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ATTENTION LIVESTOCK OWNERS

If you have questions or concerns regarding stray voltage in your livestock confinement buildings, or if you are planning the addition of a new facility, please call East-Central Iowa REC. We are committed to working with you and your electrician to eliminate any potential stray voltage concerns.

CALL 877-850-4343

NOTIFICATION REMINDER FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PRODUCTION FACILITIES

Owners of alternative energy production facilities—no matter how small (solar-powered heat pumps, for example)—that will be attached to an electric transmission or distribution line are required to provide written notification to their utility of the intent to construct or install the facility at least 30 days prior to construction.

If you have questions about the law, please contact ECI REC at 877-850-4343.

The Advantages of Electric Ductless Mini-Split Heat Pumps



Electricity is a cheaper, greener, and smarter way to meet energy needs. If you're looking to plug in and save on your electric bill, ductless mini-split heat pumps might be for you! They differ from traditional home heating and cooling systems by:

- 1. Providing heating and cooling through a single device—a heat pump.** Heat pumps have been used for decades, mainly in southern climates.
- 2. Avoiding ductwork.** Instead of difficult-to-install, leaky, and bulky ductwork, they use an indoor unit connected to an outdoor unit via refrigerant lines, which only need a three-inch hole in an outdoor wall for installation. Up to eight indoor units can be attached to one outdoor unit.
- 3. Allowing different climates in each room.** Each indoor unit can provide customized heating and cooling—adjustable through wall consoles, remote controls, and smartphone apps—in each conditioned space.
- 4. Cutting heating costs in half compared to conventional electric heating systems.** Because they transfer heat instead of generating it, ENERGY STAR-certified ductless mini-split heat pumps use 60% less energy than standard electric heating systems.
- 5. Cutting cooling costs by 30% compared to conventional room air conditioners.** ENERGY STAR-certified ductless mini-split heat pumps use more sophisticated compressors and fans that adjust speeds to save energy.

Questions about ductless mini-split heat pumps? Call us at 877-850-4343. If you'd like to learn more about the benefits of going electric, visit ecirec.coop/beneficial-electrification.

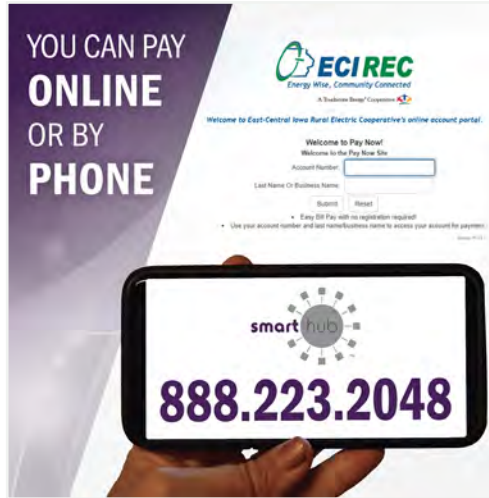
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Quick Ways to Pay Your Electric Bill

Did you know you can make quick automated payments through SmartHub ... without creating an online account?

Here's how:

- » Call SmartHub's automated system toll-free number: 888-223-2048.
- » Use the Pay Now application. Go to www.ecirec.coop. In the Account Login section of the home page, click the Pay Now button. Then enter your account number and last name or business name to access your account and pay your bill.



WE PAY YOU TO PULL THE PLUG

Recycle your old appliances through ECI REC's Pull the Plug partnership with CLEARresult out of Marion, Iowa.

- Refrigerators (full size), \$35 each
- Freezers, \$25 each
- Window air conditioners, \$25 each

Call CLEARresult at 855-838-7817 to schedule your pick-up today. Appliances must be operable at the time of pick-up.

There is a limit of three appliances per year, per address.

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Stop by and see us at the Iowa State Fair!



Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Iowa



Visit our booth in the newly renovated Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building on the southwest end of the fairgrounds! We'll have plastic hard hats for kids (*while supplies last*) and a fun co-op safety selfie station.

Take a quick survey at our booth for a chance to win one of three great prizes:

- Breville Smart Oven Pro
- DEWALT 20V MAX VR Blower
- Roomba 614 Robot Vacuum



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