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ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Use Caution When Burning Ditches

Burning helps clean things up, but it can also cause extensive damage to Cooperative property, resulting in electric service problems. Members involved in such fires may be invoiced for damage they cause to Cooperative property.

TWO TIPS FOR SAFE BURNING

- 1 Green, or newer, poles are more susceptible to burning—use extra caution.
- 2 Always be aware of the locations of poles, anchor guy assemblies, underground cabinets, and other important Cooperative equipment when burning.



Get Smart: Manage Electricity Use With SmartHub

With AMI meters installed on all accounts, ECI REC can provide our members with account-specific data via SmartHub. The SmartHub online payment platform allows you to access your account information 24/7 from a computer or smartphone. You can pay your bill online, read bill inserts, and sign up for Budget Billing. You can also access the ECI REC Outage Map.

How does SmartHub work with my new meter?

The data collected by AMI meters is frequently updated in SmartHub. Log into your account to see a chart with your past and present energy usage. This information can empower each member to find ways to decrease their electric bill by becoming more energy savvy.

Sign up for SmartHub today!

To sign up for SmartHub, click on the New User link at ecirec.smarthub.coop. Smartphone users can download the SmartHub app on their Apple or Android device.



Android users:
Scan to download
the SmartHub app



Apple users:
Scan to download
the SmartHub app



Members Help Members by Contributing to RECare

With support from members like you, ECI REC's RECare program distributes funds to low-income members in Benton and Buchanan County. These donations are used to pay for heating bills or the cost of winterizing the homes of ECI REC members who need assistance.

In 2018, 68 members donated \$4,985 to RECare. Some members donated once a year, while others had the Cooperative add a few dollars to their electric bills each month. No matter the size or frequency of the donation, it made a difference! We are proud our members are digging into their pockets to help others.

RECare funds are distributed to qualifying members through community action agencies. Donations from our northern service area are administered by Operation Threshold, while donations from our southern service area are administered by Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP).

If you would like to support RECare, visit ecirec.coop. Hover over Your Electric Bill, look down the list for Member-Supported Programs, and click on RECare.



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out form
online.



Remember to Unplug...

Pulling the plug on
small appliances,
electronics, and
chargers when they're
not in use can save
\$222 a year.

TogetherWeSave.com

SUPPORT RENEWABLES IN IOWA > You can volunteer to support the development of renewable energy production facilities in Iowa via your monthly bill. In 2018, 86 ECI REC members contributed an average of \$3.93/month each to support the production of renewable energy in Iowa. Member support for the year totaled \$4,163.50.

- Cost is \$2.10 for each 100 kWh. Purchase only 100 kWh or any multiple of 100 kWh.
- All voluntary contributions from members to this fund will be used for the development of alternative energy production facilities in Iowa. Alternative energy production facilities may include wind energy, biomass, solar, and other nontraditional generation technologies.
- Once you have signed up, your participation continues until you notify us that you wish to make a change.

IOWA RENEWABLE CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Name: _____

ECI REC Account #: _____

Email: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I wish to support the purchase of:

☐ 100 kWh for an extra \$2.10 per month

☐ 200 kWh for an extra \$4.20 per month

☐ 300 kWh for an extra \$6.30 per month

_____ kWh at \$2.10 per 100 kWh per month

Please return to: East-Central Iowa REC
PO Box 248 | Urbana, Iowa 52345

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



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