POWERNotes





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 26.



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 lineworker.

APPLY BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

Urbana Headquarters Undergoing Construction

Optimizing lobby security at the Urbana headquarters has been on our radar for some time. In 2019, the Board of Directors approved a construction plan to better secure the Cooperative's front counter.

The approved construction plan substantially reduces the current lobby space, which is



under-used. By repurposing this large area, two new spaces will be created: a smaller, more secure lobby/front counter area and an all-employee training and meeting room.

Construction began January 20. The front lobby of the Urbana headquarters will be closed off and inaccessible through April 13.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

- » The first driveway will be closed off to members and the public. It is to be used only by the contractors working the job.
- » Members and the public will be redirected to the second drive to access the payment drop box and the back entrance if necessary.
- » There is a new payment drop box located in the circle near the Cooperative's flagpole. There will no longer be a drive-up payment window on the side of the building.



- » There will be member and public parking available near the back entrance.
- » There are signs posted to assist members and the public in finding and using these areas.
- » Members can also make payments 24/7 toll-free at 888-223-2048, or online by registering with SmartHub at ecirec.smarthub.coop.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience. For updates, visit **ecirec.coop** or find us on Facebook at **facebook.com/eastcentraliowarec/**.

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Ring in 2020 With New Rebates From ECI REC

Get 2020 off to a great start by taking advantage of ECI REC's extensive rebate incentive program. We offer rebates for residential, commercial, and agricultural Cooperative members.

2020 RESIDENTIAL REBATES

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 (min. 1.5 ton, SEER 15.0, HSPF 8.2, EER 12.5)

Geothermal Heat Pump

- » Closed-Loop System: \$400/ton
- »Open-Loop System: \$300/ton (no "pump & dump" systems)
- »Unit Replacement: \$150/ton

ENERGY STAR Central Air Conditioning

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

Indoor Air Quality

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

Limit two HRVs per account.

Heat Pump Water Heater

»ENERGY STAR Integrated Unit: \$650/unit

High-Efficiency Electric Water Heater

- » Electric Storage Unit: \$75/unit (40 gal. tank min., EF >/= 0.90)
- »Geothermal Assisted Storage Unit: \$150/unit (40 gal. tank min., EF >/= 0.90)

Additional incentives may apply for first-time Heat Plus members.

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.

ENERGY STAR Appliances

ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer

»Unit replacement, and water heater is electric: \$40/unit

ENERGY STAR Clothes Dryer

»Unit replacement: \$20/unit

Electric Vehicle Chargers

» Level II Charger (240/208 volt input supply) installation: 50% up to \$500 *Limit one rebate per account.*

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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.

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