

# Light Notes

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative

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*"A Rainbow in the Field, Bordering a Storm", courtesy of Emily Dolphin from Cuba City, WI.*

## SUMMER PROJECTS? WE HAVE REBATES FOR THAT!

If you have a long (or short) list of summer projects, Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative (SREC) is proud to offer members money back for the purchase and installation of qualified energy efficient items including appliances (washer, dryer, refrigerator, dishwashers, etc.), heat pumps, smart thermostats, lighting, water heaters, and more! Take a look at this year's available rebates to see if they match up with your to-do list this summer.

### What you need to know:

Rebates are offered on a first come, first-serve basis to current SREC members and are in place through December 31, 2025, or until funds are depleted by incentive or in total. In order to be eligible, rebate forms must be submitted to SREC within 3 months of the purchase or installation date. Proof of this date is required.

Rebates will be applied as a billing credit after they've been approved.

Look for the Energy Star symbol to be eligible for most appliance rebates.

Additional terms and conditions may be found on rebate forms. Please read thoroughly before submitting.

### How to apply:

Rebate forms are available at our Lancaster and Darlington offices. Members may also find them online at [sre.coop/energy-rebates](http://sre.coop/energy-rebates).

For more information, call at 800-236-2141.

### A partial list of rebates available include:

#### Ag/Commercial/Industrial

Circulation fan	\$1/inch
Exhaust fan	\$1/inch
Dairy plate cooler/well water pre-cooler	\$500/each
Dairy refrigeration heat recovery	\$300/each
Low/zero energy livestock waterer ( $\leq 500$ watts, insulated tank)	\$50/each
Variable frequency drive (VFD) (\$1,000 max.)	\$30/HP

Custom rebates are available for agricultural and commercial accounts

#### Appliances

Clothes dryer (electric)*	\$25/each
Clothes washer*	\$25/each
Dehumidifier*	\$25/each
Dishwasher*	\$25/each
Freezer ( $\geq 10$ cubic ft.)*	\$25/each
Inductive Range	\$25/each
Refrigerator ( $\geq 10$ cubic ft.)*	\$25/each
Recycle a working freezer, refrigerator or room air conditioner	\$25/unit

\*Must be an ENERGY STAR appliance

#### Heating & Cooling (HVAC)

New furnace with ECM blower motor	\$35/each
Heat Pumps	
Air source & mini-split	\$200/ton
Commercial air source & PTHPs	\$200/ton
Geothermal	\$400/ton

#### Lighting

LED bulb (residential; 5 bulb min.)	\$0.50/bulb
LED fixture (non-residential)	\$0.50 per 800 lumens

#### Water Heating

Heat pump water heater	
Integrated (all-in-one) units; Uniform Energy Factor (UEF) 2.00+	\$600/each
Residential high-efficiency water heater*	
75-99 gallons, UEF 0.88+	\$300/each
100+ gallons, UEF 0.88+	\$600/each
Commercial water heater*	
75-99 gallons	\$300/each
100+ gallons	\$600/each

\*Must be enrolled in an energy management strategy

# THE PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR POWER

## Ian Martin

*Apprentice Lineworker*

**Years of Service** - 3 years

**Hobbies** - Hunting, fishing,  
and farming alongside his  
family.

*Ian has recently completed  
Journeyman schooling and is on  
track to obtain the hours needed for  
his Journeyman License this Fall.*



## RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE NOTES



Zielie's Tree Service will be trimming the Steuben Substation, south circuit in Crawford County during the month of July. If time allows, they will begin work in the west circuit.

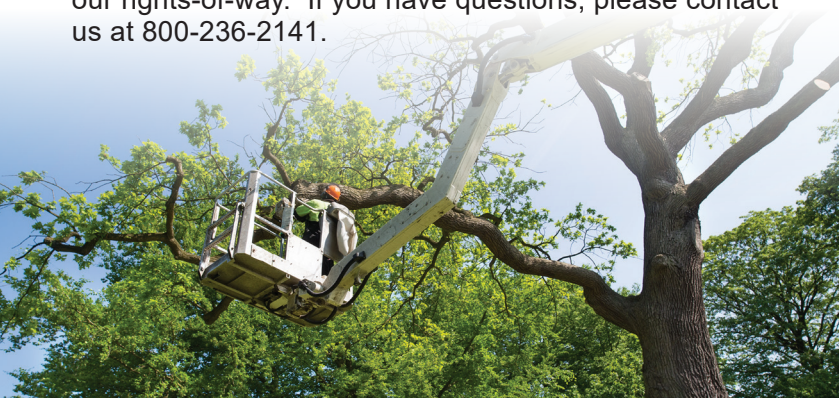
Zielie's Tree Service and Scenic Rivers Energy employees will be spraying the Kaiser Substation in Grant County in July. If time allows, they will begin spraying the Prairie du Chien Substation in Crawford County.

Badgerland Utility Solutions will continue painting underground cabinets this summer as weather allows.

It is important for SREC to maintain its rights-of-way for the following reasons:

- Accessibility for field crews, vehicles and equipment
- Fire prevention
- Reliable electric service
- Quality service with the reduction of outages and blinks
- Safety for workers and the public
- Meeting state and federal code requirements

On a daily basis, SREC employees and contractors may be working throughout the area, and at times on your property, to operate and maintain the electric system and our rights-of-way. If you have questions, please contact us at 800-236-2141.



## SUMMER PEAK ALERTS



During summer's heat, electricity demand often spikes, straining the grid and increasing power costs. When a **PEAK ALERT** is issued, please shift electricity use to after 6:00 p.m.

### Energy-Saving Tips:

- Raise your thermostat a few degrees.
- Use smaller appliances or grill outdoors.
- Delay using dishwashers and laundry machines until after 6:00 p.m.
- Avoid using multiple large appliances at once.
- Turn off lights and electronics when not in use.
- Keep blinds and curtains closed.

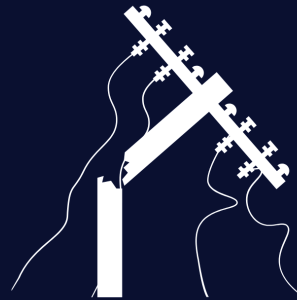
### Stay Informed:

Peak Alerts are sent to local radio stations and posted on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/srecoop](https://facebook.com/srecoop).

By working together, we can ease pressure on the grid and help keep electricity rates stable for everyone.

## Safety Tip

When you see power lines on the ground following a storm, stay far away, warn others to stay away, call 9-1-1 and contact the electric utility. Lines do not have to be arcing or sparking to be live.



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Electricity.org**

## Light Notes

Light Notes is a monthly newsletter for members of SREC. Please contact us with questions or comments at 206 County Road K, Lancaster, WI 53813, via email at [srec@srec.net](mailto:srec@srec.net), via phone at (608) 723-2121 or (800) 236-2141.



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