton – \$5 off any catering order over \$30; free 6" breakfast flatbread with purchase of any sub of equal or greater value and a beverage (valid until 10 a.m. daily)

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



Your Co-op Connections® Card offers you Healthy Savings and local and national deals. Use your card to start saving today! Questions? Email coopconnections@ecirec.coop.


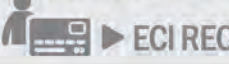






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6 ways to pay your ECI REC electric bill

Payment Method	Additional Information	Cost
Online Payment (Bank Account or Credit Card) 	It's fast and safe! All you need is your account number (which can be found on your electric bill) and the last 4 digits of your SS number.	FREE
Electronic Direct Payment (Bank Account or Credit Card) 	Easily make your payment automatically each month by electronic direct payment.	FREE
24-Hour Pay-By-Phone 	Make a payment any time, any day of the week, by calling our automated pay-by-phone system's toll-free number, 888-223-2048.	FREE
24-Hour Drive-Up Depository Box 	ECI REC has three 24-hour drive-up depositories.	MILEAGE
By Mail 	Payment envelopes are included with your monthly billing statement.	POSTAGE
Pay-In-Person (At the Urbana Headquarters) 	Payments may be made at the Urbana headquarters during regular business hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	MILEAGE

Did you know?

You can view your bill online and change your payment method via SmartHub!

